

Minutes of a meeting of Frome Town Council

Wednesday 10 July 2024, 7pm  
Frome Town Hall and Zoom

**Present:**

In the Town Hall: Fiona Barrows, Mark Dorrington, Nick Dove, Andy Jones, Steve Tanner

Online: Max Wide, Andy Wrintmore

**In attendance:**

Dawn Denton (SC Cllr), Shane Collins (SC Cllr), Adam Boyden (SC Cllr, online), Helen Kay (SC Cllr, online), Paul Wynne (Town Clerk), Becca Evans (Business Administrator), Rachel Griffin (Marketing and Communications Manager, online) Lucy McMahon (Lead Marketing and Communications Officer, online), Laura Flaherty (Executive Assistant to the Town Clerk and Mayor)

8 members of the public were in attendance at Frome Town Hall  
0 member of the public was in attendance on Zoom.

To watch to the discussion in full visit: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWqRhwlaoE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWqRhwlaoE)

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2024/57/FC	<p>The meeting started at 7pm.</p> <p>Andy Jones explained that the meeting was inquorate as there were five Cllrs in attendance. To be quorate the meeting required six Cllrs in attendance (not online). Therefore, the agenda items requiring a decision could not be made at the meeting and would be postponed until 7 August.</p> <p><b>1a. Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Tracey Ashford, Sara Butler, Philip Campagna, Carla Collenette, Anita Collier, Anne Hills, Polly Lamb, Lisa Merryweather, Polly Lamb, Ben Still, Mel Usher and from Max Wide and Andy Wrintmore who attended online.</p> <p><b>1b. Declaration of members' interests</b> None was received.</p> <p><b>1c. Minutes from the last meeting on 12 June 2024</b> The minutes of the Frome Town Council meeting held on 12 June would be approved at the next council meeting on 7 August 2024.</p>	

	<p>Actions from the minutes were discussed. Julian Quail’s request for an anti dog poo campaign was being implemented by the communications team. There would be a social media campaign and chalk signs on pathways in areas of issue. Residents will also be able to request a template for use in their own neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Regarding overgrown vegetation Paul Wynne had written to the street cleansing team at SC as requested who requested details of specific areas. Cllr Anita Collier had taken the time to map the areas of concern which resulted in some action. Julian Quail had asked for the Chamber of Commerce to encourage their members to clean up outside their shop fronts. Paul noted that Peter Wheelhouse had arranged to meet the Chair of the Chamber the next week to progress the action.</p>	
<p>2024/58/FC</p>	<p>2. <u>Questions from public and Cllrs</u>  Rivka Fine spoke on behalf of the Frome Neighbourhood Parking Group. As a resident of Nunney Road she shared her perspective on their efforts to address the residents parking scheme along Weymouth Road. She highlighted discrepancies in the number of houses consulted on Weymouth Road, which dropped by 23% from the initial consultation to the final one. They argued that the scheme was undemocratic and went against the common good. Mark Dorrington also summarised his involvement in challenging the scheme. Mark expressed his frustration, he suggested writing to SC to push for a townwide review of parking, as promised in 2018. Cllrs asked Paul Wynne to write to the Chief Executive at SC urging them to revisit the decision to impose a residents parking scheme.</p> <p>There was a general discussion about parking in the context of devolution from SC. Max Wide and Andy Jones discussed the potential control of the Market Yard car park, with Max expressing doubts about the likelihood of success and the need for a holistic mobility strategy.</p> <p>Gill Fone updated Cllrs on the green belt on the Singers estate, she was expecting a contractor to visit the site in August.</p> <p>Lenka Grimes, Fair Frome, asked for an update on the football club and CBS. Paul Wynne explained FTC was not a director of the CBS and therefore had no control. As landlords though FTC would review the lease with them and ensure they met their obligations. Fiona Barrows requested a monthly update on the football club/Badgers Hill at Council meetings. Nick Dove requested the CBS were invited to present at a future meeting.</p>	<p>PWy</p> <p>PWh</p>

	Nick Dove also asked that the Chair of the Frome Allotment Association was invited to a future meeting to inform Cllrs about how the association operated and their selection process for allotment allocation. Paul would write to the new Chair.	PWy
2024/59/FC	<p>3. For information – Update on the progress of the Selwood Garden Community and Saxonvale Planning applications</p> <p>Steve Tanner noted that a public meeting on the decision on who to sell the land at Saxonvale to would be held in Frome. It was expected to be on 31 July.</p> <p>He explained that any comments regarding Saxonvale should go to SC Officers Adam Savory and Rebecca Jarman. CBRE had been commissioned by SC to comment on both bids and highlight any issues ahead of the public meeting.</p>	
2024/60/FC	<p>4. For decision – additional Oversight Committee meetings and amendments to the Standing Orders</p> <p>This item was postponed until the next Council meeting on 7 August 2024.</p>	
2024/61/FC	The next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 7 August 2024, Frome Town Hall and Zoom	

The chair closed the meeting at: 8.01pm