

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
ON MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2017 AT 7 P.M.**

Meeting Commenced: 7 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 7:15 p.m.

SEVENOAKS IN BLOOM PRESENTATION

Prior to the meeting of Town Council, The Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Maxine Chakowa stated that Sevenoaks was very lucky to have received five awards, comprising Silver Gilt and Silver and that the Town Council will strive to receive Gold in 2018.

The Mayor presented framed certificates to:

- Annette Whitney, Head Gardener of Rockdale who confirmed that Rockdale had received many compliments from the public and that Annette has lots of new ideas for next year.
- Russell Harper for his photographic assistance with the vinyls located in Sevenoaks High Street, which had remained intact.
- Yahee Hussain of Raj Bari, for being involved.

Separate arrangements will be made for the Mayor to present awards to the following who had sent apologies:

Schools Wheelbarrow Competition

St Johns CE Primary School

Certificates of Excellence

Living Landscapes

Neal's Yard

The Chequers

Creative Project

Little Vine Nursery

HOUSE in the Basement

The Council Meeting was convened.

Cllr S L Arnold	Present	Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Present
Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Present	Cllr R J Parry	Present
Cllr J M Canet	Present	Cllr R L Piper	Present
Cllr M A Chakowa (Mayor)	Present	Cllr S G Raikes	Present
Cllr A S Clayton	Present	Cllr P E Towell	Present
Cllr A Eyre	Present	Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Present

(12)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Town Clerk – Linda Larter, MBE

Committee Clerk – Michèle MacDonald

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

282 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

RESOLVED: to agree and accept apologies for absence received from Cllr R M C Hogarth (Deputy Mayor), Cllr O Schneider and Cllr E T Waite.

283 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

284 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

285 MINUTES TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2017 as being a true record of events subject to the attendance being corrected.

286 MINUTES PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th July 2017 as being a true record of events.

287 MINUTES PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meetings held on 17th and 31st July, 14th and 29th August, 11th and 25th September 2017 as being a true record of events.

288 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meetings held on 7th August 2017 as being a true record of events.

289 OPEN SPACES AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th September 2017 as being a true record of events.

290 MINUTES FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: to receive and adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1th September 2017 as being a true record of events.

291 STANDING ORDERS

It was noted that the Code of Conduct signed by Members upon their election to Office in May 2015 was not fully reflected in the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: to amalgamate the Code of Conduct adopted at Town Council on 2nd July 2012 [Minute 77] into the Standing Orders adopted at Annual Council on 15th May 2017 [Minutes64] and attached as Appendix A.

292 MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

RESOLVED: to receive and note

- a) the functions attended by the Mayor or her representative from May 2017 to the current date.
- b) the forthcoming Civic Events being organised by the Mayor during 2017/2018.
- c) The Pink Party taking place in the Vine Gardens, Saturday 7th October from 12noon to 5pm. The Mayor asked all to attend if possible.

293 PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVED to issue a press release relating to the

- a) Certificates of Excellence awarded to various community groups who had assisted the Town Council with Sevenoaks in Bloom
- b) Pink Party taking place in the Vine Gardens on Saturday 7th October 2017.

There being no further business the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.10 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

Dated