



# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 At Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre

**Present:** Cllr. Wood (Chairman), Cllr Keeffe (Deputy Chairman), Cllr Bracken, Cllr Holborn, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Stuart-Lee, Cllr Greenfield

**In Attendance:** C Brown (Associate Cllr), L Lindvall (Associate Cllr), J Woolveridge (Associate Cllr), J Jilani (Town Clerk)

### 22/093 Accept apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Chhokar, Cllr Barnet, Cllr Da Costa, Cllr Davey, Cllr Peck

### 22/094 Declarations of Interest

None received

### 22/095 Public Speaking from residents

There were two members of the public in attendance.

Associate Cllr Brown updated the council on the Greatmore EFW facility mentioned at the last meeting. This was an incinerator that was originally to be installed in Gerrards Cross, successfully opposed by Gerrards Cross Town Council.

Associate Cllr J Woolveridge presented the Town Council with the book of History of Gerrards Cross which will be very useful for planning purposes.

A member of the public came to speak about the boundary changes and expressed his concerns. He said Chalfont St. Peter Parish Council objected to Buckinghamshire Council's proposal to move the Gerrards Cross side of Austenwood common into the Gerrards Cross ward.

Cllr Wood explained Buckinghamshire's proposal for the boundary changes and read the draft response from Gerrards Cross Town Council which will be presented for submission to the Boundary Commission.

Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** the draft response for Boundary Commission to the Cllr. **ALL AGREED**

### 22/096 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Wood (1) Had a meeting with Mr Broadbent from Buckinghamshire highways regarding the new highways contract, which will be introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 using Balfour Beatty (2) He also updated the Town Council on the situation of Buckinghamshire Council and the Ukrainian refugees as outlined by Mr Tett Buckinghamshire council's leader.

Cllr Bracken (1) Attended South Bucks area planning meeting where three plans were heard for Gerrards Cross, and all were in favour of the Town. (2) Highways parking review meeting. He suggested the Town Council should consider using our Highways precept money to carry out some pavements and patching repairs.

#### **22/097 To note the changes to the mandate for the NatWest Bank account**

This was to note that Cllr O' Keeffe in conjunction with the Bank resolved the matter of the Town Council Transport account with NatWest. Clerk to action the submission of a physical bank mandate.

#### **22/098 To approve the minutes of the following meetings**

- Full Council meeting 26 September 2022  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr Stuart-Lee **ALL AGREED**
- Communities meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr O'Keeffe **ALL AGREED**
- Highways meeting minutes 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield **ALL AGREED**
- Planning committee meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
**ALL AGREED**
- Commons meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield **ALL AGREED**
- EGM meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Wood and **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield **ALL AGREED**
- EGM meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Keeffe and **SECONDED** by Cllr Greenfield **ALL AGREED**

#### **22/099 Website clean-up Council policies.**

Cllr Wood updated the council, about a meeting scheduled by Cllr Davey with the website provider Aubergine on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. She will follow up the content of the meeting with the working group and update the rest of the Cllrs in due course.

#### **22/100 Further amended financial regulations**

The amended financial regulation document was presented to the council, and all the Cllrs agreed to adopt it. **ALL AGREED**

### **22/101 To review the quotes and agree the way forward**

**Photocopier contract termination penalties:** It was decided to buy a printer outright with a termination fee of £1077.60. All the Cllrs agreed to this proposal.

**IT provider:** Quotes of IT providers were circulated. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O’Keeffe and **SECONDED** by Cllr Holborn to proceed with Nexus as the IT support for GXTC. **ALL AGREED**

### **22/102 F&GP update and action items for decision by Council**

List of regular and one-off payments for approval were presented to the council. The payments were reviewed and discussed. **ALL AGREED**

### **22/103 To apply for permits from transport for Bucks for traffic lights for East Common Bulstrode Way and Meadway Park road cost £995**

This was an update from Cllr Wood regarding Highways, road problems including utility covers. The images were presented to the Councillors and Cllr Wood advised these works will need traffic lights which is unavoidable. To apply for the permit for traffic lights will cost £995. Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** to spend £995 for the permit of traffic lights. **ALL AGREED**

### **22/104 Update on a meeting arranged with Windowflowers**

Cllr Wood advised he had a meeting with Windowflowers to discuss the flower baskets this year which were not very attractive and had not been watered. The manager of Window flower advised they had staffing issues which is why the baskets were not watered and the flowers died. The Town Council is also looking into dropping the height of the flower baskets to a legally permitted lower level so, they are visible to the public.

### **22/105 Councillors attendance of meetings on behalf of The Town Council**

Cllr Holborn: None

Cllr Stuart-Lee: Met with the GXCA’s Executive Committee.

Cllr Roberts: None

Cllr Greenfield: He had a meeting with a member of public, which he passed on to a unitary Cllr.

Cllr Wood: Meeting on Teams regarding Survey of Vacant Properties, 5<sup>th</sup> October meeting with Swish Fibre to discuss Christmas sponsorship, 8<sup>th</sup> of October meeting with Mr Peter Strachan to discuss various planning issues, 14<sup>th</sup> of October meeting with Total pyro to discuss the fireworks display, 18<sup>th</sup> October meeting with Mr Beard from Highways UK to discuss swail works and road repairs. 21<sup>st</sup> of October meeting with Highways in Aylesbury office to discuss Town Council involvement with devolved services.

Cllr O’Keeffe: Teams meeting on vacant properties and Swish fibre.

Cllr Bracken: Insurance company and finance meeting with the Clerks.

Cllr Davey: Meeting scheduled with the Website provider on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

### **22/106 Christmas event planning update**

Associate Cllr Lindvall updated everyone about the event, confirmed there will be a variety of stalls from crafts, food, organic wine, cheese, bread, chutneys, and jams, photography, artwork, gourmet burgers, magician, and a variety of rides for children. We will have a DJ on the bridge, choir and children performing from a local school. There is a celebrity who will be coming to switch the Christmas Lights on. This will be fantastic event for the residents to enjoy.

There will also be a very special ending to the event which is still to be confirmed.

**22/107 To note information received in the correspondence at the council office.**

None

**Next Council meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> Of November 2022**

**Meeting adjourned  
20:45 pm**

Signed.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....

JHJ.PP. GXTC 26.09.22