

DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Bonvalot Room of the Downton Memorial Centre, The Borough, Downton.

Present: Cllr Brentor (Chair) and Cllrs Carter, Hall, Jalland, North, Randall, Roberts and Watts.

In attendance: Mrs Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk

Also present: Three members of the public.

49.22 Public Question Time

Two members of the public advised councillors of the Platinum Jubilee event being organised by the Friends of Downton Moot on Sunday 5th June 2022 and the reasons for requesting a grant from the Council.

50.22 Apologies

No apologies were received.

51.22 Minutes

Downton Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 and that they be signed as a correct record, subject to replacing the word 'policies' with the word 'payments' in Minute 20.22.

52.22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:

Cllrs Brentor and Mace declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 54.22 and did not vote due to their being involved in the staffing investigation.

Cllr Hall declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 54.22 and did not vote due to his providing of information to the staffing investigation.

Cllr Mace declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 55.22 and did not vote as his wife was a member of the Friends of Downton Moot.

Cllr Hall declared a personal and non-pecuniary interest in Minute 55.22 and did not vote as a trustee of the Downton Moot Preservation Trust.

b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:

The Clerk confirmed that no dispensation requests had been received.

53.22 Business Raised During Public Question Time

Cllr Brentor proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the information provided by the members of the public on the event to be held in The Moot would be taken into account when councillors considered the item on the agenda.

54.22 Appointment of Panel Member

Following a discussion, Downton Parish Council RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Carter to the Panel to consider the Report on the Staffing Investigation produced by the Investigator from South West Councils.

55.22 The Downton Moot Preservation Trust Grant Request

Following a discussion, Downton Parish Council RESOLVED to approve a grant of £300 as a contribution towards the Friends of Downton Moot’s Platinum Jubilee event being held at The Moot on Sunday 5th June 2022.

56.22 Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Tree

Following receipt of information provided by the Clerk, Downton Parish Council RESOLVED to approve a request from the Charlton All Saints community to plant a small tree in the north eastern corner of the Charlton All Saints Play Area on Sunday 5th June 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee but this was subject to the approval of the landowner, Longford Estates, which was awaited.

57.22 Date of next meeting

Downton Parish Council RESOLVED to note the date of the next meeting as Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.30 pm to be held in the Bonvalot Room at the Downton Memorial Centre.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.