

# KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

A Meeting of the Knowsley Town Council was held on Thursday 21 October 2021, in Room One, Community Pavilion, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

**Councillors:-** D J Baum (Mayor of the Town Council), J Donnelly (Deputy Mayor)  
B Donnelly, K Gregory, N Joseph, C Milne, L O'Keeffe,

**Officers:** Heather Weightman (Clerk of the Council)  
Jane Thomas (Deputy Clerk of the Council)

### **APOLOGIES**

**Councillors:** V Boateng, M Seed, I Smith, B Thompson, L Tomlinson

### **ABSENT**

**Councillors:** None.

#### **84. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Questions had been received from a resident of Knowsley Village. However, he could not attend the meeting due to a medical emergency and requested the Clerk of the Council to ask if his questions could be put at the November meeting of the Town Council.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the questions received from a resident of Knowsley Village be deferred to the November meeting of the Town Council.

#### **85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A declaration of interest relating to Agenda Item 10 - Planning Notifications was received from Cllr D J Baum.

#### **86. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 September 2021, be agreed as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

#### **87. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** (by members of the Committee) that the minutes of the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on Thursday 26 August 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** (by members of the Committee) that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 26 August 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**88. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Joseph informed members that community groups from Stockbridge Village had been successful in their bids for funding from the new Better Together fund. The groups included Stockbridge Village Ramblers and Stockbridge Amateur Boxing Club.

Cllr J Donnelly informed members that Stockbridge Amateur Boxing Club had thanked the Town Council for its support.

Members were informed by Cllr Joseph that Stockbridge Health Centre were accepting appointments via the website for free flu jabs to the over 50's and the over 18's with complex medical needs on the 23 October 2021.

**89. UPDATES FOR INCLUSION ON TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE**

There were no updates for inclusion on the website.

**90. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor informed members that a request for the use of the Pavilion on Monday 25 October 2021 had been declined due to staffing issues.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would open the building if it was still required and Cllr Joseph volunteered to man the building until the Caretaker could start his shift.

**91. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

**Anti-Social Behaviour - Knowsley Village**

Members were informed by the Clerk of the Council about the recent anti-social behaviour that had taken place at the Bob Whiley Community Centre in Knowsley Village. Graffiti had been daubed on the MUGA, the wall in the Car park and the sign in the Recreation Ground. Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council had agreed to remove the graffiti on behalf of the Town Council. The graffiti had been reported to Merseyside Police.

A caretaker had been threatened by a knife whilst on duty at the Bob Whiley Community Centre. The incident had been reported to Merseyside Police and a public notice had been issued informing the local community of the incident and requesting their help by reporting anti-social behaviour to Merseyside Police.

Members stated that the safety of staff and users must come first in relation to anti-social or threatening behaviour.

Members stated that other agencies have the resources to tackle anti-social behaviour and that the Town Council will offer support, where possible, but it was very limited.

It was requested that a letter be sent to the three Knowsley Borough Councillors representing Knowsley Village informing them of the issues and asking for their help and support in dealing with the issue.

The installation of the CCTV in the area will be discussed at the next meeting of the General Purposes and Community Grants Committee to be held on 26 October 2021.

### **Flood Lighting - MUGA - Knowsley Village**

The Clerk of the Council informed members that the floodlighting situated at the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Recreation Ground, Knowsley Village was now installed and working. The lights are on a timer and come on at 4 pm and go off at 10 pm as per the original planning permission.

The Deputy Clerk informed members that she had received a complaint from a resident of the nearby apartments requesting that the floodlighting be switched off by 9 pm as his wife works as a nurse and the lights and the noise was disturbing her sleep.

It was agreed by members that the lights could be switched off at 9 pm and that the timing of the lights be discussed at the next meeting of the General Purposes and Community Grants Committee to be held on 26 October 2021.

### **Partition Doors - Bob Whiley Community Centre**

Members were informed by the Clerk of the Council that the partition doors in the Bob Whiley Community Centre would be replaced on Friday 26 November 2021. It would only take a day to carry out the work and the Centre is not in use on that date.

Members welcomed the news that the doors would be replaced and requested that the manufacturers leave the original doors on the premises.

### **Complaint From Resident - Knowsley Village**

The Clerk of the Council informed members that a complaint had been received from a resident in Knowsley Village relating to falling leaves and tree roots encroaching on her property that borders Knowsley Recreation Ground.

Following discussion, it was agreed that there was nothing the Town Council could do as the trees are healthy. The complaint will be forwarded to the three Town Councillors for the ward.

(**NOTE:** that in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct, Cllr D J Baum (Mayor of the Council) declared an interest in the next Item, left the room, did not take part in any discussion and did not vote Thereon).

In the absence of the Mayor, Cllr J Donnelly (Deputy Mayor) took the chair for the following item.

## **92. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered by members:

21/00696	FUL	21/00709	TCA	21/00712	FUL
21/00664	FUL	210760	FUL		

Following discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that members had no objections to the above planning applications.

The Mayor returned to the meeting and took the chair for the remaining items.

**93. DISPENSATION - CLLR B THOMPSON**

Members were informed that a request had been received from Cllr B Thompson to be granted a dispensation relating to her attendance at Town Council and Committee Meetings due to ill health

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a six month dispensation be granted from 21 October 2021 to Cllr B Thompson relating to her attendance at Town Council and Committee Meetings due to ill health.

**94. AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Members considered the report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021. Members noted that there were no issues raised by the External Auditor and following consideration, it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021 be accepted and approved.

The Clerk of the Council thanked the Deputy Clerk for the work undertaken by her in preparing the accounts for audit.

**95. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2021**

Members considered the details relating to Remembrance Sunday Services within the township.

Members were informed that there would not be a Remembrance Sunday Service in Stockbridge Village this year, alternatively, a Service of Remembrance would be held on Thursday 11th November 2021(Armistice Day).

Members stated that they were not happy that no service will be held on Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021 in Stockbridge Village.

The Mayor informed members that it was the 100 year anniversary of the erection of the war memorial in Knowsley Village and also the 100 year anniversary of the Poppy Appeal. The vicar of St Mary's Church in Knowsley Village would make reference to the 100 year anniversary of the erection of the war memorial during the Remembrance Service.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D J Baum (Mayor), Cllr B Donnelly and Cllr N Joseph would lay a wreath on Sunday 14th November at the newly erected memorial in Stockbridge Village and would then lay a wreath at the war memorial in Knowsley Village.

**The meeting closed  
at 8.25 p.m.**

**Dated: 21 October 2021**

**Signed .....**

**Cllr D J Baum  
Mayor of the Town Council**

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