

Gerrards Cross Town Council

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Minutes of the VIRTUAL Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th April 2021

Present: Cllr C Brown (Mayor), Cllr N Barnett, Cllr I Bayliss, Cllr J Chhokar, Cllr J O’Keeffe, Cllr H Orme, Cllr J Palmiero, Cllr P Roberts, Cllr T Scott, Cllr E Surkovic, Cllr A Wood and Cllr J Woolveridge.

In Attendance: Buckinghamshire Council:- Cllr D Smith, Cllr S Chhokar, Members of the Public;- Crispin da Costa and Bruce Holborn, T Greenfield, Michael Bracken, Brian Peck, Sarah Davey. Sue Moffat (Town Clerk) and Amy McCreary (Deputy Town Clerk).

168/20 Declaration of Interests - Councillors please give any declarations of interest at the beginning of the item on the Agenda.

169/20 Apologies for absence – Apologies have been received from Cllr B Gibbs and Cllr R Reed

170/20 To confirm the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 15th March 2021.

At the proposition of Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Wood, these Minutes were agreed by Council.

It was agreed to defer the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 12th April, 2021 to the next Council meeting to provide more time for the Minutes to be read.

171/20 Public Speaking - None.

172/20 Report from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors.

Cllr D Smith:- He has enjoyed the experience of working for Gerrards Cross for the last 6 years and the Town Council has been very good at dealing with matters that have arisen. Gerrards Cross still feels like a village but more and more residents are hiding behind gated homes. There is a need for more social housing in Gerrards Cross and he hopes the Town Council and the new Buckinghamshire Council will work towards this and keep the village atmosphere. This is now his last meeting with GXTC and it has been a pleasure serving Gerrards Cross.

Cllr S Chhokar:- Paid tribute to Cllr Brown and his fellow Gerrards Cross Town Councillors for all their hard work over the past four years. They should be proud of their positive working relationship with Bucks County Council.

173/20 To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:-

Commons Committee of the 6th April 2021. At the proposition of Cllr Orme, seconded by Cllr Woolveridge, the Minutes of the Commons Committee were agreed by Council.

Highways Committee of the 6th April 2021. At the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded by Cllr Roberts, the Minutes of the Highways were agreed by Council.

Planning Committee 22nd March and 12th April 2021 - Cllr J Chhokar confirmed the Planning Minutes. AM to update 12th April minutes with Cllr Barnett’s text as per email.

174/20 Meetings – Council Meetings will be face to face from 7th May and will be held in the Memorial Centre. SM confirmed the meeting rooms have been booked. Cllr Roberts confirmed that his safe-guarding will be lifted in June and will be able to attend from then, should he be re-elected.

175/20 Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) updates. Cllr Orme has received the updated draft with sites on. Cllr Orme expressed her disappointment that the NSPG was not included in the Annual Town Meeting and felt their hard work had been overlooked. Cllr Barnet expressed an interest in joining the NPSG.

176/20 Communications – The next newsletter, VOICE, will be distributed 23rd April 2021.

177/20 Update on the refurbishment of the Town Council Offices. Three companies were contacted to get quotes. Two declined the project and one sent in a quote. A further 2 quotes will be sought. Cllr Orme and Cllr Barnet both have contacts and will forward them to SM. SM confirmed that she is only accepting quotes from companies who have a Project Manager to oversee the refurbishment. The Premises & Infrastructure WP meeting was overlooked, Cllr Orme, Cllr Chhokar and SM to arrange.

178/20 Cllr Scott to report back on Youth Services in Gerrards Cross. (i) The meeting of the Youth WP, Denham, GX and Chalfonts Community Board, was held on 24th March was well attended not only by Gerrards Cross, but also Chalfont St Peter and Denham. Buckinghamshire Mind gave a presentation on the importance of Mental Health in schools. They have funding for people to go on Mental Health first aid courses. Although the courses are not specifically aimed at child-care providers it was suggested that it would be beneficial to teachers and school nurses. (ii) Paccar Scout group have confirmed they are open for youth visits. (iii) They are looking for funding to hold e-sports event. They require a small venue like the Memorial Centre to hold it. However, there is a lot of collaboration and that is not the only potential venue. (iv) Cllr Orme contacted the Yoga Instructor from 'Off The Hook Yoga' Studio, regarding discount youth yoga lessons. The Instructor has shown interest and lessons would be at less than half price.

