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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025, 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESHAM

ATTENDEES:

James Cameron	Cllr. and Chair for this meeting
Diane Ireland	Cllr.
Michelle Welch	Cllr.
Tony Wellings	Cllr.
Elizabeth Squires (Minutes)	Town Clerk and RFO

The meeting commenced at 7.07pm, when attendance met quoracy requirements. In the absence of Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Cameron Chaired the meeting.

25/07/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Neil Byers, Chris Hopkinson, Maggie Ledger, Shaun Patchett and Peter Sutcliffe.

25/07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

No interests were declared.

25/07/03 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) *To accept as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 10 June 2025.*

The 10 June 2025 minutes could not be proposed and seconded as Cllr. Ireland was the only attendee who was present for this meeting. Deferred to the 9 September 2025 meeting.

(ii) *To accept as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 25 June 2025.*

The 25 June 2025 minutes were proposed and seconded. Members who had attended this meeting voted:

Voting: 2 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

25/07/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matters brought to the Town Council by residents. The Chair may limit a member of the public to 3 minutes of speaking in order to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. Overall, this section will typically be limited to 20 minutes, although the Chair may, at their discretion, extend this.

There were four members of public in attendance.

One resident confirmed that 'Slow Down' signage on Dowbridge had been put into place. The resident raised concerns about a number of businesses in the town that have been dissolved. This information was passed to the Town Clerk.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to contact Trading Standards about the businesses that have been dissolved.

The resident raised concerns about the disruptive behaviour by youths in Morrisons supermarket and the lack of police presence.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to send contact detail for the Police Commissioner to the resident.

Concerns were raised about vegetation overhanging pavements. The Town Clerk informed the residents about Love Clean Streets, to be used for reporting Lancashire County Council related issues.

25/07/05 MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising from the previous meeting were addressed as part of the agenda, except for:

(i) 20 MPH Dowbridge

Discussed under Public Participation 25/07/04, above.

(ii) Mayoral Expenses Policy

Item deferred.

(iii) Standing Orders

Revised Standing Orders were presented. These were proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(iv) Transfer

Events funding has been transferred to that account.

25/07/06 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Events Attended

No update.

(ii) Bowling Club Lease

The authorised bowling club lease has been sent to Coupe Bradbury. Essential works are currently being undertaken by Fylde Council.

(iii) Eagles Court Car Park

A sign for GP Only parking is now in situ.

25/07/07 LPAOS

(i) Kirkham Seniors Football Club

The Town Clerk outlined the request from Kirkham Seniors Football Club to use People's Park. The cost of preparing the pitch has been requested. Storage of goal posts to be agreed. Members considered the use of William Segar Hodgson for the senior team. A proposal to grant the senior team access to the People's Park on a trial basis for one football season was seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) Adopt a Kiosk Scheme

The consultation for the adopt a phone box on Poulton Street has started.

(iii) Chatty Bench

An incentive to have a 'chatty bench' was discussed by members. The agreement for a chatty bench was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(iv) Barnfield Park

The Town Clerk outlined that the decision for a grant to refurbish the Barnfield play area was due. The Town Clerk has also asked Fylde Council to top up the play bark under the climbing frame.

(v) In Bloom

Cllr. Welch informed the meeting about the schedule for In Bloom judging. This is scheduled for 6 August 2025.

25/07/08 PLANNING

Fylde Council planning details are added to the Kirkham Town Council meeting agenda. These continue to be forwarded to the members when they are received by the Town Clerk.

(i) **Applications**

Agenda reported applications were discussed. The applications were proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) **Decisions**

The decisions were noted.

25/07/09 FINANCES

(i) **Ratification of the Payment of Invoices**

The Town Clerk presented the invoices paid during June 2025. The payment of invoices were proposed, and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

(ii) **Presentation of Bank Balance(s) 3 July 2025**

Members noted the bank balance(s) as at 3 July 2025.

25/07/10 EVENTS

The Horticultural Show was discussed. The Town Clerk raised concerns about this event and outlined a number of changes required for future events of this nature.

The Town Crier has asked if the Town Council would agree to a Saturday market. This was proposed and seconded. Members voted to support a Saturday market:

Voting: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

25/07/11 BOOKINGS

The Town Clerk informed members about a request for room usage by the Primary Care Network, to be held at the Community Centre. Three sessions to be used for health related issues and these will be of a drop in session nature. Members did not agree that these sessions be provided free of charge and that room hire should be charged. The decision not to provide rooms free of charge was proposed and seconded. Members voted:

Voting: 3 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

25/07/12 STAFFING

Nothing to report.

25/07/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 September 2025 @ 7.00 pm, venue Wesham Community Centre.

PART 2

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS DISCUSSION (IN COMMITTEE) *The proposal is for:*

Exclusion of Press and Public Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and defined in Paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public are excluded from the forthcoming items of business.

Councillors are asked to agree this action and this will be minuted.

Councillors agreed exclusion of the members of the public (no attendees), and no press were present.

Signed

Cllr. Jones, Mayor and Chair

Elizabeth Squires, Town Clerk