

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a "Zoom" meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present Councillors C. Batson, T Batson, M. Dyer, J. Fowler, K. Geraughty-Shewan, E. Mather, F. Nicol, P. Stokes, and H. Wilsher.

Also present County Councillor R. Manchester and G F Smith (Clerk)

041/20

Apologies NONE

042/20

Resignation of Chairman

The Clerk read out a letter from Councillor Jeff Gale resigning as Chairman with immediate effect.

043/20

Election of Chairman

Members agreed to appoint Councillor Paul Stokes as Chairman for the ensuring year.

COUNCILLOR STOKES TOOK THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING

044/20

Vice Chairman

It was proposed that Councillor Terry Batson should be appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuring year. This proposal was agreed by all Members.

045/20

Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

Members agreed to answer YES to questions 1 to 8 and n/a for question 9.

Form to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and to be sent to the External Auditor.

046/20

Accounting Statements 2019/20

Members agreed the following figures:-

Balance as at 1/4/2019	25628.34
Precept	34735.60

Other Income	20047.05
Sub Total	80410.99
Staff Costs	16828.14
Other Expenditure	53705.36
Sub Total	70533.50
Balance as at 31/03/2020	9877.49
Fixed Assets 31/03/2020	49316.00

Form to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and to be sent to the External Auditor.

047/20

Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20

Members agreed to accept the report and a copy be sent to the External Auditor.

048/20

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Stokes and Nicol declared an interest in agenda item Number 12 – Tow Law Community Association.

049/20

Community Fund – no report

050/20

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2020

To be circulated at a future meeting

051/20

Provision of new bench at Thornley Cemetery

Members agreed to this request. County Councillor Manchester to make the necessary arrange with DCC.

052/20

Councillor Vacancy – no update

053/20

Allotments – no update

054/20

Tow Law Community Centre

Lead from roof being replaced

Water damage (inside)

055/20

Police/PACT/Speedwatch reports

Speedwatch figures increasing

Local PC to attend the next Town Council meeting

056/20

County Councillor's report

Councillor Manchester reported on the following:-

Road markings Smith Street and Inkerman Road

Pot Holes

Remembrance Service

057/20

Representation by Residents – None

058/20

Chairman's report – None

059/20

Planning Applications – None

060/20

Climate Action Group – No update

061/20

Car Parking rear of High Street

Councillor Stokes to update at the next meeting.

062/20

Bee Hive Coke Ovens

Councillor Stokes to meeting with the Contractor (Gorse)

063/20

Clerk's report – No report

064/20

Members reports

Councillor Nicol Food Bank update

065/20

Next meeting

Tuesday 17th November 2020

Meeting finished at 7.55pm