



CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

HOLYROOD LACE MILL, HOLYROOD STREET,
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Mayor: Cllr Martin Wale Town Clerk: John Furze

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 21st JANUARY 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
D M Bulmer
D Keitch
D R Hill
D M Mears
Mrs J C Shortland

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker, District Councillor N Mermagen and 1 members of the press. No members of the public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

299. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs J Armstrong, Mrs J L Smith, Mrs A Spencer and Mrs R T Wickenden all illness, A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton, holidays and D J Orchard, conflicting commitment.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

300. Mayors Announcements.

Cllr M J Wale thanked those who had supported the Mayor's charity dance in aid of the First Responders. He informed Councillors of forthcoming events; the Elton John tribute act on 12th April, the Tea Dance on 15th February and the visit by the Taunton Male Voice Choir on 12th April. He reminded Councillors that the consultation on member's conduct should be returned by 15th February.

301. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

302. Town Council Meeting – Minutes – To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th December 2007.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th December 2007 be signed as a correct record.

303. Exclusion of the Press and Public – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 41.

RESOLVED – that Agenda item 13, Commercial in Confidence – Land Assets, Cedar Avenue be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 41.

304. Planning & Highways Committee - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Wale, who had chaired the meeting, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the 8th January 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

305. Amenities Committee – to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Mrs J Kenton, Cllr M J Wale presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on the 15th January 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

306. Finance – Town Council Year (2007/8) to date (Y2D) Budget – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

307. Finance - Accounts for Payment – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill and Mrs J L Smith.

In the interest of public perception, it was agreed that Cllrs Mrs J C Shortland and Mrs J L Smith should sign the cheque no 208122 payable to D R Hill (Plumbers).

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

308. Committee Appointments -

- a) to approve the resignation of Cllr S Dowell from the Guildhall and Tourism Committee and the Planning and Highways Committee.
- b) To consider any verbal applications from members for appointment to Committees.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to Councillors not present at the Town Council meeting to enquire whether they wished to volunteer as committee members.

RESOLVED – to approve the resignation of Cllr S Dowell from the Guildhall and Tourism Committee and the Planning and Highways Committee and that Cllr D J Orchard be elected to the Guildhall and Tourism Committee.

309. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting he had authorised essential repairs to be carried out on play equipment at Ashcroft and Henson Park, the value of the work being in excess of his delegated limit.

RESOLVED – to note.

310. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

A report from the Market Towns Investment Group was circulated to members.

RESOLVED – to note.

311. RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item

Commercial in Confidence – Land Assets, Cedar Avenue

The Town Clerk informed Councillors of the current position.

RESOLVED – to note; that the Town Clerk progresses the situation and makes further enquires of various agencies.

The meeting closed at 8:27 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale – Mayor	D R Hill
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor	D J Orchard
D M Bulmer	Mrs J C Shortland
A Kenton	Mrs J L Smith
Mrs J Kenton	Mrs A Spencer

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker, District Councillor N Mermagen, 2 members of the press and 4 members of the public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

312. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs, D Keitch and D M Mears, both holidays, S Dowell work commitment and Mrs R T Wickenden and J Armstrong, both illness.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

313. Mayors Announcements.

Cllr M J Wale announced the dates of three forthcoming events; on the 28th February the Guildhall promotional event, the Bee Gees tribute band to be held in the Guildhall in aid of the Mayor's charity, the Tatworth and Chard First Responders; on the 6th April the reintroduction of the Civic Service to be held at 3:00 pm at the Parish Church followed by a cream tea at the Guildhall and on 12th April the Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir will perform at the Guildhall in aid of the Mayor's charity. He informed councillors that on 12th February, accompanied by Cllr Mrs J C Shortland he had attended the Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremony at Holyrood School.

314. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

- 315. Town Council Meeting – Minutes** – To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st January 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21st January 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 316. Exclusion of the Press and Public** – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 41.

RESOLVED – that Agenda item 14, Staff matters- 2 items, be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 41.

- 317. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Two Councillors were present at the meeting. The Town Clerk had informed the Planning and Highways Committee meeting that three members were required to be present as a quorum. Under the circumstances, and as some agenda items required a response within a given time frame, the Town Clerk used his delegated powers to hear the representations from those present and noted the responses in order that matters may be decided within the given time frame.

In the absence of the Chairman at the meeting, it was decided that Cllr D M Mears should take the Chair.

Discussion took place regarding proposed car parking charges.

RESOLVED – to note the Report of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the 12th February 2008 and the Recommendations contained therein, that the Town Clerk writes to South Somerset District Council requesting that no increases to existing car parking charges are made without consultation with Chard Town Council.

- 318. Finance & Personnel Committee** – to receive the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2008.

Cllr D R Hill as Chairman presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on the 29th January 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 319. Guildhall & Tourism Committee** – to receive the minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2008.

Cllr Mrs J L Smith as Chairman presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of the Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on the 5th February 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

320. Finance – Town Council Year (2007/8) to date (Y2D) Budget – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

321. Finance - Accounts for Payment – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill and Mrs J L Smith.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

322. Notice of Motion received from Cllr D M Bulmer – “That this Council delegated to the Town Clerk the authority to initiate discussions with officers from South Somerset District Council and all other appropriate bodies for the inclusion in the next Local Development Framework of land suitable for a new cemetery in Chard.”

The motion was seconded by Cllr D R Hill.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland proposed an amendment to the motion to include “ and further delegates to the Town Clerk the authority negotiate with S.C.C. and S.S.D.C. on land that they may have available.”

The amendment to the motion was seconded by Cllr D R Hill.

Following a vote on the amended motion, 7 votes for, 0 against with 2 abstentions, it was

RESOLVED – that this Council delegates to the Town Clerk the authority to initiate discussions with officers from South Somerset District Council and all other appropriate bodies for the inclusion in the next Local Development Framework of land suitable for a new cemetery in Chard and further delegates to the Town Clerk the authority negotiate with Somerset County Council and South Somerset District Council on land that they may have available.”

323. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting he had used his delegated powers to hear the representations from those present at the Planning and Highways meeting held on 12th February as reported above.

RESOLVED – to note.

324. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs C A Morrison reported that Chard Youth Centre was again without a Youth Worker but hoped that the vacancy would soon be filled.

RESOLVED – to note.

325. RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item

Staff matters – 2 items.

The Town Clerk updated Councillors on 2 staffing matters.

RESOLVED – to note; to advertise the vacant post of Amenities Operative.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.



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PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
D M Bulmer
S Dowell
D R Hill

A Kenton
Mrs J Kenton
D M Mears
Mrs J L Smith
Mrs A Spencer

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker, District Councillor N Mermagen, 1 member of the press and 7 members of the public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

A presentation of Bibles was made by the Gideon Society to the Mayor and Councillors.

326. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs J Armstrong illness, D Keitch work commitment, Mrs J C Shortland County Council commitment D J Orchard work commitment and Mrs R T Wickenden illness.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

327. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor announced that the "Stayin Alive" concert in aid of his charity "The First Responders" will be held on 28th March at the Guildhall and that the Civic Service to be held on 6th April will be themed to celebrate "volunteers".

328. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs D Bulmer, Mrs J L Smith and M J Wale as District Councillors all declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 "Intention of S.S.D.C. to raise car parking charges in Chard"

329. Town Council Meeting – Minutes – To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th February 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th February 2008 be signed as a correct record.

330. Exclusion of the Press and Public – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 41.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 41.

331. Report from Town Clerk

The Town Clerk reported that on Monday 10th March at the offices of S.S.D.C. in Brympton Way, Yeovil the Standards Committee of that Council considered a complaint made by the Town Clerk of this Council – John Furze, against Cllr Mrs Audrey Spencer a member for Avishayes Ward of this Council, for breaches of the Code of Conduct that was agreed by this Council on the 14th May 2007. After hearing all the evidence and representations the Committee found that Cllr Mrs Spencer had breached the Code of Conduct on four counts at Chard Town Council's meeting on 16th July 2007:-

1. Failure to declare a Personal Interest – contrary to Sect.8(1)a and 8(1)b
2. Failure to declare a Prejudicial Interest – contrary to sect. 10(1)
3. Failure to leave the room despite having a Prejudicial Interest – contrary to Sec.(12)1
4. Failure to register a Personal Interest listed in 8(1)a – contrary to section 13

The Committee sanctioned that Cllr Mrs Spencer should undertake training on the Code of Conduct to be supervised by the Monitoring Officer of S.S.D.C.

Further the Committee recommended that Chard Town Council should look to its management of volunteers within the Council in particular to clarifying their status.

RESOLVED – to note

332. Amenities Committee - to receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Mrs J Kenton as Chairman presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 333. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr M J Wale who had chaired the meeting presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the 11th March 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 334. Intention of South Somerset District Council to raise car parking charges in Chard. Council to debate and formulate a response.**

Much discussion took place by Councillors. It was noted that no reply had been received from S.S.D.C. to the Town Clerk's letter written on 19th February on this subject as had been resolved at the February Town Council meeting.

Following a unanimous vote on Cllr D Mears' proposal, seconded by Cllr D M Bulmer, it was

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk

1) writes to S.S.D.C. requesting that Chard Town Council engages with S.S.D.C. requesting the provision of long term parking

2) writes to S.S.D.C. for provision of purchase of short term stay for up to 30 minutes

3) that increased charges are not introduced until the new on street parking policy comes into effect

4) that the Mayor and Town Clerk exhort the local Police to enforce parking restrictions

5) negotiate with S.S.D.C. for the provision of parking within Chard

6) writes to S.S.D.C re the audit of the yellow lines and their condition

- 335. Letter received from Deputy Mayor of Morangis (Twin Town) asking for ties to be re-established.**

RESOLVED – that the Mayor responds to the Morangis Twinning Committee stating that request will be deferred until the Annual Town Council meeting in May by which time further debate will be undertaken and progress and interest assessed.

- 336. Finance – Town Council Year (2007/8) to date (Y2D) Budget – to review the budget information previously circulated.**

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

337. Finance - Accounts for Payment – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

338. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting he had been approached by Western Power regarding Council owned trees that had fallen in Helliars Road bringing down power cables. He had authorised Western Power to bury the cables in a trench to ensure that the problem did not re-occur.

RESOLVED – to note.

339. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

Cllrs D Mears and D M Bulmer had distributed a report on behalf of the Market Towns Investment Group.

RESOLVED – to note.

The meeting closed at 8:47 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 21st APRIL 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale – Mayor

Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor

D M Bulmer

D R Hill

D M Mears

D J Orchard

Mrs J C Shortland

Mrs A Spencer

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker, 2 members of the press and 4 members of the public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

340. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton, both holidays and Cllrs S Dowell and D Keitch, both detained at work. District Cllr N Mermagen had also sent apologies, conflicting commitment.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

341. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor noted that Tour of Britain Cycle Race starting in the Town on 9 September, offered opportunities to Chard Town.

342. Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

343. Town Council Meeting – Minutes – To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th March 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th March 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 344. Exclusion of the Press and Public** – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 41.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 41.

- 345. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

In the absence of Cllr D Keitch, Cllr M J Wale presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

It was noted that the "Approved" applications should read "Recommended Approved", that the response to application 08/01329/OUT should read "egress, and it was recommended that the matter be debated at Area West" and that the response to application 08/00633/FUL should read " A lack of parking provisions would generate parking on the highway raising community safety concerns."

