

DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
24 JULY 2008

Present: The Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs Burton)

Councillors: Callow East Gudgeon
 Leighton Nash Parsons
 Smith A R Taylor Mrs Taylor
 C S Winchcombe Mrs Winchcombe

Officers: Sarah Todhunter – Town Clerk
 Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Two

171. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 June 2008 having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

172. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Beinhorn, Evans and Mrs Evans.

173. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Taylor declared an interest in minute number 178 as a member of Wiltshire County Council.

174. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

175. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 13

None.

176. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The committee noted the list of meetings, whose minutes have been signed, held since the last meeting of the Council.

177. PROCEDURE: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO 5

It was proposed by Councillor, seconded by Councillor and RESOLVED

 THAT For the purposes of dealing with the remaining items on the agenda, Standing Order No 5 (Members to stand when speaking) be suspended.

178. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL DELEGATION OF SERVICES TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Mr Richard Munro introduced himself and outlined his role and the services that maybe delegate to the Town Council and answered members questions regarding any financial implications.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Callow and agreed

THAT the committee resolved to take this item through the forward planning process to allow more discussion.

179. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – CONSULTATION ON THE DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH AND TOWN ELECTIONS

The Council received and noted the report.

180. REPORT FOR DECISION – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2008

It was proposed by Councillor A R Taylor, seconded by Councillor Nash and agreed

THAT the Council adopt the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008.

181. REPORT FOR DECISION – CORPORATE RISK ASSESSMENT POLICY

Members requested that officers incorporate additional areas in the risk assessment policy.

It was proposed by Councillor C S Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Callow and agreed

THAT the council accepts the risk assessment policy.

182. COMMON SEAL

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Gudgeon and agreed

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or other decisions of the Council thereat.

183. QUESTION TIME

Councillor C S Winchcombe asked if members were aware of the good state of Devizes Cemetery, but asked if the opening and closing times notice on the gates could be repaired.

Mr David Dawson, the new director of the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, introduced himself and gave an informal invite to member for an open evening on 14 August where there will be an exhibition about Stonehenge.

184. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 2 members of the public were present, Mr David Dawson and Mr Jeff Ody.

185. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Leighton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Taylor and
AGREED

THAT In view of the confidential nature of the remaining exempt items of business to be considered, this is dealt with In Committee in the absence of the press and members of the public.

CHAIRMAN