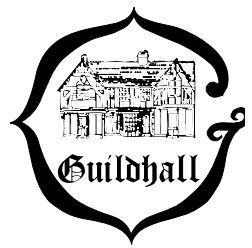


Newport (Shropshire) Town Council



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Ref: DLH/SFA

8 March 2007

Dear Sir / Madam

I hereby give you notice that there will be a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** on **Wednesday 14 March 2007** at **7.00 p.m.** at **The Guildhall, High Street, Newport.**

Your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

D. L. Halliday
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive Declarations of Interest. Members need only declare any interest they may have in items of business on this Agenda.
3. To receive announcements. A list of the Town Mayor's engagements is **attached.**
4. To confirm the Minutes of a meeting held on 14 February 2007 – copy **attached.**
5. To consider matters arising from the Minutes.

To consider matters as itemised under the following headings:

6. FINANCE

a. Finance Report

To approve the Finance Report for February 2007 – to follow.

b. Thank You Letters

Letters of thanks for grants awarded have been received from:

Church Aston Thursday Club
Crucial Crew 2007
Beaumaris Singers

c. Financial Regulations

To approve the changes to the Council's Financial Regulations following the transfer of the RFO's appointment from the Town Clerk to the Deputy Town Clerk – copy **attached**.

d. Funding Consultants to challenge LDF Core Strategy

The Working group headed by Cllr John Knight (Church Aston Parish Council) has put forward a case to employ planning consultants to represent Newport and Church Aston at the Inspectorate Examination of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The cost to undertake a Desktop Review and then assess the strengths and weaknesses of the objections would be £1650. Pledges of £200 have been received from Church Aston residents, and £50 approved by the Civic Society. The Chamber of Commerce have been asked to match fund this amount. The remaining monies would be split between Church Aston Parish Council, the Regeneration Partnership and the Town Council. Church Aston PC have already approved their contribution of £450 and the Regeneration Partnership have indicated they will follow suit. It is now for the Town Council to decide whether they wish to make a similar commitment.

A third phase concerning affordable housing was quoted for but initially left out. The LDF Public Enquiry has now indicated, however, that it wishes to query how Telford & Wrekin Council are calculating the provision of affordable housing and a case exists to include Phase 3 costs of £600, an additional £200 from each major contributor.

Monies pledged would be taken from balances in FY 2007-08.

7. RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION

a. Purchase of Allotment Land

Telford & Wrekin Council has now agreed to the sale of both leased allotment sites at Boughey Road and Meadow View Road for a total cost of £11500. Members are asked to approve this purchase and direct the Town Clerk to initiate all legal action, vesting in her delegated powers to see the purchase through to final completion.

b. Open Evening – Shropshire Archives

Details of an Open Evening to be held on 29 March 2007 are **attached**.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Community Safety Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2007 – copy **attached**.

b. Enforcement of Parking Regulations

To note the letter sent by the Town Clerk on the directions of the Committee to the Chief Executive (TWC) – copy **attached**.

c. Relaxation of Parking Restrictions

The Town Clerk has requested relaxation of Parking Restrictions in New Street, opposite the Bus Stop Build-out and also outside Boots.

d. High Street Footpath Refurbishment

To note correspondence relating to the refurbishment of the north/east side of the High Street which is due to commence 19 March 2007 until 27 April 2007 – copy **attached**.

e. Rising Bollard Audley Avenue

Following the Community Safety Committee Meeting, Mr Reg Potter raised issues relating to cyclists using Audley Avenue and a possible conflict with buses exiting from the Industrial Estate to Burton Borough School using the Rising Bollard. A solution has now been proposed as detailed in the **attached**.

f. Norbroom Court – Street Signing

The request to number the Street Signs leading into Norbroom Court is being considered by Telford & Wrekin Council.

9. LEISURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (L&ES)

a. Countryside Voice – Spring 2007-03-05

The magazine of CPRE – to be tabled.

b. CPRE Homes & Gardens 2007

- To be tabled.

10. TOWN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a. Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting – Minutes

To note the Minutes of a meeting held on 14 February 2007 – previously circulated.

11. SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION / NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (SALC / NALC)

a. Local Council Review – March 2007

- Previously circulated.

12. EU MATTERS

13. NATIONAL & REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

a. Town and Parish Standard: 09

Circulated within the Local Council Review March 2007 – to be noted. This will also be included in the Councillors Information Pack as it clarifies the consultation into the revised Code of Conduct.

14. TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL (TWC) MATTERS

a. LDF Core Strategy – Public Examination

The Town Clerk will brief members on the Pre-examination Meeting with Inspectors who will determine the Soundness of the Borough Council's core strategy.

b. LDF Core Strategy – The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust Submission

- To be tabled. A copy of the covering letter is **attached**.

c. Vision 2026 & Community Strategy 2006-2011

- To be tabled.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

To consider a resolution “that in view of the business about to be conducted, that is staffing issues, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw”.

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