Subject to the above it was

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the 8th April 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 346. Guildhall & Tourism Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr M J Wale who had chaired the meeting, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on the 14th April 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 347. Finance & Personnel Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D R Hill as Chairman presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on the 16th April 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 348. Finance – Town Council Year (2007/8) to date (Y2D) Budget** – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

- 349. Finance - Accounts for Payment** – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill and Mrs A Spencer.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

- 350. Notice of Motion received from Cllr D M Bulmer received on 11th April 2008 – “That Chard Town Council observes a report from Cllrs Dave Bulmer and David Mears regarding Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework (LDF) consultation. With this Chard Town Council wishes that a programme of key issues be included in the development of the Town of Chard”.**

RESOLVED – to note the Motion and that Councillors return the Question Forms to the Town Clerk for onward transmission to Cllrs D M Bulmer and D M Mears.

- 351. Report from the Town Clerk** – seeking authorisation to spend £4,000 from reserves (accrued in year 07/08) towards play equipment for Bampton Avenue Playground.

RESOLVED – to expend £4,090 from reserves on equipment at Bampton Avenue Playground.

- 352. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers.** The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that he had not used his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED – to note.

- 353. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.**

Three Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – to note.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.



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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Chard Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2008 in the Guildhall at 7.00pm.

Present: The Mayor of Chard; Cllr Martin Wale and thirty-nine (39) members of the public and three (3) members of the press.

Minutes of the Last Annual Town Meeting held on 9th May 2007, were read out by the Town Clerk. It was unanimously agreed by all present these minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Mayor then signed the minutes.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Police Report

Inspector Andrew Pritchard of Avon & Somerset Police gave a report on the policing of Chard and took questions from the floor.

Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards.

The Mayor presented Outstanding Service Awards to:-

1. Mr & Mrs Ivor Watts in recognition of their work with Chard Christmas Lights Committee and the Carnival Princess
2. Mrs Jenny Field and Mrs Christine Williams for their work with Chard Branch of the British Stroke Association.
3. Mr Nigel Tinley for his work with Chard Carnival Committee

Mayor's Annual Report

The Mayor then gave his Annual Report during which he presented a cheque from the Mayor's Charity Account for £800.00 to Tatworth & Chard First Responders.

Matters Raised by Chard Residents – There were none.

Tour of Britain Cycle Race.

A film produced by Somerset County Council highlighting the economic and social benefits to Somerset of holding the race within the County was shown.

Cllr Dave Hill thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for their hard work during the year in raising the public profile of the town.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.



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PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale– (Retiring Mayor)

Mrs C A Morrison – (Retiring Deputy Mayor)

D M Bulmer

D R Hill

D Keitch

A Kenton

Mrs J Kenton

D M Mears

D J Orchard

Mrs J C Shortland

Mrs A Spencer

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk, Mr G J Furze the Responsible Finance Officer, Mr T M Cutler the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker, District Councillor N Mermagen, 2 members of the press and 1 member of the public.

354. Election of Mayor (Chairman of the Council) and Acceptance of Office. Should the elected Councillor not be present at the meeting the 'Acceptance of Office' will be conducted by the Town Clerk at a time and date to be agreed.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland proposed and Cllr D R Hill seconded Cllr M J Wale for election as Mayor and Chairman of Chard Town Council.

There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED – that Cllr M J Wale be elected Mayor and Chairman of Chard Town Council until such times as a new Mayor and Chairman of the Council is elected.

Cllr M J Wale then assumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr M J Wale read and signed the Oath of Allegiance that was countersigned by the Town Clerk.

Mayors Appointments:-

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| a) Consort | Mrs Nannette Wale |
| b) Chaplain | Rev. Marilyn Tricker |
| c) Mace Bearer | Mr Brian Griffith |

355. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

There were no Apologies for Absence.

356. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor suggested that a Town Group be formed to promote the Tour of Britain Cycle Race for the benefit of Chard.

357. Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

RESOLVED – to note

358. Exclusion of the Press and Public – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 41.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 41.

359. Election of Deputy Mayor. Should the elected Councillor not be present at the meeting the 'Acceptance of Office' will be conducted by the Town Clerk at a time and date to be agreed.

Cllr D M Mears proposed and Cllr Mrs A Spencer seconded Cllr D M Bulmer for election as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of Chard Town Council.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland proposed and Cllr D Keitch seconded Cllr Mrs C A Morrison for election as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of Chard Town Council.

A vote ensued with 3 votes for Cllr D M Bulmer and 6 votes for Cllr Mrs C A Morrison.

RESOLVED – that Cllr Mrs C A Morrison be elected Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of Chard Town Council until such times as a new Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Council is elected.

360. Appointments to Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties. To consider appointments of member to committees with appointed deputies and to approve a schedule of meeting dates.

Amenities

RESOLVED – that Cllrs D M Bulmer, S Dowell, D R Hill, A Kenton, Mrs J Kenton, D M Mears, and D J Orchard with the Mayor & Deputy Mayor ex-officio, be elected to the Committee.

Guildhall & Tourism

RESOLVED – that Cllrs D R Hill, D Keitch, D J Orchard, Mrs J C Shortland and Mrs A Spencer, with the Mayor & Deputy Mayor ex-officio, be elected to the Committee.

Planning and Highways

RESOLVED – that Cllrs D M Bulmer, D Keitch, A Kenton, Mrs J Kenton, D M Mears and D J Orchard, with the Mayor & Deputy Mayor ex-officio, be elected to the Committee.

Finance & Personnel

RESOLVED – that Cllrs D M Bulmer, D R Hill, D Keitch, A Kenton, Mrs J Kenton, D M Mears and Mrs A Spencer, with the Mayor & Deputy Mayor ex-officio, be elected to the Committee.

RESOLVED – that the appointment of Councillors as reserves to all Committees be deferred until the next Town Council meeting

RESOLVED – to approve the schedule of meeting dates and that Council and Committee meetings commence at 7:30 pm.

361. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations

Organisation	No	Representative
Action for Chard Town	1	in abeyance
Area West Comm. Safety Panel	1	Mrs C A Morrison
Chard Disability Action Group	1	Mrs J Kenton
Chard Helmstedt Society	1	in abeyance
Chard Museum	1	D R Hill
Chard Seica Mare Society	1	D J Orchard
Chard Young People's Centre	1	Mrs C A Morrison
Chard 2000	1	D R Hill
Chard Community Safety Panel	1	Mrs C A Morrison
County Council Area Working Panel	1	D M Bulmer
CRESTA Management Committee	1	M J Wale
Market Towns Investment Group	2	D M Mears, D M Bulmer
Reservoir Committee	1	in abeyance
S.A.L.C.	1	D M Mears

362. Council Meeting – Minutes – To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on

21st April 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st April 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 363. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meetings held on 13th May 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D Keitch, as past chairman, presented the minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED - to note the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on the 13th May 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 364. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9), to date (Y2D) Budget** – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

- 365. Accounts for Payment** – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

- 366. Finance – Cheque Signatories to be agreed** To select and authorise at least six members to act as cheque signatories. Any two Councillors are required to sign a cheque. RFO to be authorised to amend the bank mandate if necessary.

RESOLVED – that Cllrs D M Bulmer, S Dowell, D R Hill, A Kenton, Mrs J Kenton, Mrs J C Shortland and Mrs A Spencer continue to be cheque signatories.

- 367. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers.** The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk had not dealt with any matters under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED – to note.

- 368. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.**

Cllr Mrs C A Morrison informed Councillors that the A.G.M. of Action for Chard Town is to be held at the Guildhall on 20th May 2008.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 16th JUNE 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
D M Bulmer
J P Dorset
S Dowell
D R Hill
A Kenton

Mrs J Kenton
D M Mears
D J Orchard
G Shortland
Mrs J C Shortland
Mrs A Spencer
Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler (left 8:40 pm), the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker District Councillor N Mermagen and 1 member of the press. No members of the public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

369. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

No Apologies for Absence had been received.

RESOLVED – to note.

370. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor had welcomed those Councillors elected at the May elections before the meeting commenced. He requested that Councillors attend the Training Day to be held at 12:00 noon on 12th July and also congratulated Mrs Jill Watts and the Christmas Lights Committee on the monies raised at their recently held Fete.

371. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland, as a County Councillor, declared a personal interest in Agenda item no 381, "2008 Tour of Britain Cycle Race".

RESOLVED – to note

- 372. Exclusion of the Press and Public –** To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 41.

RESOLVED – that Agenda item no 17, Staff in Confidence be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 373. Town Council Meeting – Minutes –** To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th May 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19th May 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 374. Finance & Personnel Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D R Hill, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting requesting acceptance of the Minutes with the exception of Minute no 111 which is to be further debated at Town Council agenda item no.17

RESOLVED – subject to the above, to note the minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on the 27th May 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 375. Guildhall & Tourism Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on the 3rd June 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 376. Planning & Highways Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 10th June 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D M Mears, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

It was noted that Cllr A Kenton had declared a personal interest in application 08/01983/OUT.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the 10th June 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 377. Appointments to Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties.** To consider appointments of newly elected members to committees together with appointed reserves for all committees, deferred from Annual Town Council Meeting of 19th May 2008 in view of the impending elections.

RESOLVED – 1) that the following Councillors be elected to the under-mentioned committees; Cllr G Shortland to Finance & Personnel, Amenities, Guildhall & Tourism and Planning & Highways, Cllr Mrs S P Wyatt to Amenities, and Cllr J P Dorse to Guildhall & Tourism

2) that the following Councillors be elected as Appointed Deputies to the following Committees; Cllrs Mrs J Kenton and Mrs S P Wyatt to Guildhall & Tourism, Cllr J P Dorse to Amenities and Finance & Personnel and Cllrs Mrs S P Wyatt and Mrs J C Shortland to Planning & Highways.

3) that Cllr J P Dorse and Mrs S P Wyatt be appointed representatives to Chard Disability Action Group and that Cllr J P Dorse take the place of Cllr Mrs C A Morrison on Chard Community Safety Panel.

- 378. Finance – Town Council Year (2007/8) to date (Y2D) Budget –** to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

- 379. Finance – Adoption of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2008.** – draft accounts already circulated to members.

RESOLVED – that the Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2008 be adopted and that the Annual Return be signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk.

- 380. Finance - Accounts for Payment –** to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill and Mrs A Spencer.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

- 381. 2008 Tour of Britain Cycle Race.** Members to decide the level of involvement, and funds to be allocated, from Chard Town Council. The Somerset section of this event is being held on Tuesday 9th September 2008 and will start in Chard.

RESOLVED – that the road from Boden Street to Holyrood Street be closed for the duration of the festivities; that the surplus generated from the unbudgeted interest received in the year to 31st March 2008 be utilised to fund activities yet to be arranged; that a Working Group consisting of Cllrs D R Hill, M J Wale, Mrs J C Shortland, Mrs J Kenton, Mrs A Spencer, D M Bulmer, D J Orchard be established to further plans and ideas yet to be formulated.

- 382. Notice of Motion received from Cllr Mrs J Kenton received on 2nd June 2008** – “That this Town Council considers combining the monthly Councillors Surgeries with the “Beat Surgery” operated by Avon and Somerset Constabulary. This will give public access to, not just elected members but also, PCSOs who are responsible for the coverage of the Town.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Mrs A Spencer.

Cllr D M Bulmer proposed an addition to the motion, “and that these events be as fully advertised as possible.”

the amendment to the proposal was accepted by Cllrs Mrs J Kenton and the amended proposal was voted on and it was

RESOLVED – that this Town Council combines the monthly Councillors Surgeries with the “Beat Surgery” operated by Avon and Somerset Constabulary and that these events be as fully advertised as possible. This will give public access to, not just elected members but also, PCSOs who are responsible for the coverage of the Town

- 383. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers.** The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that he had used his delegated powers once since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting of the Council, he had authorised the placement of an Interpretation Board connected with Donyatt Cycleway.

