

**ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Revenue & Resources Committee held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow, Nic Hughes, Mike Leighfield, Jenny Stratton and Marion Sweet.

Also in attendance: Councillors: Rob Anstee, Eve Silvester and Steve Walls.

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager and Kelly Warren, Committee Clerk and Administrative Officer.

**13. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Bowler.

**14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

RESOLVED to note that no Declarations of Interest were made.

**15. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

RESOLVED to note that no announcements were made.

**16. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 [R&R/2/2018-2019]. Copy previously circulated.

**17. WILTSHIRE POLICE CPT - PRESENTATION**

The Committee received a presentation from Acting Superintendent Mark Luffman who gave Members an update on the Community Policing Team model which was introduced in October 2016.

The Committee thanked Mark Luffman for an informative presentation.

**18. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS**

Members received the Town Council accounting spreadsheet, copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to note the accounting spreadsheet.

**19. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WILTSHIRE: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review which will recommend new electoral arrangements for Wiltshire Council. As part of this they are seeking the views of the Town Council on the unitary wording arrangements. Copy of letter previously circulated.

The following would be included in the review:

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future
- The number of divisions

- The number of councillors representing each division
- Division boundaries
- Names of divisions

The review can also recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils, for example, the number, names and boundaries of wards and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward.

The Committee was asked to consider any proposals for new division arrangements and to make any comments to the Commission by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 when the consultation expires.

RESOLVED to contact the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to request the process of exploring the idea of increasing the number of wards to even out the number of Councillors per ward, for example 4 wards with 4 Councillors in each, and report back to the next meeting of the Full Council.

## **20. MEMORIAL PLAQUE – PERCY MILES**

Pauline Togwell, daughter of the late Percy Miles would like to put a plaque on a bench by the Town Hall in memory of her father.

There is one bench by the Town Hall without a plaque which could be used for Percy Miles who is the only Mayor of Wootton Bassett to serve three times.

RESOLVED to authorise the memorial plaque.

## **21. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee was asked whether it wished to issue any press releases or other communications in respect of the committee agenda items.

RESOLVED to send a note of thanks to Mark Luffman for his presentation.

*Meeting closed at 8.56pm*