

IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH
FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, FETTLIDINE ROAD, NN9 5XF

PRESENT: Councillors P Boyer, S Boyer, C Cross, J Farrar, D Maxwell, R Powell and T Walton.

ABSENT:- Councillor J Bragg

ALSO PRESENT: 3 members of the public

The Mayor welcomed everybody to the Meeting of Irthlingborough Town Council and informed members and the public that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes. She informed them that there was an opportunity for fifteen minutes public speaking with each person having an opportunity to speak for a maximum of three minutes in connection with an item on the agenda. She asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident addressed the meeting in connection with Agenda Item 108.9 To discuss a way forward for the Post Office.

The resident was concerned that Irthlingborough currently has no Post Office facilities within the town following the closure of the Irthlingborough Post Office 5 months ago. She felt that unless something is done about it Irthlingborough is in danger of losing the Post Office permanently as the Post Office will make a case saying the town had coped without it so it is not needed.

The resident had been making some enquiries. She had been informed that the Post Office were due to write to the owner of the current Post Office site and franchise holder in March. She wasn't aware that any other applications to become a franchise holder in Irthlingborough had been made.

The resident was willing for part of her premises which had in the past been the towns Post Office to be used as a Post Office again if the option was found to be viable. From her enquiries she believed the space available met the current requirements for a temporary Post Office.

Councillor D Maxwell informed members that there had been a similar problem in Ringstead but their Post Office had now reopened after 6 months.

Councillor J Farrar indicated that he understood the Post Office in town had opened 3 days last week (w/c 31.01.2022) but he personally hadn't witnessed it. He asked the resident if the Council could mention her offer in any communication the Council had with the Post Office.

The resident gave her permission.

Mayor:

Date:

The Mayor thanked her for her comments.

A gentleman wished to address the meeting. The subject he wished to raise the dangerous impact mud from the new development off of Wellingborough Road on the roads surface and driver safety was not on the agenda.

The Clerk indicated North Northants Planning Enforcement and Building Control were monitoring this development.

AGENDA

101. APOLOGIES - TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor C Collis- Neale – Family Commitment
Councillor E Hopkinson – Work Commitment
Councillor C Kearns-Gray – Health reasons

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/333 – that Councillors C Collis-Neale, E Hopkinson and C Kearns-Gray's apologies be accepted.

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS AND THE NATURE OF THOSE INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were made.

103. MINUTES

103.1 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FOR SIGNATURE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/334- that the minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting 14th December 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings

104. MATTERS ARISING

104.1 TO NOTE ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021 NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA, FOR REPORT ONLY

Page 105 Item 92 Matters Arising – Page 98 Item 85.9 TO RECEIVE A LETTER REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF A HIGH STREET STORE AND CONSIDER A RESPONSE AND ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Councillor D Maxwell, in her role as a Unitary Councillor, had approached Tesco's. She informed members that Tesco's were willing to meet with the Council.

RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/277 - that the Council request a meeting with Tesco's.

Councillor C Cross asked if the meeting with Tesco's had been arranged.

Councillor D Maxwell indicated that a meeting had not yet been arranged, she would follow it up.

Councillor C Cross addressed Councillor D Maxwell asking if she had arranged the meeting.

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor D Maxwell replied that she had contacted Tesco about the possibility of using the site. They had not responded. She felt that as Tesco's had already moved out of the town they did not wish to be involved in any discussions.

Page 108 Item 94.5 - THE PROPERTY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2021 – CLLR T WALTON

Councillor D Maxwell asked if the purchase of football nets for Crow Hill Recreation Ground had been resolved.

Councillor T Walton advised that it had.

Councillor C Cross had noticed whilst passing the Crow Hill Recreation Ground that the old football nets were still in place but were draping on the ground. She considered they were causing a hazard and asked if they could be removed as soon as possible in the interest of safety.

Page 112 **RESOLVE ITC/12(21)/312** - that the North Northants Unitary Councillors raise Irthlingborough Town Councils concerns about the poor standard of repairs carried out on the footpath outside numbers 62 to 72 High Street. It is requested that it is re-instated to golden gravel as per the original specification.

Councillor C Cross asked North Northants Unitary Councillors if there was an update.

Councillor D Maxwell said she understood Highways were dealing with it but would make further enquiries.

Page 113 - **RESOLVE ITC/12(21)/313** – that North Northants Unitary Councillor D Maxwell raises the matter with North Northants Council's Graham Lawman

Councillor C Cross asked Councillor D Maxwell if North Northants Council's Graham Lawman had agreed to deal with this.

Councillor D Maxwell apologised she had not contacted him yet.

Page 114 **RESOLVE ITC/12(21)/320** - that an official Queens Green Canopy Plaque is purchased at a cost of £85.00.

Councillor C Cross asked if the plaque had been ordered.

The Clerk confirmed the order had been placed.

Page 114 **RESOLVE ITC/12(21)/323** - that the details of the Councils decision to plant seventy oak trees to form an avenue at the Crow Hill Recreation Ground as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Jubilee is put onto the website and social media sites.

Councillor C Cross requested a council site meeting prior to the planting to agree exact location for planting.

The Clerk indicated that could be arranged.

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Page 116 – item 98 – paragraph 1 last sentence - She felt that the responsibilities of Unitary Councillors was increasing, the role had changed compared to that of a District Councillor.

Councillor C Cross said the role of a Unitary Councillor combined the previous District Councillor and County Councillor roles. Therefore, it would be expected to be lot more demanding than the old District Councillor role.

105. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS UP TO 31ST JANUARY 2022

Page 24 **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/233** – that the Clerk writes to the agent dealing with the vacant commercial unit on the corner of Church Street to ask if they would consider leasing the building free of charge to the Council for a six month period for them to use as a Northants Leather Heritage Centre
Action 21.10.21 – Email sent to Alan Hardy requesting use of unit.

21.10.21 – reply received – He is in the process of selling to a take-away food retailer, it will be empty for the next 2 months should the Council wish to use it

Councillor C Cross asked if there had been any further news.

The Clerk had not had received any further communications.

Councillor C Cross asked if the Clerk would contact them again to ask if local school childrens posters for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee could be displayed in the building if it was still empty.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/335 – that the Town Clerk's report up to the 31st January 2022 is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/336 – that the Clerk writes to the owner of the glass building in Church Street to ask if it is still unoccupied at the end of May /beginning of June, if posters designed by the pupils of local schools for the Queens Platinum Jubilee could be displayed in its windows.

106. COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES - TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

106.1 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2021 – CLLR R POWELL

Councillor R Powell informed members the meeting had considered one application and submitted a no objection response, he invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Nothing was raised.

RESOLVE ITC/22(22)/337 - that the minutes of the Planning Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 14th December 2021 were noted.

106.2 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2022 – CLLR R POWELL

Mayor:

Date:

Councillor R Powell stated five applications had been considered. The committee had submitted 2 No objection and 3 objection responses he invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Nothing was raised.

RESOLVE ITC/22(22)/338 - that the minutes of the Planning Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 were noted

106.3 THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2022 – CLLR C CROSS

Councillor C Cross gave a brief summary of matters discussed and invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Councillor J Farrar pointed out that the planters within the town had not been planted in red white and blue for the spring. As a result, page 24/25 RESOLVE **EVE/07(21)/22** – that all the Irthlingborough Town Councillors planters at the Memorial Cross and in the High Street are planted with red white and blue blooms in 2022 in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor C Cross asked for clarification as to whether this applied to the whole year or just summer.

The Clerk indicated it covered the whole year.

This would need to be changed at the next Events meeting prior to the minutes being accepted.

Members commented favourably on the fact that the rearranged Town Run now scheduled for 8th May 2022 had been publicised in more locations and earlier than the previously cancelled event which they hoped would have a positive impact.