RESOLVED – to approve the use of the delegated powers.

- 384. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.**

A reports from Cllr D Mears as representatives of S.A.L.C. had been circulated to members before to the meeting.

Cllrs D M Bulmer reported that he had attended a meeting of the Area Working Panel at North Barrow on 3rd June.

RESOLVED – to note.

**385. RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item
Staff in Confidence**

The Town Clerk and Finance Officer withdrew from the meeting at 8:40 pm.

The Town Clerk rejoined the meeting at 9:00 pm.

RESOLVED – to note items 1, 2 + 3 and to note that item 4 was accepted by the Committee

The meeting closed at 9:05 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 21st JULY 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale – Mayor
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
D M Bulmer
J P Dorset
D R Hill
A Kenton

Mrs J Kenton
D M Mears
D J Orchard
G Shortland
Mrs J C Shortland
Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, District Councillor N Mermagen and 3 members of the press. No members of the public were present.

386. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs D Keitch, family commitment, S Dowell, detained at work and Mrs A Spencer, conflicting engagement.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given

387. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor informed the Council that the Seica Mare twinning ceremony will be held on 6th September and that the Battle of Britain service is to be held on 14th September, both will be civic events. Councillors were requested to support the Christmas Lights Group concert to be held at Mr & Mrs Watts home on the 26th July. He also informed Councillors that he had attended a meeting with local traders and the Chamber of Trade at which "Race Day" entertainments were discussed and he thanked the Town Clerk for organising the recent training day.

388. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Mrs C A Morrison declared a personal interest in agenda item no. 10 the twinning with Seica Mare as she is a member of the twinning committee. Cllr G Shortland and Cllr Mrs C A Shortland both declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item no 10 the twinning with Seica Mare as he is vice-chairman of the twinning committee and she the wife of the vice-chairman of the twinning committee.

RESOLVED – to note

- 389. Exclusion of the Press and Public –** To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 390. Town Council Meeting – Minutes –** To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 16th June 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 16th June 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 391. Amenities Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr Mrs J Kenton, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting requesting acceptance of the Minutes. Attention was drawn to Amenities minute no 87b recommending the purchase of a combined digger and front-end loader at a cost of £8,500 to funded from Capital reserves.

RESOLVED –to note the minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 1st July 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 392. Planning & Highways Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D M Mears, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 8th July 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

393. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9) to date (Y2D) Budget – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to date budget.

394. Finance - Accounts for Payment – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

Cllrs Mr & Mrs Shortland left the meeting at 7:50 pm while agenda item no 10 was debated.

395. Notice of Motion received from Cllr Martin Wale, Mayor of Chard received on Thursday 10th July 2008

– “That this Town Council approves expenditure to a maximum of £750 to be spent celebrating the Romanian town twinning with Seica Mare over the weekend 6th/7th September 2008.”

The motion was proposed by Cllr M J Wale and seconded by Cllr D M Mears. The proposal was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED – that this Town Council approves expenditure to a maximum of £750 to be spent celebrating the Romanian town twinning with Seica Mare over the weekend 6th/7th September 2008.”

Cllrs Mr & Mrs Shortland rejoined the meeting at 7:55 pm

396. Notice of Motion received from Cllr Mrs J Kenton received on Friday 11th July 2008

– “That this Town Council debates the practicality of making the Guildhall the focal point of Chard in order to engage with more people in the Community.”

The proposal by Mrs J Kenton, seconded by Cllr D M Mears, that the Town Clerk be charged with preparing a report on ways in which this Council can better engage with the public, was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED – that the Town Clerk be charged with preparing a report on ways in which this Council can better engage with the public

397. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that he had used his delegated powers once since the last meeting of the Council. In conjunction with the Chair of Amenities he had authorised that Lower Henson M.U.G.A. be used for a football training course to be run by S.S.D.C. starting in September for 10 weeks. It will be run by, and insured by S.S.D.C.

RESOLVED – to approve the use of the delegated powers.

398. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies. Council to accept resignation of Cllr D M Mears from Market Town Investment Group (MtiG) and consider appointing a replacement.

Cllrs Mrs J C Shortland and D M Bulmer both thanked Cllrs D M Mears for his work over the past months.

RESOLVED – to accept the resignation by Cllr D M Mears as the Council’s representative from the Market Towns Investment Group and that the replacement of a representative be held in abeyance.

The meeting closed at 8:14 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
D M Bulmer
J P Dorse
S Dowell
D R Hill
A Kenton
Mrs J Kenton

D M Mears
D J Orchard
G Shortland
Mrs J C Shortland
Mrs A Spencer
Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker District Councillor N Mermagen Mr B Carpenter, Head of Operations at Somerset Waste Partnership and 2 members of the public. No members of the press were present.

In the absence of the Mayor Cllr M J Wale, Cllr Mrs C A Morrison assumed the chair.

399. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs M J Wale, illness and D Keitch, family commitment.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

400. Mayors Announcements.

There were no Mayors Announcements.

401. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr D M Mears declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 – Notice of Motion from the Town Clerk regarding the Recycling “Bring” Bank located at Tesco’s Supermarket as he lives adjacent to the property.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 – Progress Report on arrangements in Chard as she is the wife of the Vice Chairman of the Twinning Committee.

Cllr G Shortland declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 – Progress Report on arrangements in Chard he is the Vice Chairman of the Twinning Committee.

Cllr Mrs C A Morrison declared a personal Interest in agenda item 10 – Progress Report on arrangements in Chard as she is a Twinning Committee member.

