

LEEK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Town Council held Tuesday 20th June 2023

Deputy Mayor: Cllr. M. Swindlehurst

Present: Cllrs: P. Powner, K. Hoptroff, K. Nicholls, D. Young, S Webster, M Worthington, L. Swindlehurst, D. Hilyer, W. Cawley and B. Birch

2 members of the public and one member of the Press were in attendance.

Minutes - D. Wheat, Town Clerk

The Mayor, Cllr. M. Swindlehurst opened the meeting and welcomed the Councillors, press and public.

11. Apologies: Cllr. Wales

12. Minutes of the Town Council held on 16th May 2023 were received, approved, and signed as an accurate record by the Mayor, Cllr. M. Swindlehurst

Proposed – Cllr. Powner- Seconded- Cllr. Hoptroff

Cllr. Worthington apologised to the council for missing the last meeting and then thanked former Mayor Cllr. Bill Cawley, stating that his work during his time as Mayor was a credit to him.

13. Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 were noted.

Proposed Cllr. Birch – Seconded Cllr. Powner

Matters Arising:

- a) It was noted that the Climate Change group is a working group not a sub-committee as minuted.
- b) The Clerk amended the payments which were authorised in May to include two more which had not been copied into the minutes and were cut off. She will attach the full sheet as circulated.
- c) The Clerk has responded to the member of the public, referencing the speed reduction initiatives that can be accessed for more information.

14. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May were approved.

Proposed- Cllr Webster – Seconded Cllr. Birch

15. Leek Mayor Report May 2023

Mayoral events are starting to be booked into the diary. The Mayor has had the opportunity to meet with the Mayors of Biddulph and Cheadle. In Cllr. Swindlehurst's role as Cabinet member for Tourism and Leisure, he aims to bring the three towns together.

The Clerk has invited the other town Councillor Representatives to our Events meeting in July. Cllrs. Swindlehurst and Hoptroff are meeting in Cheadle in the coming week.

The three Town Clerks are also looking at ways to work together more to promote good practice at officer level. Sound working relationships are necessary with the Towns and Parishes to prepare ready for the UKSPF opportunities and it could mean that the Clerks can apply jointly for some bids.

Announcements:

The Mayor is opening the HUG festival on Saturday 24th June at the Foxlowe Arts Festival. The title HUG is derived from the concept of 'Hugging Buildings' and insulating them properly, also Hug – keeping warm. The Mayor is also organising with the Twinning Committee the possibility to visit Este for their Remembrance event.

16. The meeting was adjourned for the Public Participation session:

No members of the public wished to speak on this occasion.

Mayor signature.....

Date.....