



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD ON WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY 2024 AT 19:00**

Present:

Cllr S Buck (Chair), Cllr S Hayes (Vice Chair), Cllr J Bendell, Cllr L Anderson, Cllr J Bendell, Cllr M Cooper, Cllr S Dhaliwal, Cllr J Headington, Cllr J Hyde, Cllr D Matthews, Cllr L Miller, Cllr B Saunders, Cllr J Talbot, Cllr N Venneear and Cllr B Woods

Also present:

E. Payne - Town Clerk

290/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Accept apologies

291/24 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of Members Interests. There were the following requests for dispensations:

- a) Cllr Headington – an allotment tenant and member of Stotfold Bowls Club, for the duration of his tenure as a Town Councillor.
- b) Cllr Talbot – an allotment tenant (Common Road) and a hirer of the Memorial Hall as Chairman of Stotfold Good Neighbour Group for the duration of his tenure as a Town Councillor.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

Grant the dispensations.

292/24 PUBLIC SECTION

There were no members of the public present.

293/24 MEMBERS ON OTHER AUTHORITIES

Cllrs Woodfine and Wightwick had offered their apologies. Cllr Woodfine had reported via the Town Clerk on the consultation for the Local Plan which is currently open.

294/24 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members were advised that Governance & Resources Committee meeting held on 24 July 2024 had recommended the appointment of an internal auditor and due to the time sensitive nature of the item, it had been brought forward to this meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Appoint Parish and Town Auditing Services as Stotfold Town Council's Internal Auditor for a period of 1 year, to be extended to a total of three years by mutual consent.



295/24 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

It was **RESOLVED**:

That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

293/24.1 Christmas Lights Tender

Members received proposals for the installation of Christmas lights in Stotfold. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Appoint High Level Electrical as the Christmas Lights Contractor for 2024-2029 subject to a further meeting where the scheme is agreed.

293/24.2 Library Lease

Members were advised that the lease has yet to be agreed by CBC's solicitors and was not available for signing. For the sake of expediency, it was **RESOLVED** to:

Delegate the signing of the library and café leases to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

294/24.3 Café Lease

See above.

295/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Extra ordinary Council meeting to be convened at a date to be confirmed.

Regular Full Council meeting 6th November 2024

The meeting was closed at 19:45

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: _____

MINUTES APPROVED (date): _____