The Clerk stated some entries had already been received.

Councillor C Cross added that local Charity Headway were also going to publicise the event on their social network channels.

RESOLVE ITC/22(22)/339 - that the minutes of the Events Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 were noted

106.4 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2022 – CLLR R POWELL

Councillor R Powell indicated one application had been considered that for a garden centre off of the A6 a No Objection response had been submitted with some points being raised. He invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Councillor D Maxwell highlighted full details were not yet available from North Northants Planning, but she thought the application was positive for the town.

RESOLVE ITC/22(22)/340 - that the minutes of the Planning Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 were noted

Mayor:

Date:

106.5 THE PROPERTY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2022 – CLLR T WALTON

The Admin Assistant apologised for the minutes in the pack having the wrong date on, the original had already amended.

Councillor T Walton invited questions in connection with the minutes.

Page 14 **RESOLVE P&S/01(22)/61** – that Unitary Councillor R Powell raises the Council's concerns: -

i) that North Northants Council cut the hedgerows along highways they don't appear to litter pick them.

ii) that the document does not contain a campaign to discourage litter.

- Councillor C Cross highlighted the term Highway did not just mean the road but incorporated the paths verges and hedgerows too.

Councillor D Maxwell understood the problem was that there just wasn't enough litter pickers saying that it is a never ending problem county wide. Areas are litter picked but it may be months until the teams visit that location again. Some areas have a higher priority than others.

Page 15 Item 49. TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND HAVE A PLAN REGARDING ENSURING PUBLIC ACCESS IS POSSIBLE TO THEM. – Councillor C Cross wished to commend two of the town's footpath wardens John Comont and his wife for their work on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVE ITC/22(22)/341 - that the minutes of the Property and Services Committee, meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 were noted

107. FINANCE MATTERS



**IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN
COUNCIL**

Cashbook Payments

December 2021

Bank No.	Supplier	Description	Total
			£
204	DLP Planning	Preparation of Draft NP Policy	2,616.00
			£
254	North Northants Council	Grounds Maintenance September	7,341.96
			£
255	Zephyr	Parsons Green Annual Visit	354.00
			£
256	North Northants Council	Works Maintenance September	46.49

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Date:

			£
257	Wave	Water Rates Offices	45.98
			£
258	Wave	Water Rates Community Centre	93.64
			£
259	Wave	Water Rates Public Conveniences	111.52
			£
260	Welford	Christmas Trees	1,400.00
			£
261	Tanya Chirimuta	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5964	50.00
			£
262	Kimberley Foster	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5968	50.00
			£
263	Sarah York	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5982	50.00
			£
264	Jordan Davis	Refund of Deposit Invoice 5983	50.00
			£
265	Clarendon	Water heater Pavilion + Various	732.00
			£
266	British Gas	Parsons Green	9.93
			£
267	Clean4Shaw	Cleaning of public toilets	879.60
			£
269	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath and Donation	100.00
			£
270	Webb House	Monthly Payroll Services	27.11
			£
268	Irthlingborough Youth Club	Donation to assist with new equipment	200.00
			£
271	Tracey Flute	Refund of deposit Inv 5997	50.00
			£
272	Hayley Batts	Refund of deposit Inv 6015	50.00
			£
273	Raunds Temperance Band	Irthlingborough Market	400.00
			£
274	Malcolm Thomas	Remote maintenance of network	150.00
			£
275	SLCC	Membership fee HS	234.00
			£
276	Microshade	Hosting Rialtas & Pear mapping	80.40
			£
277	E-On UK PLC	Unmetered Supplies November	475.70
			£
278	Clarendon	Various Office R&M	1,281.60
			£
279	DATS Printing Services	Market Banners	94.80

Mayor:

Date:

