# Minutes of Wotton-under-Edge Town Council Extraordinary Meeting

#  Monday 10th January 2022 at 7pm held in the Civic Centre

## Present: Cllrs R Claydon, M Tucker, P Barton, J Cordwell, T Luker, D Thomas, J Turner, L Taylor

## In attendance: A Durn (Town Clerk); one member of the public.

## T.6437 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllrs T Creese, R Hale, D Davidson, J Lewis, N Pinnegar.

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##  T.6438 To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

It was RESOLVED to grant dispensation with regard to planning application S.21/2921/TCA St Mary’s Church, Culverhay - T24 Norway Maple – Removal & reduction of limbs overhanging adjacent property.

## T.6439 Minutes of the Meeting of 20th December 2021

It was **resolved to** approve the Minutes of the meeting of 20th December 2021.

## T.6440 Public Forum

There were no comments raised.

## T.6441 Accounts

To discuss external funding and agree actions

Gloucestershire County Council Build Back Better Market Towns Fund: A bid had been submitted which has had to be reduced due to the Fund being over-subscribed. The decision would be made on 17th January 2022.

Welcome Back Fund (WBF): the next deadline is 29th January 2022.

The Chairman invited the member of the public to speak regarding his proposal for a farmer’s market. There was a discussion on the town’s Markets Charter, licenses. He was advised to contact Stroud District Council for further advice.

It was RESOLVED to delegate the WBF bid to the Clerk with Cllrs T Creese and M Tucker.

## T.6442 Health & Safety

To receive the Health and Safety assessment report and agree actions

## T.6443 COVID Arrangements

To discuss the impact of COVID and Council arrangements.

The hire agreements and risk assessments had been updated. It was suggested that staff be included as well as contractors regarding the cleaning.

It was RESOLVED to agree to the updated hire agreements and risk assessments for each building.

## T.6444 Christmas Trees

To consider a request from Wotton Lions regarding the future procurement of Christmas trees for the town.

This item was deferred.

## T.6445 Tree Stump, Marchesi Walk

To receive an update on the horse chestnut tree stump and agree actions

This item was deferred

## T.6446 Regeneration Projects and the Levelling Up Fund

To discuss projects for submission to Stroud District Council

There was a lengthy discussion on the request from Stroud District Council, the Levelling Up Fund, and projects. The Clerk and Cllr D Thomas had written to Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP and were waiting for a response.

It was RESOLVED to submit project forms for the Synwell development car park, installation of e-vehicle charge points in the 2 car parks, installation of the OK Path lighting, solar panel for the new car park, solar PV installation on buildings, and environment and biodiversity projects.

## T.6447 Consultations – Gloucestershire County Council

To agree responses to the consultation on Pharmacies.

The Council reviewed and discussed responses each question in the consultation.

It was RESOLVED to submit the responses.

## T.6448 Planning Decisions

To note the planning decision for S.21/2921/TCA St Marys Church, Culverhay – T24 Norway Maple – Removal and reduction of limbs overhanging adjacent property

The decision was noted.

## T.6449 EXEMPT ITEMS: Prior to consideration of the following agenda items, councillors are invited to pass the following resolution: Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by S100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that its consideration would involve the disclosure of exempt information

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the Press and public.

**T.6450 To discuss the request for acquisition of land and agree actions**

There was a lengthy discussion on the site visit. There needed to be further investigations regarding queries raised.

It was RESOLVED to investigate further when staff capacity allowed and to inform the requestor.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm