



ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the virtual Ordinary meeting of **Rothwell Town Council** held on **Tuesday 12th January 2021** at 7.00pm by remote video-conferencing (Zoom)

Present: Cllr R Davis (RD) (Town Mayor), Cllr C Brown (CB) (Deputy Mayor), Cllr K Field (KF), Cllr I Jelley (IJ), Cllr J Hakewill (JH), Cllr C Plowright (CP), Cllr L Saunders (LS), Cllr M Spendlove (MS), Cllr K Sumpter (KS) and Cllr M Talbot (MT)

Also, Present: Mrs P Page (Town Clerk), Rev Canon John Westwood and 2 Members of the Public

Item No		Action
	Before the business of the Council commenced, prayers were said by Revd Canon John Westwood.	
001/21	It was RESOLVED to accept the reasons for absence from Cllr M Cox (Business) <i>It was noted that Cllr Hakewill will leave the meeting before it closes to attend the Rushton Parish Council meeting.</i>	
002/21	Declaration of Interests on agenda items: MS 007/21 (a) Fernbrook Bio	
003/21	Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council held on 8th December 2020.	
	It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meetings on 8 th December 2020 as a true record of the meetings.	
004/21	Public Session	
	Members of FC Aztec addressed Council regarding agenda item 008/21.	
	<i>In line with our Standing Orders the Town Mayor moved agenda item 008/21 (f).</i>	
008/21 (f)	Grant application: A lengthy discussion took place with members suggesting other avenues for funding. It was proposed and seconded that the grant be awarded from reserves. Majority vote against. It was RESOLVED to award a grant £438 from our existing budget to FC Aztec. <i>JH abstained from the vote.</i>	
005/21	Environment and Community Matters	
(a)	Police Report: Council noted the report received on Community Policing <i>previously circulated.</i>	
(b)	Rothwell Library: The report from the Rothwell Community Library Trust <i>previously circulated</i> was noted by Council. (Appendix G).	
(c)	Police Liaison Representative: It was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Brown as the Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police on behalf of the Town Council.	
006/21	Clerk's Report (for information only) Clerk reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">All items requiring action by myself had been completed, copies of emails in your supporting document <i>previously circulated.</i>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda item 385/20 re Montsaye Community Sports Centre, responses from the CEO of NNC, MD of KBC and Northamptonshire Sport. Clerk reported that an additional award had been made by Northamptonshire Sport to Montsaye Community Sports Centre, copies of the replies had been circulated to you and also Ann Davey of Pathfinder Schools. Neighbourhood Planning informal meeting with KBC Officer arranged for Tuesday 26th January at 6.30pm. Under GPC (General Power of Competence) and have the power to spend on anything as long as it is not unlawful. Indication was given about awarding by way of a grant to business New cycle rack has been chased. Bollard covers are in place although the ones outside Tesco have mysteriously disappeared. In the absence of physical meetings, six months invoices have now been signed off in line with our Internal controls. 				
007/21	Planning				
	The following applications were considered and it was RESOLVED to submit the following comments:				
(a)	20/000063/WASFUL	Fernbrook Bio Limited, Rothwell Road	Construction of biogas scrubbing columns, gas clean-up container, compressor, distribution kiosk, propane tanks, grid entry unit and export pipeline to grid	Rothwell Town Council has no objection	
	KET/2020/0845	28 Moorfield Road	Front porch and bay window to ground floor front elevation, single storey rear extension, alterations and additions to windows and doors throughout, replace flat roof to garage with pitched, vehicle hardstanding to front garden	Rothwell Town Council has no objection	
(b)	The following Notices of Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawals for information only were noted : Approvals: KET/2020/0740 - 15 Burditt Close - Extension to existing garage Refusals: None received. Appeals: None received.				
008/21	Finance Administration and Governance Related Matters				
(a)	<p>Payments: No clarification on the payments was requested by members. It was RESOLVED to approve the payments on the previously circulated list since last meeting held on 8th December 2020. Council agreed that the grant awarded to FC Aztec be added to payment schedule. Appendix A be entered for authorisation.</p>				Clerk
(b)	<p>Bank Reconciliations & balance</p> <p>No clarification on the bank reconciliations was requested by members. It was RESOLVED to approve the monthly December 2020 bank reconciliations for the current, saving and petty cash accounts. Council noted the following bank balances as at 31st December 2020: Savings Account £89,208.40 Current Account £2714.51 Petty cash held by Clerk £3.00 Noted that the VAT reclaim of £968.26 paid by BACS into our account on 11th January 2021.</p>				

