

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Leominster Town Council Meeting held on Monday 26th June 2017 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors R Pendleton (Mayor), Bartlett (Deputy Mayor), Burke, Davies, Freedland, Lacey, Marsh, Norman, A Pendleton, Rosser, Rumsey and Thomas.

OFFICER PRESENT: Town Clerk.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members observed a minutes silence in memory of Ex-Mayor, Mr Dennis Sansom, and the previous Sergeant at Arm of 20 years standing, Mr Dennis Wright, who recently passed away.

41/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Barton (holiday), Herschy (holiday) and Preece (illness)

42/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

43/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

44/17 END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS 2016/17

- (a) **Annual Governance Statement** – Council considered the Annual Governance Statement presented and, following consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Rosser, seconded by Cllr Rumsey and **RESOLVED** to formally adopt the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17. The Statement was duly signed by the Mayor and Clerk/RFO.
- (b) **Annual End of Year Accounts** – Council considered the 2016/17 End of Year accounts presented.

Following consideration it was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Davies and **RESOLVED** to formally approve the 2016/17 End of Year accounts. The Accounts were duly signed by the Mayor and Clerk/RFO.

45/17 CODE OF CONDUCT

Council considered the revised Herefordshire Council Code of Conduct and noted that the Herefordshire Association of Local Councils had advised member parish councils not to adopt the new Code of Conduct which Herefordshire Council had adopted for its own Ward Councillors.

Following consideration it was proposed by Cllr Freedland, seconded by Cllr Marsh and **RESOLVED** that Leominster Town Council formally adopts the new Code of Conduct.

The main changes to the new Code were as follows:

The main changes to the code are:

- Simplified framework;
- Gifts and hospitalities now formed part of the register of interests and had reduced to £20;
- A new description of registrable interests known as schedule 2 interests;
- Other declarable interests had been simplified clarifying that if such an interest arises there was a requirement to leave the room and not participate.

It was agreed that the new register of interests forms be requested from Herefordshire Council and completed by all members.

There being no other business, the Mayor thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19:20 hours.

MAYOR

DATE: