



# KIRKHAM

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### **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020 AT 7.00.P.M., BY ZOOM, TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS**

**Present:-** Councillor E. Oades, Mayor, in the Chair, Councillors, D. Buckley, J. Cameron, P. Hodgson, C. Hopkinson, and E. Silverwood.

**2020/9/1** The following apologies were received and accepted:- Councillors Mrs P. Brearley, P. Brearley and S. Jones.

**2020/9/2** To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared. Councillor Hodgson declared a personal interest in all Planning matters and LPAOS items. Councillor Oades declared a personal interest in all Planning matters. Councillor Silverwood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 2020/0618 and Councillor Buckley declared a personal interest in Planning Application 2020/618.

**2020/9/3** To accept as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. Agreed.

**2020/9/4** To receive the Minutes, if any, and determine recommendations made by the LPAOS Committee. There were no minutes as no meetings had taken place.

- (i) To ratify the quote for a barrier at Wm. Segar Hodgson of £750. Agreed.
- (ii) To accept the quotation made by Divine Signs in the sum of £3,260.08. Agreed.
- (iii) To defer a decision on installation of CCTV on Peoples' Park and Memorial Way at the present time and explore the possibility of LANPAC funding.
- (iv) To accept the quotation for railings on Mill Street in the sum of £2,650.00. Agreed.

**2020/9/5** To determine recommendations made by the Staffing Committee.

- (i) Councillor Buckley updated the Council on information regarding the future appointment of Town Council personnel and suggested that a meeting be held to go through all the details. Agreed to meet on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, at 7.00.p.m., by zoom.
- (ii) Legal advice. The Mayor moved this item to the end of the agenda as it was an "In Committee" item.

**2020/9/6** To receive Minutes and determine recommendations made by the Communications Committee.

- (i) Councillor Buckley outlined the costs associated with alarm call out/key holding and site patrols and it was Agreed:- to appoint Churchill in the sum of £32.00., per month per building (£64.00. per month) and £30.00., Call Out Charge for the first hour and then £18.00.
- (ii) Councillor Buckley outlined the options available to the Council in respect of devices being made available to Councillors for Council email use. Agreed:- to offer an allowance of up to £300., to those Councillors who wish to obtain a device for Town Council use.



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- (iii) New email accounts. Agreed:- that all Councillors be given a Town Council email address, at a cost of £4.50. per person per month for 9 Councillors, and a main Council email account. £45.00. per month.
- (iv) Update on new website/design. Agreed:- That this item be deferred for more information.

**2020/9/7** To receive Reports (for information only).

- (i) Police Report. The Report was noted and it was felt that the Report is of poor quality regarding relevant information required by Council. The Mayor reported that she had received an email from Inspector Jones in response to her complaints to the Chief Constable. It was felt that Kirkham/Fylde are not receiving the level of service they were entitled to and it was felt that there is inequality of service from the Constabulary with Blackpool receiving the lion's share of services, which is felt to be unacceptable.
- (ii) Mayor's Announcements.
  - (a) Memorial Benches. The Mayor deferred this item to the end of the agenda as it was felt that it should be dealt with "In Committee".
  - (b) Public Spaces Protection Orders. It was agreed that Fylde Borough Council be asked to extend the existing orders for a further three years and that a list be sent to Fylde extending the Orders to all the Open Spaces in the town.

**2020/9/8** Finances.

- (i) To agree accounts for August. Agreed
- (ii) To agree payment of invoices. Agreed.

Finance sheets and invoice list are appended to the minutes.

**2020/9/9** To ratify the decisions made on the following applications:-

Application 20/0618 34 Poulton Street, Kirkham. Change of use of ground floor premises from bakery to mixed use café – No objection subject to conditions.

**2020/9/10** To consider the following Planning Application.

Application 20/0598 20 Gillow Road, Kirkham. Erection of single storey extension. No objection.

**2020/9/11** Co-Option. It was agreed not to pursue this at the present time.

**2020/9/12** Traffic Signage, Station Road, Kirkham. The Mayor advised the Council that she was still awaiting the results of the Traffic Management Group's investigation of Station Road, Ribby Road and the Dowbridge, she said that she had asked for signs to be placed in these areas advising people to drive carefully – Noted.



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**2020/9/13** Parking in Kirkham. The Mayor advised the Council that she had been advised that the Parking Services at the County Council had been receiving increasing numbers of complaints about parking on pavements in the town and as a result the Parking Wardens would, in the future, be coming into the town to take action. She said that initially the Parking Service would issue a letter to all those areas affected to warn residents that action had to be taken. Noted.

**2020/9/14** Remembrance Sunday. The Mayor advised Council that, due to COVID 19 restrictions, it may not be possible to hold a Remembrance Parade this year. It was agreed that Council would put in place any possible arrangements and advise Council accordingly.

Time and Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, at 7.00.p.m.

The Mayor moved exclusion of the press and public on the grounds that matters of a confidential nature are to be discussed. Agreed.

**2020/9/7 (ii)** Mayor's Announcements (a) Memorial Bench. The Mayor advised Council that complaints had been received about the location of a Memorial Bench, she explained that it had been possible for Council to reach a compromise with all concerned and asked Council to agree to the re-location of the bench, at Council expense. Agreed.

**2020/9/5 (ii)** Legal Advice. The Mayor stated that after recently receiving advice from the Council's solicitor, Coupe Bradbury, in connection with actions taken by them on the Council's behalf, the subject is now closed on the grounds that it has been dealt with appropriately and fully and there is no more to add to the subject.

Signed

Liz Oades  
Town Mayor