RESOLVED – to note

- 402. Exclusion of the Press and Public** – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED – that Agenda item 11 – Notice of Motion from Town Clerk - the South Somerset Waste Partnership Report regarding Recycling “Bring” Bank be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 403. Town Council Meeting – Minutes** – To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 404. Finance & Personnel Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

CllrD R Hill, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –to note the minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 22nd July 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 405. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th August 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D M Mears, chairman, presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 12th August 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 406. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9) to date (Y2D) Budget** – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to Date budget.

- 407. Finance - Accounts for Payment** – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill and Mrs J C Shortland.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

- 408. Progress Report** on arrangements for Chard International Festival/ Tour of Britain Cycle Race

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland informed the Council of the many and varied activities that had been arranged to date.

RESOLVED – to note

- 409. Notice of Motion from town Clerk**– “That this Town Council considers the DRAFT ‘Charter for Local Councils’ as circulated to the District Executive of South Somerset District Council at their meeting on 10th July 2008

Debate took place by Councillors.

RESOLVED – that Chard Town Council writes to the authors of the Draft Charter expressing disappointment that this Council was not contacted with regard to formation of the Charter.

- 410. Notice of Motion from town Clerk**– “That this Town Council, in considering the recommendations contained in the report to the South Somerset Independent Remuneration Panel dated April 2008, in particular recommendations 25,26 and 27, decides whether or not members of this Council should receive an allowance.” This report was presented to the District Executive of SSDC on 10th July 2008 and considered by SSDC full Council at their meeting on 24th July 2008.

RESOLVED – to defer this item until the November meeting of Chard Town Council and in the meantime to consult with the electorate as to whether Members should draw an allowance not exceeding £1,000 per annum or to draw no allowance at all.

- 411. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers.** The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that he had not used his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED – to note.

- 412. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.** Council to accept application of Cllr Mrs A Spencer for appointment as Council Representative (1 of 2) to the Market Town Investment Group (MtIG) with effect forthwith.

RESOLVED – to accept application of Cllr Mrs A Spencer for appointment as Council Representative (1 of 2) to the Market Town Investment Group (MTiG) with effect forthwith.

RESOLVED – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item.

- 413. Notice of Motion from town Clerk–** “That this Town Council considers the report from Somerset Waste Partnership regarding the Recycling “Bring” Bank located at Tesco’s Supermarket.

RESOLVED – that Standing orders be suspended to allow Mr B Carpenter, Head of Operations at Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) to address the Council and to answer questions after which Standing Orders to be re-instated.

RESOLVED – to support:-

- 1. Option #3 in SWP’s report whereby a PR exercise badged ‘Use it well or lose it’ would be conducted and if the situation did not improve for the Bring Banks to be removed.**
- 2. The immediate withdrawal of Bottle and Can Banks.**
- 3. In connection with SWP for Chard Town Council to host a Roadshow in Chard Guildhall to promote the benefits of recycling generally.**
- 4. The Town Clerk to write to Tesco Supermarket urging the management to support the measures being taken by SWP and SSDC.**

The meeting closed at 9:06 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale - Mayor
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
J P Dorse
D R Hill

D J Orchard
G Shortland
Mrs A Spencer
Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker and District Councillor N Mermagen. No members of the Press or Public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

414. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs D M Bulmer, conflicting engagement, S Dowell, family commitment Mrs J C Shortland, Party Conference D M Mears, family commitment and A Kenton and Mrs J Kenton, both Holidays

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

415. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor, commenting on the busy period covering the Tour of Britain Cycle Race and associated festivities, thanked those Councillors who were able to attend the various functions. Thanks were extended to all those who had made the Monday's and other events so successful with the representatives of the County, District and Town Councils working well together. He noted that Chard's image had been enhanced and that the Tour organisers had been impressed.

416. Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED – to note

- 417. Exclusion of the Press and Public –** To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 418. Town Council Meeting – Minutes –** To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 18th August 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 18th August 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 419. Guildhall & Tourism Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

In the absence of the Chairman, Committee member Cllr Mrs C A Morrison presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –to note the minutes of Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 2nd September 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 420. Planning & Highways Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

In the absence of the Chairman, Committee member Cllr Mrs C A Morrison presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 9th September 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 421. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9) to date (Y2D) Budget –** to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to Date budget.

422. Finance - Accounts for Payment – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill and Mrs A Spencer.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

423. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that he had not used his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED – to note.

424. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs A Spencer informed the Council that she had attended the M.T.i.G. on behalf of the Council.

Cllrs Mrs C A Morrison reported that she had been re-elected as Chairman at the A.G.M. of the Young Peoples Centre; that the Youth Club was now running at a small profit. A new Youth Worker was now in post and on behalf of A.C.T. thanked the Guildhall staff for their efforts at short notice to accommodate the Reservoir Day.

RESOLVED – to note.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale - Mayor
Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor
D R Hill
A Kenton
Mrs J Kenton

D Mears
D J Orchard
G Shortland
Mrs J C Shortland
Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker and District Councillor D Shortland. No members of the Press or Public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

425. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs D M Bulmer, conflicting District Council meeting, J P Dorse, family bereavement S Dowell, work commitment and Mrs A Spencer, holiday.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

426. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor formally thanked the Carnival Committee, Marshals etc for their work for the Carnival. He informed Councillors that the Remembrance Service will be held on 9th November and that 2 minutes silence will be observed in front of the Guildhall on 11th November and that he had attended the 200th anniversary of Swiss Thule.

427. Declarations of Interest.

The following Councillors all declared an interest in agenda item no 10, cheques for payment:

Cllr Mrs J Kenton personal interest in cheque no 208536 as District Council representative to Chard Young People's Centre, a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208532 as she is known to the payee and personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208557 as Franchise Holder of the Bar at the Guildhall

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208532 as she is the payee, a personal interest in cheque no 208536 as she is the County Council representative on the Management Committee, a personal interest in cheques nos 208235, 2085378, 208538, 208539, 208540 and 208541 paid from the Local Initiatives budget and personal interest in cheque no 208548, County Council appointment.

