

MINUTES of the SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE
TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2023 at 7.45pm

PRESENT: Councillor Lorna Cross – Town Mayor
Councillor Peter Harman – Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Anita Barham
Councillor Emma Ben Moussa
Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Linda Hall
Councillor Lesley Howes

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Martin Harding – ATC/RFO

ABSENT: Councillor Dr Jo Harman
Councillor Jay Shah
Councillor Maurice Weet

465/22-23. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

The Town Mayor explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

466/22-23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sue Butterfill, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Harris, due to other commitments.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor John Hayes, due to other commitments.

RESOLVED:

That the reason/s for absence, for the above Town Councillors, be formally accepted and approved.

467/22-23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

As per Standing Order 34 c) the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business being transacted at the meeting.

468/22-23. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2023.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9 February 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed.

469/22-23. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE TOWN MAYOR / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

The Town Clerk advised members that the vacant Admin Assistant (Part Time) post had been filled, with the new employee starting on Monday 27 March 2023.

470/22-23. PAVILION PROJECT – PLANNING UPDATE.

Members considered the report provided and, after discussion it was proposed, duly seconded, and unanimously agreed:

RESOLVED:

1. That the provision of cricket facilities would continue at Broomfield Park.
2. That members understood, and were aware of, the impact of the comments made by Sport England in relation to the planning application for the new Community Hub.
3. That the cost of implementing the required changes to the alignment of the field, as required by Sport England, be accepted, with all funding sources to be explored to facilitate this.

471/22-23. CHURCH ROAD HALL - ROOF

Members considered the report provided and after lengthy debate it was proposed, duly seconded, voted on and agreed:

RESOLVED:

1. That Church Road Hall remains as a community venue for hire/use.
2. That, once attempts have been made to obtain two further quotes, the roof is to be repaired in line with the specification provided within the report by whichever quote provides best value.
3. That a further review of the Church Road Hall be undertaken on completion of the Pavilion Project to assess its viability.

472/22-23. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Members were advised that the following documents had been received from the solicitors acting for the Bowls Pavilion for signing and sealing:

- Renewal Lease in reference to an existing Lease – Bowls Pavilion, Swanscombe Park, DA10 0JQ.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Standing Order 21 a) and b), the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be authorised to sign and seal the documents.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed: _____

(Chairman)

Date: _____