			£
281-6	Staff Wages	Monthly Salaries	8,799.77
			£
287	HMRC	P32 PAYE & NI contributions	2,936.68
			£
288	NCC Pensions Account	Pension Contributions	3,635.93
			£
289	Community Heartbeat	Annual Support Cost year 2	198.00
			£
290	LOLT	Refund of deposit Inv 6017	50.00
			£
291	H Gwamatsa	Refund in full of invoice 6016	250.00
			£
DD	Cheaper Waste	Cemetery 660 litre bin	70.20
			£
DD	Pozitive Energy	CC Gas	578.92
			£
DD	SSE	CC Electricity	616.11
			£
DD	SSE	Pavilion	123.22
			£
DD	SSE	Toilets Electricity	4,064.31
			£
DD	Shire Leasing	Photocopier Lease - 2nd Payment	511.92
			£
DD	O2	Office Mobile Phone	56.77
			£
DD	Nat West	Monthly bank charges for previous month	25.16
			£
DD	Nat West	Monthly Bankline Charges	16.80
			£
DD	NW Business Credit	Various - Postage & Zoom	22.19
			£
		Expenditure	£ 36,314.71
			£
Donations	Budget balance at 31/12/21	N/C 4295	2,946.00



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Cashbook Payments

January 2022

Mayor:

Date:

Bank No.	Supplier	Description	Total
			£
280	Cheaper Waste	Community Centre 660 litre Bin	73.76
			£
292	SLCC	Membership fee AD	349.00
			£
293	Irthl. Old Peoples Welfare Assoc.	£225 agreed at Full Council	225.00
			£
294	Candocare Co-op CIC	£225 agreed at Full Council	225.00
			£
295	Historical Society	£200 to cover Remembrance shortfall	200.00
			£
296	Malcolm Thomas	Infrastructure Upgrade	1,854.00
			£
297	Amazon	Church Path signage	13.76
			£
298	Webb House	Monthly Payroll Services	27.11
			£
299	Amazon	IT USB Connectors	76.28
			£
300	Amazon	Laptop bag	21.05
			£
301	Northants Testing	Electrical PAT Testing	108.00
			£
302	All Aspects Tree Services	Tree works	774.00
			£
303	Colemans	Stationery	69.17
			£
304	Clean4Shaw	Cleaning of public toilets	879.60
			£
305	British Gas	Parsons Green	11.91
			£
306	Wilson Browne Solicitors	Legal Fees - v Persimmon Homes	2,736.00
			£
307	Sarah Price	Refund of Deposit Invoice 6012 15.01.22	42.50
			£
308	North Northants Council	Election Costs	8,524.44
			£
309	Crimesecure	CCTV FEBRUARY to APRIL	4,440.00
			£
310	Microshade	Hosting Rialtas & Pear mapping	80.40
			£
311	Amazon	Dell 24 Inch Full HD (1920 x 1080) Monitor	109.00
			£
312	Balfour Beatty	Christmas Decorations	7,152.24

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Date:

			£
313	Malcolm Thomas	Remote maintenance of network	150.00
			£
314	E-On Energy Solutions	Street Lighting Maintenance	162.02
			£
315	Ady Pendred	Covid 19 Tree marker & Mayors honours board	144.00
			£
316	Amazon	Face Mask * 100	99.95
			£
317	Smiths Fire	Annual Fire Alarm & Emergency Lighting Service	564.00
			£
318	E-On Energy Solutions	Replacement bulb	28.16
			£
319	N-Power	Unmetered supplies December	596.58
320		Next payments list	
			£
321-6	Staff Wages	Monthly Salaries	8,630.15
			£
327	HMRC	P32 PAYE & NI contributions	2,799.25
			£
328	NCC Pensions Account	Pension Contributions	3,547.58
			£
DD	Cheaper Waste	Cemetery 660 litre bin	77.22
			£
DD	O2	Office Mobile Phone	54.14
			£
DD	Pozitive Energy	Gas Community Centre - Previous month	459.41
			£
DD	Nat West	Monthly bank charges for previous month	12.95
			£
DD	Nat West	Monthly Bankline Charges	15.20
			£
DD	NW Business Credit	Various - Postage & Zoom	103.27
		Expenditure	£ 45,436.10
			£
Donations	Budget balance at 31/01/22	N/C 4295	2,296.00

107.1 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022

A member asked what item 255 Zephyr Parsons Green Annual visit £354.00 was.

