

	Meeting (No)	Meeting of the Council (3)
	Time & Date	22 September 2020 at 6pm
	Location	Remotely via Zoom
MINUTES		

Present: Cllrs Warner (Mayor), Bolderson, Davies, Griffiths, Hinks, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jones, Kynaston, Lynch, Roberts, Roe, Townsend and Wastell.

In attendance: Miss A Duncan (Governance & Operations Manager) and one member of the public.

PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public

33 Apologies for absence

The absence of Cllrs Flockhart and Hutt was noted.

34 Questions and comments from residents

There were no questions or comments.

35 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

36 Co-option of members

A nomination was considered for co-option to the Council for Parkgate ward (one vacancy).

RESOLVED to co-opt Mrs Susan Samuel to the office of Ward Councillor for Parkgate ward for Neston Town Council.

37 Minutes of the meeting

RESOLVED to approve minutes of the meetings held on 28th January 2020 & 28th July 2020 as a true and correct record. The minutes will be signed at the next Full Council face-to-face meeting to be held.

38 Mayor's Report

Council received the Mayor's report and noted in particular that a virtual civic service had been scheduled for 4 October and also that the sale of face masks had so far raised £800 for charity.

39 Council Manager's report

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

40 Streamlining Committee Structure

Council considered a proposal to streamline the current committee structure.

RESOLVED to:

- merge the Resources and Policy committees,
- approve terms of reference for the combined committee as detailed in paper FC3/40,

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- convert the current Policy Sub-committee into the HR Sub-committee of the Resources and Policy Committee, and
- approve membership and terms of reference for the sub-committee as detailed in paper FC3/40.

41 Schedule of Meetings

The schedule of meeting dates to May 2021 was noted.

42 Committee Membership

- a The current committee membership for the remainder of the Council year was noted.
- b Cllr Jones withdrew his membership of the People & Places Committee.
- c **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Hinks and Wastell to the Resources & Policy Committee.

Cllrs Hinks and Hudspeth expressed a wish to become members of the HR Sub-committee and it was agreed that their requests would be put to the next meeting of the Resources & Policy Committee.

43 Neston Town Hall

It was agreed that the Town Hall would not reopen to hirers until it was considered safe to do so, taking account of government guidance/instructions and after approval of a COVID-19 risk assessment.

44 Fairtrade

Council considered the proposal outlined in paper FC3/44.

RESOLVED that the Town Council would:

- support Fairtrade and purchase only Fairtrade products for refreshments for Town Council meetings and events where these were available, and
- support the Fairtrade Steering Group in their efforts to gain CWaC permission for the installation of "Fairtrade Town" signs for the "Welcome to Neston" signs.

45 Consultation – changes to the current planning system

Council considered paper FC3/45 and agreed a consultation response as follows:

- answer "yes" to questions one to eight inclusive;
- for question two add the caveat "but consideration must be given to smaller areas where a 0.5% target would not be appropriate";
- for all remaining questions (questions nine to thirty-five inclusive) state "We feel unable to answer this question in the best interests of Neston residents because the information provided has a lack of clarity".

46 Consultation – planning for the future

Council decided that it would meet on 15 October 2020 at 6pm for the purpose of agreeing a response to the "planning for the future" consultation. It was agreed that members would submit their comments to the G&O Manager by 9am on 5 October and that these comments would be collated into a report which would form the basis of discussion at the meeting.

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47 End of year budget report

The RFO's 19/20 year end budget report (paper FC3/47) was considered.

48 Recommendations from Committees

It was noted that no committee meetings had taken place during Council recess in August.

49 To note the minutes of the committee meetings

Council noted the minutes of committee meetings:

People: 11.02.20 & 10.06.20

Places: 21.01.20, 03.03.20 & 07.07.20

Resources: 04.02.20, 19.2.20, 17.3.20, 10.06.20, 23.06.20, 07.07.20 & 10.09.20

Policy: 18.2.20, 3.3.20, 2.3.20 & 21.7.20.


50 Any other Items

There were no other items for discussion.

51 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council to be held on 15 October 2020 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed _____  _____ Date 22 JUN 2021