Cllr G Shortland a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208532 as husband of the payee and a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208536 as he is on the Management Committee

Cllr D M Mears a personal interest in cheque no 208531 as he is known to the payee and cheque no 208570 as payee

Cllrs Mrs S P Wyatt a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208537 as she is Chairman of C.D.A.G

Cllr D Orchard a personal interest in cheque no 208531 and 208532 as he known to the payees

Cllr D R Hill a personal interest in cheque no 208540 through Chard 2000

Cllr Mrs C A Morrison a personal interest in cheque no 208532, known to the payee and a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208536 as Chairman of Chard Young Peoples Centre

Cllr M J Wale a personal and prejudicial interest in cheque no 208531 as payee and a personal interest in cheque no 208534 as the Mayoress arranged the Twinning Ceremony Teas

RESOLVED – to note

- 428. Exclusion of the Press and Public –** To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 429. Town Council Meeting – Minutes –** To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 15th September 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 15th September 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 430. Finance & Personnel Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23rd September 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

The Chairman, Cllr D R Hill presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –to note the minutes of Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 23rd September 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 431. Amenities Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs J Kenton presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –to note the minutes of Amenities Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 7th October 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 432. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

The Chairman, Cllr D M Mears presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 14th October 2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 433. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9) to date (Y2D) Budget** – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to Date budget.

- 434. Finance - Accounts for Payment** – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs A Kenton & Mrs J Kenton

All Councillors that had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this agenda item left the meeting whilst those cheques in which they had declared an interest were approved.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

- 435. Finance – Notification of Acceptance of Accounts** by External Auditors for the Year ended 31st March 2008

The Finance Officer advised Councillors that the External Auditors, Moore Stephens, had completed the Audit of the Annual Return adopted by the Council at the June Council meeting. There were no matters that they wished to bring to the Council's attention.

RESOLVED – to note

436. Town Clerk's Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting of the Council he had used his delegated powers in the following instances

1. Five non-contentious Planning Decisions being decided with the Chairman of Planning & Highways Committee
2. Staff Pay settlement at 2.45% in conjunction with the Chairman of Finance & Personnel Committee
3. to purchase a digger/tractor as delegated at the Amenities Committee meeting of the 1st July
4. not to implement the power delegated at the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting to switch Council funds from the Co-operative Bank to Somerset County Council.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the use of the delegated powers

437. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

Cllr Mrs J C Shortland commented that a publication had been made before a Press release, that had been agreed to be issued jointly by the County Council, the District Council and the Town Council, had been circulated. Cllr D M Mears endorsed Cllr Mrs J C Shortland's comments.

The Town Clerk reported that requests had been made by Chard in Bloom and the South Somerset Countryside Steering Group for representatives from the Council

RESOLVED – to note, that the Chairman of the Amenities Committee, Cllr Mrs J Kenton be appointed as Council Representative to Chard in Bloom and the South Somerset Countryside Steering Group.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHARD ON MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7:30PM.

PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale - Mayor

Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor

B M Bulmer

D R Hill

A Kenton

Mrs J Kenton

D J Orchard

G Shortland

Mrs A Spencer

Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler, the Mayor's Chaplain the Rev. Marilyn Tricker and District Councillor N Mermagen. No members of the Press and one member of the Public were present.

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Chaplain offered a Thought for the Day and a Prayer.

438. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs D Mears and Mrs J C Shortland, both conflicting meetings, S Dowell, illness and D Keitch, detained at work.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

439. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor informed Councillors that he had attended a meeting of Chard Disability Action Group and congratulated Cllr Mrs S Wyatt on her election as President; that he, with other Councillors, had attended a meeting of the Seica Mare Twinning Committee at which it had been decided to dissolve the Twinning Association and this announcement was to formally note its dissolution for constitutional purposes. He informed Councillors of 3 dates "for their diaries": 28th November 2008 - the Christmas Lights switch on with events being conducted in the Guildhall, 12th December 2008 at 6 pm, the Christmas Service to be held in the Guildhall with all 4 local Primary

Schools taking part and 23rd January 2009, C.A.T.S. Pantomime followed by a Civic Evening.

440. Declarations of Interest.

Councillors D Bulmer, Mrs J Kenton and M J Wale all declared a personal interest in agenda item no 13, Pioneer Somerset, as they are all District Councillors.

RESOLVED – to note

- 441. Exclusion of the Press and Public –** To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 442. Town Council Meeting – Minutes –** To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 443. Guildhall & Tourism Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Guildhall & Tourism Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M J Wale presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting drawing Councillor's attention to that Committee's Recommendation of agenda item 117 to proceed with remedial work to the outside wall of the Mayor's Parlour.

Cllr Mrs C A Morrison proposed and Cllr D M Bulmer seconded the motion that the remedial work to the wall be commenced.

RESOLVED –to proceed with remedial work to the outside wall of the Mayors Parlour; to note the minutes of Guildhall & Tourism held on the Tuesday 4th November2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 444. Planning & Highways Committee -** To receive the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M J Wale presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – to note the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 11th November2008 and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

445. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9) to date (Y2D) Budget – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to Date budget.

446. Finance - Accounts for Payment – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs D R Hill & Mrs J Kenton

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

447. Council to adopt Model Publication Scheme - as required by Freedom of Information Act 2000 s 19(1) and 20.

RESOLVED – to adopt the Model Publication Scheme as circulated as Chard Town Council’s publication scheme.

448. Item Deferred from Council meeting of 18th August 2008 - Approved Minutes refer.....

410. Notice of Motion from town Clerk– *"That this Town Council, in considering the recommendations contained in the report to the South Somerset Independent Remuneration Panel dated April 2008, in particular recommendations 25,26 and 27, decides whether or not members of this Council should receive an allowance."* This report was presented to the District Executive of SSDC on 10th July 2008 and considered by SSDC full Council at their meeting on 24th July 2008.