Mayor:

Date:

The Clerk stated it was the annual flag pole safety inspection.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/342 - to approve the Accounts for payment for December 2021 and January 2022

107.2 TO APPROVE THE BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS UP TO 31ST JANUARY 2022

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/343 - to approve the Bank Account Reconciliations up to 31st January 2022

107.3 TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE UP TO 31ST JANUARY 2022

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/344 - to approve the Statement of income and expenditure up to 31st January 2022

107.4 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE INTERNAL CONTROL AUDIT REPORT DATED DECEMBER 2021

The internal Audit report was tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/345 - that the Internal Control Audit Report dated December 2021 is received and noted.

107.5 TO CONSIDER NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HIGHWAYS OFFER REGARDING THE URBAN HIGHWAY GRASS MOWING CONTRACT FOR 2022

Councillor T Walton asked the Clerk if she was right in thinking the verge cutting formed part of the Grounds Maintenance contract.

The Clerk replied that as this offer has always been accepted this allows the verges to be managed by the Town Council as part of the Ground Maintenance Contract.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/346 - that the North Northamptonshire Highways urban highway grass mowing contract for 2022 season of £1311.94 is accepted.

108. AGENDA ITEMS

108.1 COVID-19: ACTION TAKEN BY IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

I) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY IRTHLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL IN THE LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS AND TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

Councillor D Maxwell questioned the need for the Council to continue with the additional clean at the Public Conveniences.

The Clerk advised that it was still within six months of the Councils last resolve relating to the cleaning of the Public Conveniences.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/347 - that the update on actions being taken by Irthlingborough Town Council in the light of Coronavirus is received and noted

Mayor:

Date:

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/348 – that the Councils Risk Assessment be brought to the next Full Town Council meeting on 8th March 2022 for amendment in light of the changes to restrictions.

108.2 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING WITH REGARDS TO **RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/275**:

I) A VERBAL REPORT FROM CLLR KEARNS-GRAY FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH HUXLOW SCHOOL

Councillor C Kearns-Gray had sent her apologies. She had spoken to Councillor J Farrar and indicated she was quite happy with the email report Councillor R Powell had received from the school. It gave a good account of the meeting.

II) EMAILS BETWEEN CLLR POWELL AND THE HEADTEACHER OF HUXLOW SCHOOL

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/349 - that the emails which included a report from the meeting with Huxlow School with regard to **RESOLVE ITC/11(21)/275** are received and noted.

The school had indicated as part of its ongoing improvements it needed to improve CCTV coverage across the whole school site.

During discussions members suggested some funding sources the school may be able to access.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/350 – that the Council writes to Huxlow School suggesting some sources they may be able to obtain help to fund new/extended CCTV coverage across the whole school site.

108.3 TO CONSIDER THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL LINE TO BE INSTALLED AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES TO SERVICE THE FIRE/SECURITY ALARM

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/351 - that it is agreed to install an additional line at the Council Offices to service the fire/security alarm at a cost of £99 installation and an ongoing monthly cost of £16.50.

108.4 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/237** AND CONSIDER INVITING MR BARBER TO GIVE A PRESENTATION DETAILING THE VAS SCHEME

Members found the information helpful and felt a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) would be a positive addition for the town.

It was proposed that Mr Barber be invited to give a presentation to the Council.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/352 - that the update to **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/237** is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/353 - that Mr Barber is invited to give a presentation detailing the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Scheme at the beginning of a future Full Town Council meeting.

108.5 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO **RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/228** AND NOMINATE CLLRS TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PLANS FOR THE IRTHLINGBOROUGH SECTION OF THE RIVER NENE

RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/228 – that the Clerk arranges a meeting with the Wildlife Trust, Rockingham Forest Trust - who run Stanwick Lakes, the Chester House Estate and the Crown Estates who run Rushden Lakes to establish their plans for the River Nene particularly the Irthlingborough Section.

Mayor:

Date:

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/354- that the update to RESOLVE ITC/10(21)/228, is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/355 - that Councillors S Boyer and R Powell are nominated to attend the meeting with the Wildlife Trust, Rockingham Forest Trust, the Chester House Estate and Crown Estates to discuss the plans for the Irthlingborough section of the River Nene.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/356 – that feedback from the meeting is brought to a future Full Town Council meeting.

108.6 TO RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF THE HIGH STREET LOCALITY GRANT – CLLR C CROSS

Councillor C Cross's report stated the grant was worth £15,000. Herself and the Clerk had spoken to a gentleman from Locality and have a zoom meeting scheduled for the 11th February to finalise the vision/proposal. Hopeful the application will be successful. She had also listed some ideas put forward and had invited members to bring any additional ideas to the meeting.

Members discussed the need to bring new business into the High Street.

It was felt the ideas proposed would not in themselves bring new business into the High Street but, by improving the appearance of the High Street, Irthlingborough would be projecting a positive attitude. It was hoped businesses would be more inclined to set up if the High Street looked more appealing.

It was sad that Irthlingborough's High Street, like many others country wide was changing. The closing of the Tesco Express had been disappointing.

Councillor T Walton wished that the Councils appreciation for all the work Councillor C Cross was putting in to be noted.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/357 - that Councillor C Cross's report regarding the progress of the High Street Locality Grant is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/358 – that the Council agree to the submission of the proposal outlined in Councillor C Cross's report to the High Street Locality Grant.

108.7 TO AGREE A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING FROM 19TH APRIL 2022 TO 22ND MARCH 2022

The Clerk suggested a different date of Thursday 24th March 2022 as Planning and Property and Services Committee meetings were already scheduled for the 22nd March 2022

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/359 - that it is agreed to change the date for the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting from 19th April 2022 to Thursday 24th March 2022

108.8 TO RECEIVE CHANGES TO PAGES 1, 2, 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF THE MODEL STANDING ORDERS (2020 REVISIONS) AND AGREE TO ADOPT

Mayor:

Date:

The Clerk explained that due to an oversight the Standing Orders had not been changed to include changes made in 2020.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/360 - that the changes to pages 1, 2, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of THE MODEL STANDING ORDERS (2020 REVISIONS) are received and adopted.

108.9 TO DISCUSS A WAY FORWARD FOR THE POST OFFICE – CLLR CROSS

Councillor C Cross thanked the member of the public who had spoken earlier for her comments.

Irthlingborough is a town with approximately 9000 residents, it needs a Post Office provision.

Some towns had found other solutions, Irchester had a mobile Post office visit once a week. Some Post Offices have become sorting offices too, to bring in more revenue.

In light of the information provided regarding the Post Office writing to the current franchise holder in March, members felt they should wait for the outcome of that letter.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/361 – that the Council waits to see what the outcome of the Post Offices letter to the current Post Office premises and franchise holder is before deciding on what further action to take.

109. CORRESPONDENCE & REQUESTS

109.1 TO ENGAGE WITH THE NORTHANTS CALC ASSET MAPPING PROJECT (AMP)

I) TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT AIMS

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/362 - that the details of the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) are received and noted.

II) TO APPOINT AN AMP WORKING GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE TEMPLATE ATTACHED

Terms of Reference for an AMP Working Group had been supplied by NCALC

Working Group to consist of no fewer than three people one of whom should be an Officer and will make recommendations to the Council.

Report from each meeting will be prepared and will be circulated to all members and officers of the Council AND will be published on the Councils website.

