

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a special meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 18th December 2018 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chair), C. Batson, M. Dyer, J Fowler, K. Geraghty-Shewan, C. Hemingway, E. Mather, G. Tyers and H. Wilsher.

Also Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk)

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Apologies

Councillor F. Nicol
Councillor P. Stokes

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Declaration of interests - None

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Council's Administration/Clerks hours of work

Members considered the present working arrangements/conditions for the Clerk. Members agreed to the following:-

- Provide a new laptop for use by the Clerk at home and the office
- Use of mobile phone by the Clerk, including transfer of calls from landline (telephone messages)
- Office hours to be altered to 3 days per week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (1.30 pm to 3.30 pm)
- Clerk to obtain competitive prices for the above work
- New system to commence 1st April 2019
- Publicity in next edition of the Council's newsletter, noticeboards and website

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Tow Law BMX Track

The Clerk reported that County Councillor Manchester has asked if the Council would consider taking over the responsibility of the above site.

Members raised a number of concerns:-

- Fencing needs to be repaired?
- Additional insurance costs?
- Remote control cars?
- Is the site used on a regular basis?
- Use of the Council newsletter to ask residents about the site and is it needed?

It was agreed not to take on this site until the questions above have been answered.

Members Reports

Speedwatch sessions (Councillor Wilshire)

04/12/18 – Smith St. 2.10 to 3.10 pm 78 vehicles 29 exceeded speed limit

10/12/18 – Smith St. 8.30 to 9.30 am 77 vehicles 18 exceeded speed limit

17/12/18 – Dan’s Castle 8.30 to 9.30 am 113 vehicles 16 exceeded speed limit.

Christmas trees

Feedback is good on trees supplied and the switch on event on 1st December, item to be in the next edition of the Council’s newsletter.

Question for County Councillor Manchester – what is happening to the school crossing patrol recently advertised.

The meeting finished at 7.20 pm