RESOLVED – to defer this item until the November meeting of Chard Town Council and in the meantime to consult with the electorate as to whether Members should draw an allowance not exceeding £1,000 per annum or to draw no allowance at all.

Cllr G Shortland proposed, and Cllr D M Bulmer seconded the proposal that Chard Town Council does not pay an allowance to members at this time.

RESOLVED – that this Council will not pay allowances to Members at this time.

449. Consultation Document – Council to consider and respond to - Consultation Paper issued by Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) (*attached*) on:-

- i.changes to the Member’s Code of Conduct and
- ii.the issue of a Code of Conduct for Officers.

RESOLVED – to delegate to the Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor, to formulate a Corporate Response on behalf of the Council which will be published in the Members Bulletin before being sent.

450. Pioneer Somerset – ‘Devolution of Services’ Survey

Members to agree a corporate response from the Council in respect of the above.
(Composite response from members to be circulated).

RESOLVED – that a Corporate Response be made based on the DRAFT composite survey responses.

451. Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers. The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting of the Council he had not used his delegated powers.

RESOLVED - to note.

452. Report from Town Clerk regarding a meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2008 of the Clerks from the six Quality Councils in South Somerset with the District Solicitor of South Somerset District Council concerning a Draft Charter for Town & Parish Councils.

The Town Clerk gave a short verbal report on the outcome of the meeting.

RESOLVED – to note

453. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

One report regarding Market Towns Investment (MtiG) had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED – to note

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.



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PRESENT: Councillors

M J Wale - Mayor

Mrs C A Morrison – Deputy Mayor

D M Bulmer

J P Dorse

D R Hill

A Kenton

Mrs J Kenton

G Shortland

Mrs J C Shortland

Mrs A Spencer

Mrs S P Wyatt

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Town Clerk Mr G J Furze, the Responsible Finance Officer Mr T M Cutler and District Councillor N Mermagen. No members of the Press or Public were present.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev.Marilyn Tricker had sent Seasonal Greetings to the Council.

454. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Apologies for Absence had been received from the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev.Marilyn Tricker, conflicting engagement Cllr S Dowell, detained at work D J Orchard, holiday and D M Mears, conflicting meeting.

RESOLVED – to note and approve the reasons given.

455. Mayors Announcements.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, expressed sympathy to those effected by the recent flooding having visited the various effected areas; thanked the Primary Schools of Chard that had attended the Christmas Carol Service; noted that there would be a Civic Reception in the Town Hall for the cast and helpers of C.A.T.S. on 23 January 2009 following the pantomime and informed Councillors that there were Christmas cards available in the Office for those Councillors wishing to send corporate greetings.

456. Declarations of Interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No.1159.

Personal and Prejudicial Interests were declared by Cllrs Mrs C A Morrison, G Shortland and Mrs J C Shortland, in agenda item no 9, cheque no 208629 payable to the Chard Young People's Centre as they are respectively Chairman and member of the Management Committee and County Council representative to the Management Committee of Chard Young Peoples Centre.

RESOLVED – to note

- 457. Exclusion of the Press and Public** – To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 35.

RESOLVED – that no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the public (including the press) has been excluded under Standing Order no 35.

- 458. Town Council Meeting – Minutes** – To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008 be signed as a correct record.

- 459. Finance & Personnel Committee** - To receive and sign the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

Cllr D R Hill, Chairman, presented the Minutes.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Finance & Personnel Committee held on the Tuesday 25th November 2008 be signed as a correct record and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 460. Planning & Highways Committee** - To receive and sign the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 and to adopt the resolutions and recommendations contained therein.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr M J Wale presented the Minutes of the Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of Planning & Highways the Committee meeting held on the Tuesday 9th December 2008 be signed as a correct record and to adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein.

- 461. Finance – Town Council Year (2008/9) to date (Y2D) Budget** – to review the budget information previously circulated.

RESOLVED – that all Councillors noted the Year to Date budget.

- 462. Finance - Accounts for Payment** – to review and approve items of expenditure – cheque signatories to be Cllrs A Kenton & Mrs J Kenton

It was noted that the Declarations of Interest made at agenda item no 3 related to the re-issue of a previously authorised cheque and were therefore withdrawn by all three members.

In approving the payment of cheque no 208658 (deposit for a band) discussion took place regarding the timing of a 'Mayor's May Charity Dance' with the impending County Council elections.

RESOLVED – to approve the Accounts for Payment.

- 463. Town Council Budget 2009/10** – to approve a budget for Chard Town Council for the year 2009/10. Presented by Chairman of Finance & Personnel Committee, Cllr D R Hill

The Chairman of Finance and Personnel, Cllr D R Hill presented the budget for 2009/10 and invited questions.

The budget was proposed by Cllr D R Hill and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Wyatt.

Following a vote, it was unanimously

RESOLVED – to approve the Council's Budget, as proposed, for the year 2009/10 and to set the Precept for £533,600.

- 464. Town Clerk's Delegated Powers.** The Town Clerk will give Council details of any matters dealt with under his delegated powers since the last meeting of the Council.

The Town Clerk informed Councillors that since the last meeting of the Council he had used his delegated powers three occasions;

- 1) to approve Planning item 08/02849/FUL, it not being contentious
- 2) to appoint Cllr G Shortland as Council Representative to Stonham Housing
- 3) to authorise the issue of a Tesco Fuel card for use by the Amenities Department as Central Motors had discontinued account facilities

RESOLVED - to note and approve the use of the Clerk's delegated powers.

- 465. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.**

Reports re Stonham Housing and the Area West Community Safety Panel had previously been circulated. No other reports were given.

RESOLVED – to note

The meeting closed at 8:18 pm.