The Working Party should complete their final report by 31st March 2022

North Northants AMP were offering a free Briefing 12noon to 1pm Wednesday 9th February 2022 for clerks and councillors about the project.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/363 - that an Asset Mapping Project (AMP) Working Group with membership comprising of The Clerk and Councillors S Boyer and J Farrar is appointed.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/364 - that The Clerk registers for the free briefing Wednesday 9th February 2022 North Northants AMP 12noon to 1pm.

Mayor:

Date:

III) TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE GRANT OFFER OF £825.32

A Grant based on £200 plus 9 pence per elector was being offered to participating Councils.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/365 - that the grant of £825.32 to assist with costs of engaging with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) is accepted.

109.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILS HOUSING AND ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (HELAA) CALL FOR SITES

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/366 - that the North Northamptonshire Councils Housing and Economic Land availability assessment (HELAA) call for sites is received.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/367 – that the Council obtain a copy of the previously identified sites discussed at the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/368 – that the North Northamptonshire Councils Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) call for sites is brought back to the next Full Town Council Meeting on the 8th March 2022 for further discussion.

109.3 TO RECEIVE A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE STREET DAY CENTRE

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/369 - that the thank you letter from the Irthlingborough Old Peoples Welfare Association College Street Centre is received and noted.

109.4 TO RECEIVE A CONSULTATION FROM NNC FOR AN ENHANCED PLAN AND SCHEME UNDER THE BUS SERVICES ACT 2017

North Northants Council were offering a webinar on Wednesday 16th February 2022 to allow consultees to understand more about the proposals and ask questions before submitting responses.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/370 - that the consultation from North Northamptonshire Council for an Enhanced Plan and Scheme under the Bus Services act 2017 is received.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/371 – that Councillors C Cross and D Maxwell work together to draft a response on behalf of the Council. The draft is to be submitted to the Clerk for circulation to all members for approval prior to being submitted to North Northants Council.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/372 – that Councillors C Cross and D Maxwell register for the North Northants Councils' webinar on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 6pm

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/373 - that the meeting be extended until 10.00pm in accordance with Standing Orders Meetings 3W.

110. NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL MATTERS

110.1 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR'S K HARRISON, D MAXWELL AND R POWELL

Mayor:

Date:

Unitary Councillor K Harrison was not present and no report had been received.

Councillor D Maxwell informed members of some controversy regarding the Council Garden waste bins. Residents in the old East Northamptonshire District had an option to pay for this as an additional service. Whereas residents of Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough Districts were provided with a garden waste service free of charge. This is being looked into with a view to a new Unitary wide policy being made.

Councillor D Maxwell notified members that precept increases of £10 for the Police element and £5 for the Fire Service element had been agreed.

Councillor D Maxwell also highlighted that some issues had arisen in the education department during COVID-19 regarding Communication. Officers had been making decisions but the information had not been reaching the Head Teachers. This was being investigated.

Councillor R Powell provided an update on the Community Hub project. The corporate strategy indicated that the most probable sites to be used would be the existing libraries. With this in mind options, appraisals, workshops, feasibility studies and resident surveys would be carried out. These would be funded by Government and crowd funding.

Councillor R Powell advised members that planning application 48 High Street had gone before the Area Planning Committee. Both himself and Councillor D Maxwell had objected but, unfortunately their objections had been overruled.

110.2 TO RECEIVE THE "LEADERS UPDATE" NEWSLETTER

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/374 - that the "Leaders Update" Newsletter dated 7th January 2022 is received and noted.

110.3 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO **RESOLVE ITC/09(21)/178** RE: TARMACKING OF THE CAR PARK – CLLR D MAXWELL

RESOLVE ITC/09(21)/178 – that Councillor D Maxwell continues to investigate the possibility of an arrangement between North Northants Unitary Council and Carnell's to tarmac the new area of the car park recently purchased by the Town Council. Councillor D Maxwell to keep the Clerk informed at all times.

