

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 23rd JULY 2009

PRESENT: Cllr C Borastero (Mayor)
Cllrs D Anderson, L Byrne, M Brandon, T Butt Philip,
S Davies, N Kennedy, J North, J Parkes, C Price,
T Robbins and H Siggs.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

INFORMAL SESSION

The Mayor welcomed Rev Prebendary Julian Smith as her Chaplain and handed him the City Scarf. He then led the Council in prayers for a vision of the land as God would make it and for the inspiration and courage to begin to build that land in the City.

Mrs Siddons asked if the City Council had made any final decision about the transfer of the Recreation Ground Trust to which the answer was no and whether a final payment had been made for the Town Hall Buildings toilet refurbishment to which the answer was yes.

FORMAL SESSION

09/063C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The apologies received from Cllrs Osman, Robertson and Unwin were noted. Cllr Nicholas did not attend.

09/064C DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

09/065C REPORT FROM POLICE

PS Page reported on progress in highway matters. The driver training scheme was still in preparation. PCSO Donna Williams reported on a general reduction in crime and a crime reduction initiative in Wells Market.

09/066C MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL held on Thursday 11th June 2009.

Cllr Kennedy moved the adoption of the minutes which was unanimously **resolved**

09/067C CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the correspondence that they had received. They particularly recorded the letters relating to parking at Priory Health Park and the weight restriction on Mendip roads.

09/068C REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Price reported on the installation of lights at the football club.

Cllr Siggs reported on the County intention to deliver no increase in Council Tax next year which, coupled with a reduction in Government grants presented a funding challenge.

Cllr Brandon reported on the completion of the staff restructuring at Mendip.

- 09/069C** **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Tuesday 16th June 2009 and Thursday 16th July 2009.
Cllr Robbins presented the minutes and moved their adoption which was **resolved**.
- 09/070C** **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on Thursday 18th June 2009, Thursday 2nd July 2009 and Thursday 16th July 2009.
Cllr Kennedy presented the minutes and moved their adoption as necessary which was **resolved**.
- 09/071C** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WELLS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 8th July 2009.
Cllr Brandon presented the minutes and moved their adoption which was **resolved**.
- 09/072C** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 8th July 2009.
Cllr Price presented the minutes and moved their adoption. Cllr Robertson was not present to report on **09/020CC**.
- 09/073C** **ITEM FOR URGENT REPORT**
Cllr Butt Philip presented a picture of the Hotel de Ville in Paray le Monial from former Cllr Baron.
Cllr Kennedy drew attention to the blocked gullies in the High Street which would be drawn to the attention of the appropriate authority.