179/20 Finances

Resolved to agree payments for end of March and April 2021- Noted and agreed.

The following were the three largest invoices for the month: (i) Highways UK for the potholes; (ii) Two new laptops for the Clerks and (iii) The grants were paid out.

180/20 Report on Meetings – members update on where they have represented the Town Council since the last meeting.

Cllr Woolveridge – None.

Cllr Orme – (i) 23rd March Climate Change, 24th March Bucks Youth Services, 15th April Neighbourhood Plan, 24th Planning Policy, 13th April webinar held by Bucks Council on heritage trees in peoples' gardens.

Cllr Roberts – Denham Aerodrome, the flying school instructors can only accept pilots who have been vaccinated.

Cllr Palmiero – 2 meetings with Visit Bucks and follow up meeting with Universities regarding the promotional video. WeAreGX are organising a litter campaign over 5 days starting on 28th May when Joy Morrissey MP will be visiting Gerrards Cross to join in the litter picking.

Cllr J Chhokar – New Bucks local plan, they are still using the same method for housing numbers as before but they have dropped the controversial algorithm and have taken in to account permitted developments in town centres.

Cllr E Surkovic – Library Trust.

Cllr Wood – 13th & 14th Highways UK, still no date for the work on Packhorse Road.

Cllr Scott – Chairing the Youth Services Working Group.

Cllr Bayliss – Denham Aerodrome, now restrictions are easing the aerodrome is very busy so there may be complaints about the noise.

Cllr O'Keeffe – None.

Cllr Barnett – None.

Cllr Brown – South Bucks Association of Councils, main topic was localism, Town and Parish Charter, SBALC expressed their unfavourable opinion of the Charter.

181/20 To note information received in the correspondence at the Town Council Office – Letter from the Chairman of GXCA Executive Committee. The Council agreed that the decision made at the Council meeting in November remains.

Cllr Chhokar read out an email from a resident regarding the Planning Committee Minutes dated 24th April and the South Park Crescent proposal. The Council agreed that this was the incorrect meeting to discuss this correspondence. Therefore, it will be discussed at the next Planning Committee.

182/20 Any other business: The Council agreed that the following meetings should not take place because no decisions can be made due to the elections:-

- Commons Committee 4th May 2021
- Highways Committee 4th May 2021

The next Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for 26th April 2021 and will go ahead. However the meeting scheduled for 10th May 2021 has already been cancelled due to the elections.

183/20 To confirm that the next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting of Gerrards Cross Town Council will be at 7.30pm on 17th May 2021 at Gerrards Cross Memorial Hall.

This being the last meeting of the present Council, Cllr Brown thanked everyone for all their hard work. This Council now has a reputation for being proactive and hopes the new Council will continue this and continue to support localism. Cllr Brown, with the support of all councillors present, went on to give a big thank you to Cllr Woolveridge after her many years of hard work on the Council as she will be stepping down from her position of Town Councillor at the coming election in May.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Payments 30th March 2021							
Chq No/Bacs/DD	Payee	Net Exp.	VAT	Gross Exp	Total to Payee	Transaction Details	
	Commons						
372	BACS	A M S	876.50		876.50	876.50	Monthly grass cutting contract - March 21
		Highways		0.00			
373	BACS	Highways UK	20929.25	4185.85	25115.10	25115.10	various potholes, patching and drainage works
		Administration		0.00			
374	BACS	Viking	63.32	12.66	75.98	75.98	stationery
		Parish Office					
		Neighbourhood Plan					
375	BACS	Planet evolving	330.00	66.00	396.00	396.00	Consultancy work
		Communications					
376	BAC	Nexus	2278.00	455.60	2733.60	2733.60	Purchase and set up of 2 x laptops
377	Card	Natwest OneCard	66.00	13.20	79.20	132.72	Microsoft 365
378	Card	Natwest OneCard	35.20	7.04	42.24		Microsoft 365
379	Card	Natwest OneCard	9.40	1.88	£11.28		Microsoft 365
		Total	24587.67	4742.23	29329.90	29329.90	

Chairman.....