(c)	Bank Transfer: It was RESOLVED to transfer £2000 from the savings account to the current account.	
(d)	Quarterly Management Report: No clarification was requested by members. Council noted the 3 rd Quarter's Management Report (Expenditure to date against budget).	
(e)	Budget 2021-22: (i) It was RESOLVED to increase the grant budget from £3000 to £5000 It was RESOLVED to approve and set the budget for 2021/22 at £79,641. <i>JH & CP voted against.</i> (ii) It was RESOLVED to approve and set the precept demand for 2021/22 at £80,000. <i>JH voted against.</i>	
	<i>20:23 JH left the meeting</i>	
009/21	Reports: (NOTE all items for information only)	
(a)	No written report from County Councillor Hakewill had been provided.	
(b)	The written report from Borough Councillors Brown <i>previously circulated</i> , was noted . (Appendix D)	
(c)	The written report on Local Government Reform, previously circulated, from Cllr Jelley (Kettering Borough Councillor, Cabinet Member for Environment and Strategic Delivery and Executive Member was noted . (Appendix E).	
(d)	In the absence of Cllr Cox, no verbal report was available on the Rothwell Town Centre Partnership, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Due to current Covid restrictions meetings had not resumed.</i> 	
(e)	Rural Town Forum AGM on 9th November 2020 verbal report from Cllr Plowright. Councillor Plowright apologised that he did not have the information available. The agenda item was deferred to February's meeting.	
010/21	Items for the next Town Council Meeting – Members are asked to notify the Clerk in writing by 29th January 2021 of items they wish to be included on the next Agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future for the Retained Fire Service / Station in Rothwell • Consideration to amendments to the Grant Policy • Recent flooding in Moorfield Road 	
011/21	Urgent Matters for Report Only (Notified to the Mayor before the Meeting)	
012/21	Date of next meeting (information only)	
013/21	Next Ordinary Town Council meeting – Tuesday 9 th February 2021 @ 7pm to be held remotely using video conferencing	
014/21	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS It was RESOLVED that pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed	
015/21	Staffing Matters: It was RESOLVED to approve payment of 25 additional hours worked by the Clerk in February's salary.	
	The meeting closed at 20.42 pm.	

Signed:

Date:

APPENDIX A

ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL				
Meeting date 12th January 2021				
Date	Whom		Amount	Legislation
12-Jan-21	Mrs P Page	Salary	963.22	LGA72s112
12-Jan-21	HMRC	Employer/ee National Insurance & Tax	177.81	LGA72s112
12-Jan-21	Prudential	Employee Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) deducted from gross salary	323.00	LGA72s112
12-Jan-21	LGPS	Employer & employee (deducted from gross salary) Pension	421.70	LGA72s112
30-Dec-20	Inter County Cleaning Services Ltd	Cleaning Market House	60.00	LGA72s111
29-Dec-20	EE Mobile	Monthly Contract (DDM)	21.74	LGA72s111
03-Jan-21	Lloyds Bank	Monthly charge (MultiPay)	3.00	LGA72s111
27-Dec-20	Zoom Pro	Monthly charge (Multipay)	7.19	LGA72s111
12-Jan-21	FC Aztec	Grant award	438.00	LGA(MP) 76 s19
31-Dec-20	Unity Bank	Quarterly charge (retrospective)	18.00	LGA72s111
		TOTAL	2433.66	

Signed:

Date: