

MINUTES of the meeting of **ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL** held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston at 7.30pm on Monday 25th April 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Phillips (Deputy Mayor) in the Chair
Councillors Beardwell, Brown, Bylett, Davison, Harrison, Inwood, P Smith, Squire-Smith and Stanier.

In attendance: Town Clerk
County Councillor Hill
District Councillors Green and Hunter
5 members of the public

Jonathan Scott from Royston Evangelical Church led the meeting in prayer.

340/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

341/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Hughes, Leggett and Perry.

342/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received.

343/22 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Deputy Mayor reported that the total funds raised by Cllr Hughes during his term in office was £319.62. The Mayor's Trust Fund would receive £159.80 and St John Ambulance and After Umbrage would receive £79.91 each.

344/22 MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th March 2022 (minutes 315/22 to 323/22).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

345/22 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes, which have not already been approved as a correct record, be adopted into the workings of the Council:

a) The meeting of the Finance Committee held on:

- 28th March 2022 (minutes 324/22 to 332/22)

b) The meeting of the Planning Committee held on:

- 4th April 2022 (minutes 333/22 to 339/22)

346/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the April 2022 accounts for payment and the transfers between the council accounts.

347/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a) 22/00866/FPH – 24 Sassoon Drive, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5FR
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- b) 22/00867/FPH – 26 Sassoon Drive, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5FR
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- c) 22/00863/S73 – Land between A505 and York Way, Royston, Hertfordshire
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- d) 22/00885/FPH – 59 Shepherd Close, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9DF
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- e) 22/00965/FPH – 15 Priory Lane, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9DX
Members raised **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

348/22 UPDATED LIST OF PLANNING DECISIONS:

Members noted the updated list of planning decisions.

349/22 CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter on Melbourn Street has been installed. The Clerk informed councillors who were standing for this year's election to arrange an appointment to sign their declaration of acceptance of office as soon as possible after the election results. The Clerk also informed councillors that were not standing in the election to return any property that belongs to the council. The Clerk thanked Councillor Phillips for her commitment to her councillor duties during her term of office, in particular her work as Chair of the Planning Committee and editor of The Town Crier.

Councillors Inwood and Harrison also thanked Councillor Phillips for her dedication to the role of Town Councillor.

350/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, that in the public interest, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960.

351/22 TREE WORKS AT THE PLANTATION:

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the quotes from Shire Trees for the both the 2 months and 6 months tree works that are required.
Members **RESOLVED** to agree to publish the tree survey on the Council's website.

Date of next meeting: 16th May 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.52pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____ Chairman