

**Town Council Meeting
Thursday, 04 April 2024**

Present: Councillors Bacon, Bates, Dodson, Fernie, Hardacre, Kendall, McGinnies, S Middleton, V Middleton, Ogunade, Oldroyd, Rushmer, Stephens, Whitehead, and the Town Clerk.

Eighteen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

259 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

260 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

261 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

262 STAFFING

- a) Resolved that an assistant clerk be appointed.
- b) Resolved that the changes to staff contracts be approved.

263 INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members of the public and the press were re-admitted to the meeting following the conclusion of the consideration of business of a confidential nature.

264 TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The minutes of the council meeting held on 21 March 2024 as detailed in the minute book (2023-24) were approved as a true and accurate record.

265 ALTERNATIVE MEETING VENUES

Resolved to defer this item until the chairman and town clerk had visited the proposed venue.

266 HANGING BASKETS

Resolved that the quote from First Impressions for the provision of hanging baskets be accepted.

267 CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved that the letter from the monitoring officer be noted.

268 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Correspondence from the monitoring officer
- Play world and the soft play area.
- Staffing
- Barring of the public from meetings
- The precept

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- The councils priorities and strategic plan
- Standards committee report/DBS checks for Councillors

The meeting was closed at 20.20.