

Coleshill Town Council

Meeting of the **COLESHILL TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Old Courtroom, Town Hall, High Street, Coleshill on **WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017** at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: - Cllr. Battle, Town Mayor, in the Chair.

Councillors: -, Breeze, Farrell, Farrow, Mason, Richardson, Symonds, Wallace and Wootton.

17/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Jones.

Cllr. Richardson apologised for lateness (present from item 17/5).

17/2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

17/3 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR

In the May by-election as a result of the Coleshill North vacancy, Mrs. Caroline Symonds had been successful. The Mayor thanked Mr. Harry Taylor for his previous service on the Town Council.

Mrs. Symonds read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and duly assumed the role of Councillor.

17/4 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Cllr. Battle was proposed as Mayor by Cllr. Wallace, seconded Cllr. Breeze and **ELECTED** unanimously. The proposer thought Cllr. Battle was standing for the right reasons, having the community and business at heart and that he was a very able leader in the community. The seconder drew attention to Cllr. Battle's knowledge, reliability, patience and passion.

The new incumbent gave thanks for his proposer's and seconder's kind words for election to what he said was a tremendous honour. He announced that his wife Jayne was to be his Consort for the year and the Consort's badge was presented to the new position holder. The new Mayor announced his charity for the year to be the Woodlands School. Forthcoming events would include a Party in the Croft on 2 September and a Rock Concert on 3 February 2018 in the Town Hall. The Civic Service date in 2018 was still to be arranged but it would be in the Coleshill United Church, Coventry Road.

His theme was to be "The Community". He added that Coleshill was a small town but he saw it as "our town", which was proud to offer big events such as the Carnival, the processions and new events such as the Party in the Croft.

17/5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

There was a proposal for Cllr. Farrell to be appointed to the Deputy Mayor role for the forthcoming year, by Cllr. Wootton. She highlighted that he had financial and legal experience and children's play expertise. He was also able to bring Borough Councillor familiarity to benefit this council. This nomination was seconded by Cllr. Farrow, who concurred with the proposer's views. He was duly **ELECTED** unanimously.

The Deputy Mayor said he would strive to support the Mayor as much as possible.

17/6 COMMENTS OF THE RETIRING MAYOR

A vote of thanks for the retiring mayor was proposed by Cllr. Wootton and **AGREED** unanimously. Cllr. Wallace thanked all who had supported her in attending 55 mayoral events in the civic year, not including Council meetings.

She was delighted to be able to report that her charity fund raising during the year had amounted to £1,200 for Parkinson's UK from a music event, £2,064 from the Coleshill Town Band concert and Rajrani Restaurant event and a further £336 from the retiring collection at the Civic Service to go towards the Parish Church Campaign. This amounted to £3,600 raised during the year.

17/7 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERGEANT AT ARMS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor was pleased to continue with an appointment of Mr. Simon Toon in the Sergeant at Arms position, a role which Mr. Simon Toon was happy to continue to perform.

17/8 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

There was a composite proposal on committee composition circulated by Cllr. Farrell which Cllr. Richardson was prepared to support. This showed Cllr. Symonds filling the vacancy on the Resources and Amenities Committee and replacing Cllr. Farrell on the Planning Committee.

The vote was then unanimously **AGREED** for:

Community & Environment Committee

Cllrs. Battle, Farrell, Farrow, Jones and Wallace (5).

Resources and Amenities Committee

Cllrs. Breeze, Mason, Richardson, Symonds and Wootton (5).

Planning Committee

Cllrs. Battle, Breeze, Farrow, Richardson, Symonds and Wootton (6).

17/9 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

These were **RESOLVED** unanimously, as proposed by Cllr. Wallace and seconded by Cllr. Breeze as follows:

Community & Environment Committee

Cllr. Farrell.

Resources and Amenities Committee

Cllr. Wootton.

Planning Committee

Cllr. Richardson.

17/10 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There was also a composite proposal for the majority of representations on outside bodies from Cllr. Farrell, seconded Cllr. Wootton. There were some changes which received general member agreement:

Grammar School Endowment Foundation	Cllrs. Farrell and Wootton
Simon Lord Digby Trust	Dave Simkin
Patient Reference Group	Dave Simkin
North Warwickshire Citizens' Advice Bureau	Cllr. Breeze
Coleshill Town Band	Bill Richards
Coleshill in Bloom	Cllr. Jones
Coleshill Traffic Management Group	Cllr. Battle
Coleshill Parish Trust Fund	Cllr. Symonds & Mr. P. Buckingham. Cllr. Richardson to replace Cllr. Ferro (subject to his agreement)
Love Coleshill	Cllr. Mason
WALC Representative	Cllr. Symonds

The proposal was voted for en bloc and **CARRIED** unanimously.

17/11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 5 APRIL 2017

There were alterations necessary in that Cllr. Wallace wished to be described in 16/77 as a member of the Coleshill Drama Group (but not a leading member), 16/84 should say "Cllr. Jones suggested ..." and 16/86 should read "Cllrs. Farrell and Farrow felt ...". With these amendments, the minutes were proposed to be adopted by Cllr. Richardson, seconded by Cllr. Mason and **ACCEPTED** nem. con.

17/12 PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC

There were no items raised.

17/13 TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 3 May were proposed by Cllr. Richardson and seconded by Cllr. Farrow and were then unanimously **AGREED** to be adopted.

17/14 RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR QUARTER 4, 2016/17

A number of queries were raised. The altar cloth referred to canvas material bought for Coleshill Remembers on which were featured assorted poppy designs. What was referred to as cat litter was a soil enhancement. The Hope Psychological Counselling

costs were covered by a Warwickshire County Council member's allowance payment. The Royal Mail receipt was in relation to the cancellation of the reply post charges.

The reports were proposed by Cllr. Farrell, seconded by Cllr. Richardson and **ACCEPTED** unanimously.

17/15 **CONSIDERATION OF AN ALLOWANCE FOR THE SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Mr. Simon Toon left the room for the discussion of this item.

The Mayor referred to the background of the Sergeant at Arms position and how it had developed whilst Mr. Toon had been undertaking of the role, including the design of his own uniform and in his adding stature to the Remembrance Parade, Coleshill Remembers and flag raising events.

Cllr. Wallace endorsed the comments, adding that Mr. Toon carried the position in an admirable manner, researching and preparing for dignitary visits to the town. She proposed a £100 allowance per year. Cllr. Wootton had seen the initial introduction of the Sergeant at Arms in her mayoral year and received many compliments from other civic heads about the Sergeant at Arms, in terms of his professionalism and politeness. She seconded the £100 allowance proposal, which was then duly **RESOLVED** unanimously.

17/16 **TOWN CLERK REPORTS**

The Town Clerk had been advised that the Daw Mill Inquiry had now been completed (officially adjourned after a legal representative had become ill) apart from closing submissions which were to be made in writing. There was no known timescale for the Planning Inspector to write her report although it was thought to be imminent.

The meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.



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Town Mayor