

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th April 2021
Via Zoom

Available to view on YouTube, following the Finance & General Purposes Committee:

<https://youtu.be/wwk2MnbnveE>

Meeting Commenced: 8.13 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 8.27 p.m.

Cllr Keith Bonin	Present	Cllr Nicholas Busvine, Mayor	Present
Cllr Sue Camp	Present	Cllr Dr Merylyn Canet, Dep Mayor	Present
Cllr Tony Clayton	Present	Cllr Andrew Eyre	Present
Cllr Victoria Granville-Baxter	Present	Cllr Roderick Hogarth	Present
Cllr Lise Michaelides	Present	Cllr Tom Morris Brown	Apologies
Cllr Rachel Parry	Present	Cllr Richard Parry	Present
Cllr Robert Piper	Present	Cllr Simon Raikes	Present
Cllr Claire Shea	Present	Cllr Edward Waite	Present

In Attendance: Town Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer and Senior Committee Clerk

His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

At the request of the Mayor, a one-minute silence was observed to pay respect following the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April 2021.

Representations received from Members of the Public: None

20. **Apologies for Absence:** as shown above.
21. **Requests for Dispensations:** none received.
22. **Declarations of Interest:** none received.
23. **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 1st March 2021**
RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.
24. **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 22nd February, 8th March and 22nd March 2021**
RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes as true records of the meetings.

25. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on 1st and 29th March 2021

RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

26. Minutes of the Youth Services Committee held on 24th March 2021

RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

27. Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 29th March 2021

RESOLVED: to accept and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

28. Conclusion of Complaint Panel Hearing held on 11th February 2021

The Town Council considered the outcome of the Complaint Panel hearing held on 11th February 2021.

The Council agreed that in future it would be useful to “flag up” any applications likely to be controversial with all members of the Planning Committee and for the Chairman to remind the public of a note on Planning Committee agendas clarifying that the Town Council was a consultee on applications rather than the planning authority. It was also suggested that it might be useful to increase the use of screen sharing on the Zoom meetings and was agreed that Councillors highlight this request when submitting their comments on planning applications.

RESOLVED: To receive and note the outcome of the complaint received in respect of the Planning Committee held on 25th January 2021, and the recommendation on Planning Application 20/03751/FUL Alpine Residential Home.

29. Press Release: None

30. Thanks to the Mayor

Councillors noted that this would be the last meeting of the Town Council during Cllr Busvine’s term of office as Mayor. They took the opportunity to thank the Mayor for the way he had dealt with the Covid-19 crisis and represented the town during this difficult time.

Cllr Busvine responded, saying that it had been a privilege to represent the Council for the last two years; he paid tribute to his fellow Councillors and to the Town Council officers.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting.

Signed

Mayor

Dated