



## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

held on  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008  
at

The Guildhall, High Street, Newport

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs: Glyn Gratton – Town Mayor  
Adam Stanton – Deputy Town Mayor  
Daniel Ashley  
Eric Carter  
Phil Norton  
Adrian Meredith  
Bob Unwin  
Roy Scammell  
Siân Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jayne Parnham – Acting Town Clerk

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs: Brenda Flowers, Tony Forrester, Tim Nelson.

**368/07-08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** there were no declarations of interest.

**369/07-08 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Planning Application W2008/0413**

Members consider this application for the Erection of a 50 bed hotel, pub/restaurant etc. Land at, Mere Park, Stafford Road, Newport and **RESOLVED to support it. The Acting Town Clerk was asked to write to Telford & Wrekin Council Planning department noting members support for the application but drawing attention to concerns regarding access from the A41.**

**FINANCE**

**370/07-08 Cemetery Trees**

Following a report from the Acting Town Clerk, regarding diseased trees in the Cemetery - photographs **attached** at **Appendix 'A'**.

Members **RESOLVED** to use up to **£1000** from **balances, to remove Phytophthora infected trees from the Cemetery.**

**371/07/08 Vote of Thanks**

On behalf of all Members of the Town Council, Cllr Adam Stanton thanked the Mayor Cllr Glyn Gratton for his hard work over his 3 year tenure of office. He mentioned his wonderful support for the Newport Cottage Care Centre, SAFER and Hope House. Also his tireless efforts as a member of the Heart of England in Bloom Committee. Cllr Stanton said "Glyn has become the face of Newport and we thank him for all his hard work".

**372/07-08 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the special nature of the business about to be transacted (that is consideration of the appointed of a new Town Clerk / Chief Executive Officer) it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded.

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Signed .....

Dated .....