

## TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm.**

**Present:** Councillors J. Gale (Chair), C. Batson, T. Batson, M. Dyer, J Fowler, E. Mather, F. Nicol, P. Stokes, G. Tyers and H. Wilsher.

**Also Present:** County Councillor R. Manchester and G. F. Smith (Clerk)

**001/19 Apologies**

Councillor K. Geraghty-Shewan  
Councillor C. Hemingway,

**002/19 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors C. Batson and T. Batson declared an interest in agenda items 15a – Planning Matters and 16 – Accounts for Payment  
Councillor J. Gale declared an interest in agenda item 3 – Community Fund.

**003/19 Community Fund**

The Clerk read out an application from the Blessed John Duckett RC Primary School for a donation towards the garden project – replacing existing raised beds. Members agreed to donate £250 from the N-Power Community Fund.

**004/19 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**005/19 Minutes of the special meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**006/19 Matters Arising - None**

**007/19 Setting the Precept for 2019/2020**

Members agreed to the following:-

- Increase the precept by 2.78%
- Precept level £34,735.60
- Band D Council Tax will be set at £74.00
- LCTRS (DCC) Grant £4154.00
- Total income £38,889.60

Expenditure Account 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 £42,851.34

Bank Balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 £33,676.98

Clerk to provide a breakdown report of the expenditure to the next Town Council meeting.

**008/19 Allotments**

Clerk had met with Mr McFadden regarding splitting of large allotment site. To be discussed at the next Town Council meeting.

- 009/19 Police/Pact/Speedwatch Reports – No Reports**
- 010/19 County Councillor Report**  
County Councillor Manchester reported on the following:-
- County Plan - Consultation Period
  - BMX Track
  - Outdoor Gym Equipment on Millennium Green
  - School Crossing Patrol
- 011/19 Chairman’s Report**  
Chairman reported on the following:-
- Many good comments received on the Main Tree and House Trees
  - Thanked the staff of RB Tree and Landscape Ltd for the work in supplying and erecting the trees
  - Thanked Tanya McFadden for organising the switch on ceremony.
- 012/19 School Crossing Patrol, Tow Law**  
County Councillor Manchester reported:-
- Commenced employment on 21/01/2019 (Undergoing Induction/Training/Health and Safety)
  - Councillor Dyer to email Councillor Manchester the agreed questionnaire regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> patrol at the monument area
  - Costs will be £2500 (approx.).
- 013/19 Outdoor Gym Equipment on Millennium Green**  
Councillor Manchester reported:-
- Consent has been received from Natural England
  - Section 106 funding has been approved by DCC (Stephen Reed)
  - Contact with equipment supplier
- 014/19 Planning Matters**
- A) Planning Application  
DM/19/00047/FPA by Mr T. Watson for new dwelling on land and buildings to the west of Brown’s Houses, Inkerman Road, Tow Law.  
Decision – No objections.  
DM/18/03804/FPA by Mr M. Readman for erection of bungalow at land rear of 32 Campbell Street, Tow Law.  
Decision – No objections.
- B) Neighbourhood Planning – No further update.
- 015/19 Accounts for Payments**
- A) Payments  
Vouchers 74 to 87 in the sum of £6123.99 be approved for payment
- B) Expenditure Report  
Clerk to produce a financial update for the next Town Council meeting for discussion of setting the Income/Expenditure for the year 2019/2020.

- 016/19 Christmas Activities**  
Councillor C. Batson updated the meeting:-
- 74 trees supplied to residents (£740 deposits collected) all seemed to go well (feedback)
- 017/19 Clerk's Report**
- DCC - Section 106 funding £11,999.00 towards the outdoor gym equipment on Millennium Green
  - Thank you letter from Great North Air Ambulance for £50 donation received from the Town Council towards running costs.
- 018/19 Members Reports**  
Councillor Mather reported:-
- "Time to Shine" course has now finished (23 completed the course; which included 7 from Tow Law).
- 019/19 Date of next meeting**  
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the Community Centre at 6.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm.