

**Minutes of the extra ordinary Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th June
2018 at 6.15pm in the Council Chamber**

Present:

Cllr Edge (Mayor)
Cllr Batchelder
Cllr Blackman
Cllr Church
Cllr Johnston
Cllr Lyons
Cllr Matthews

In attendance: Mrs AC Purves (Town Clerk)

Also present: one member of the public.

Public session

A query was raised concerning the Town Council's apparent intention to incorporate gender equality in determining the allocation of committee memberships.

During the following discussion, it was noted that the Council did not have a gender equality policy as such, although attention was drawn to the wording at the bottom of the agenda which requires that gender must be taken into account. Some councillors felt strongly that gender must indeed be taken into account, others that councillors should just be mindful of gender, bearing in mind the other factors that need to be taken into account, eg numbers and preferences.

It was agreed that appropriate wording to give guidance for committee allocations in the future should be considered at the next Full Council.

AGENDA

127.18 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Seviour, who was indisposed, Cllr Kinsey who had a previous engagement, and Cllr Taylor who had work commitments
Resolved: to accept these apologies and the reasons for them.

128.18 Declarations of Interest

a. Declarations of Interest - there were none.

b. Dispensation Requests - there were none

Resolved: to note

129.18 Finance

Resolved: to confirm and authorise for payment a schedule of accounts in the sum of £10841.48.

130.18 To consider and confirm the membership of the Amenities & Planning Committee

Resolved: The committee members for 2018/2019 are Cllr Edge, Cllr Blackman, Cllr Church, Cllr Johnston, Cllr Lyons, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Taylor

131.18 To consider the membership of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Resolved: The committee members for 2018/2019 are Cllr Edge, Cllr Seviour, Cllr Batchelder, Cllr Blackman, Cllr Church, Cllr Johnston, Cllr Kinsey.

132.18 To consider the membership of the Staffing Committee

Resolved: the committee members for 2018/2019 are Cllr Edge, Cllr Batchelder, Cllr Blackman, Cllr Lyons, Cllr Matthews.

It was also noted that there is no requirement to be a member of any committee, although it is considered best practice to be so, and that any councillor can attend the meetings of the committees of which they are not members, on the understanding that they do so as members of the public, and they will be sent the agenda as a matter of courtesy.

133.18 Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the next ordinary meeting of the Town Council will be Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

134.18 To closure the meeting

The meeting ended at 6.55pm

Members of the Council considered the foregoing matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder; health and Safety, and Human Rights.