Date.....

Payments 19th April 2021						
Chq No/Bacs/DD	Payee	Net Exp.	VAT	Gross Exp	Total to Payee	Transaction Details
	Commons					
BACS	Amersham Town Council	130.00	26	156.00	2356.00	Weekly playground inspections - January 21
BACS	A M S	876.50		876.50	876.50	Monthly grass cutting contract - April 21
BACS	Organik	287.00		287.00	317.00	Bench and step repairs on Common and Camp including materials
	Highways					
BACS	Leigh Electrical	375.00	75	450.00	3114.00	Monthly street lighting contract
BACS	Leigh Electrical	40.00	8.00	48.00		charge up and move MVAS
BACS	Leigh Electrical	700.00	140.00	840.00		Daleside - new column and LED head
BACS	Leigh Electrical	700.00	140.00	840.00		Junc St Huberts/Fulmer Rd - new column and LED head
BACS	Leigh Electrical	780.00	156.00	936.00		Supply and fit 2 x new heads - Orchehill Ave opp.7 and f/p3
DD	Southern Electric	317.73	61.5	379.23	379.23	Unmetered electricity
BACS	Amersham Town Council	1833.33	366.67	2200.00		Devolved Services January 21
BACS	Organik	30.00		30.00		Clear broken tiles Packhorse Rd
	Grants					
BACS	Leonard Cheshire Home	1000.00		1000.00	1000.00	Agreed grant
BACS	Padstone Hs/Connection Support	600.00		600.00	600.00	Agreed grant
BACS	Bucks Vision	250.00		250.00	250.00	Agreed grant
BACS	GX & Fulmer Scouts	800.00		800.00	800.00	Agreed grant
BACS	WeAreGX	4452.00		4452.00	4452.00	Agreed grant
BACS	GX Scottish Dancing	500.00		500.00	500.00	Agreed grant
BACS	GX Cricket	3000.00		3000.00	3000.00	Agreed grant
	Administration					
DD	Chess	135.14	27.03	162.17	162.17	Telephone and broadband
BACS	ejh legal	392.00		392.00	392.00	FOI - Legal fees
BACS	Nexus	120.00	24	144.00	144.00	FOI - email search
BACS	Fulmer Parish Council	511.00		511.00	511.00	Yearly running costs for 11 x allotments at Fulmer
	Bank charges	7.70		7.70	7.70	
	Parish Office					
	GXCA	1500.00		1500.00	1500.00	Quarterly Office ground rental
DD	CNG	45.27	2.27	47.54	47.54	Gas charges
DD	Gazprom	48.28	2.41	50.69	50.69	Electricity charge
BACS	Delta Synergistics Group	294.00	58.80	352.80	352.80	Security - Annual keyholding charge
BACS	Delta Synergistics Group	101.00	20.20	121.20	121.20	Security - Annual service contract for access control
BACS	Delta Synergistics Group	381.00	76.20	457.20	457.20	Security - Annual service contract for intruder alarm
BACS	FJL Recycling	19.00	3.80	22.80	22.80	1x rubbish, 1 x recycling containers for rubbish removal
	Neighbourhood Plan					
BACS	Planet (evolving together)	1222.50	244.50	1467.00	1467.00	Consultancy work
	Communications					
BAC	Nexus	100.00	20.00	120.00	120.00	Monthly software and support
DD	Vatu	100.00	20	120.00	120.00	Web site hosting and support
Card	Natwest OneCard	66.00	13.20	79.20	132.72	Microsoft 365
Card	Natwest OneCard	35.20	7.04	42.24		Microsoft 365
Card	Natwest OneCard	9.40	1.88	11.28		Microsoft 365
BACS	Salaries	6294.44		6294.44	6294.44	
	Total	28053.49	1494.50	29547.99	29547.99	

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