Councillor D Maxwell indicated that she had been informed the offer had been withdrawn as the project details and necessary permissions had not been agreed/received within the A45 Chowns Mill Improvement scheme timescale.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/375 - that the update to **RESOLVE ITC/09(21)/178** re: tarmacking of the car park from Cllr D Maxwell is received and noted.

111. POLICE/PUBLIC ORDER MATTERS

111.1 TO RECEIVE THE LATEST CRIME FIGURES FROM WWW.STREETCHECK.CO.UK AND WWW.POLICE.UK

Mayor:

Date:

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/376- that the crime figures for November and December 2021 sourced from the Streetcheck and police.UK websites were received and noted

111.2 TO RECEIVE THE CCTV REPORTS FROM CRIMESECURE FOR DECEMBER 2021 AND UP TO 19TH JANUARY 2022

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/377 - that the CCTV report for December 2021 and up to 19th January 2022 was received and noted.

111.3 TO RECEIVE THE CRIME AND POLICING UPDATES

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/378 - that the Crime and Policing updates were received and noted

111.4 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FOLLOWING THE SOUTH JOINT ACTION GROUP (JAG) MEETING OF RUSHDEN, HIGHAM FERRERS AND IRTHLINGBOROUGH HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2022 – CLLR J FARRAR

Councillor J Farrar had attended the zoom meeting in Councillor J Grays absence. He had found the meeting useful, a good feeder for Councils. The Police had been asked about the lack of Officers on the beat. The Police had indicated that this was due to a lack of resources. There had been an uplift in burglaries and knife crime throughout Northamptonshire. The Police had asked Councils to be proactive. They asked what Councils were doing in relation to the current focuses of drug dealing/misuse, road safety/traffic offences and burglaries? He had reported actions Irthlingborough had taken and other projects they were currently working on.

Councillor T Walton asked if the Police had given a reason for the uplift in burglaries.

Councillor D Maxwell had discussed this during a meeting with the Police. It was felt that since coming out of lockdown people have become more trusting of people coming to the door. The Police had been asked to give more information to residents and a policy of how the Police were going to tackle the problem had been agreed.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/379 - that the verbal report following the South Joint Action Group (JAG) meeting of Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough held on the 21st January 2022 is received.

I) TO RECEIVE THE EAST NORTHANTS NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES SURVEY OUTCOME: SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2021

As a result of the survey Drug Dealing and Drug Misuse, Road Safety and Traffic Offences and Burglary have been adopted as priorities until the end of March 2022.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/380 - that the East Northants Neighbourhood Team locally identified priorities survey outcome September – December 2021 is received and noted.

111.5 TO RECEIVE THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PFCC JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Mayor:

Date:

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/381- that the Northamptonshire PFCC January 2022 Newsletter is received and noted.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 (2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS LEAVE THE ROOM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

RESOLVE ITC/22(22)/382 – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature to be transacted

112. AGENDA ITEMS

112.1 TO RECEIVE THE RESPONSE FROM THE APPOINTED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE S106 AGREEMENT FOR EBBW VALE ROAD

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/383- that the response from the appointed legal representative in connection with the S106 agreement for Ebbw Vale Road is received and noted.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/384 – that the Council agree to additional expenditure of up to £2000 for further legal assistance.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/385 – that the Council ask their solicitor to write to Persimmons Homes on their behalf in line with requests and stipulations agreed.

112.2 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A QUOTATION FROM A SPECIALIST MINING COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF A STRUCTURAL REPORT

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/386 - that the quotation from a specialist Mining Company to carry out a desk study and walkover report is received and noted.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 (2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, FOLLOWING THE TRANSACTION OF THE ABOVE BUSINESS THE MEETING IS OPENED TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVE ITC/02(22)/387 – that the meeting is opened as the confidential business has been transacted

Date of the next scheduled meeting is 8th March 2022 at the Community Centre, Fettleline Road, NN9 5XF

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Mayor:

Date: