

**Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Eastwood Town Council
held on 23 November 2009 in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices,
Eastwood, Nottinghamshire.**

Present: Cllr D Bagshaw, Cllr Mrs S Bagshaw, Cllr P Butler, , Cllrs Hazel Charlesworth, Cllrs R Charlesworth, R Dodge, Cllr Tara Fiddymont, Cllr Mrs J Forrest, Cllrs B Griffin, J Kenny, K Longdon, Cllr Ms Rayner Robb, Cllr C Robb and Cllr Mrs G Robb & Cllr J Zalewski.

Also present 12 members of the public.

Cllr K Longdon, Town Mayor in the Chair.

Before the commencement of formal proceedings Cllr P Butler presented to the Town Mayor and the Town Council a new hammer and gavel for future use during council meetings. This gift had been made from Indian hardwood by Mr Ken Hickling of Scalby Close, Eastwood and the inscription had been added by Mr R Dunn, Watchmaker and Jeweller of Nottingham Road, Eastwood.

The Town Mayor, expressed on behalf of the Town Council, his sincere appreciation to Cllr P Butler for this presentation which he hoped would be used for many years into the future. The meeting applauded Cllr Butler's gift to the Town Council.

068/10 APOLOGIES

All Councillors being present no apologies for absence were made.

069/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were given to the meeting by attending Councillors.

070/10 NOTIFICATIONS OF LOBBYING

No notifications of lobbying were made by Councillors in attendance.

071/10 MINUTES – TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2009

Under minute 050/10 (Declarations of interest) the following additional declarations were noted as having been given during the meeting of 19 October 2009 (all quotes personal):
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Cllr R Dodge – Eastwood Probus, St Mary's Friendship Club
Cllr D Bagshaw – Eastwood Volunteer Bureau

Under minute 056/10 a (reports from Town Council reps) Cllr Mrs Josie Forrest clarified that her report was in respect of a Town Council newsletter and not as specified in the minute.

Under minute 059/10 (proposed Town Council offices) Cllr Mrs Hazel Charlesworth asked for details of the costs, so far incurred in respect of acquisition of the new offices. The Town Clerk responded that costs incurred so far amounted to approximately £4,300 but that this figure did not include legal costs incurred up to date, nor the dcosts of Council administration.

The Town Clerk referred to minute 067/10 (grants to community groups) and asked for guidance from the meeting upon how the grant cheques were to be distributed. The meeting felt this should be done during an additional meeting of the Council to be arranged during December 2009.

Finally, it was NOTED that Cllr Rayner Robb did not receive her agenda papers for this meeting and the Town Clerk confirmed that they had been posted with all other Councillor notices.

Taking into account the preceding records, the meeting ADOPTED the minutes of the Town Council meeting for 19 October 2009 as a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Town Mayor.

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ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BY THE PUBLIC AND PRESS
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Leader of the Town Council Cllr D Bagshaw reported that following a careful review of relevant legislation affecting these two items of business, there arose a possibility that the Town Council might be infringing statutory requirements if proposals were put forward under these items. He therefore advised the meeting that in these circumstances, he would **not** be making any proposals under either item of business.

There followed a detailed debate upon the circumstances of both matters where a number of strongly felt observations were expressed. Cllr Dodge drew the meetings' specific attention to the requirments of the Local Government Act 1972. It was then proposed that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes in order for Councillors to reconsider their positions.

- Meeting adjourned for five minutes -

Upon the resumption of the meeting it was proposed and seconded that the meeting 'proceeds to the next business' under the provisions of paragraph 23 of the Town Council's standing orders (resolutions move without notice). The proposal was **adopted** unanimously by the meeting.

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QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Whilst it was NOTED that no provision had been made in the agenda for this item of business, Councillors felt that in view of the number of public in attendance, standing orders might still be suspended in order to hear any questions or statements from members of the public. The meeting AGREED.

- Standing Orders temporarily suspended –

For reasons of transparency the following matters were brought up by members of the public:

Ian Dexter	Raised the question concerning the recent change in the political constitution of the Town Council.
Robert Kirk	Paid tribute to the approved maintenance of Cadets Cross at the junction of Edward Road and Nottingham Road.

- Standing Orders were then reinstated and the formal business of the Council meeting resumed –

072/10 **ACCOUNTS**

a) Payment schedule 04/10

In answer to a question concerning the use of skips to remove rubbish from the Derby Road allotments, the Town Clerk reported that, in accordance with the views of particular Councillors, no further skips have been ordered. Clearance of overgrown plots have therefore been suspended for the time being.

The Town Clerk further confirmed that the payment to Danwood (cheque no: 7457) was the last payment due under the previous copying machine contract.

It was then RESOLVED to note and approve payments totaling £10,587.99p (gross) listed in the schedule 04/10 a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

b) Income and expenditure report – months 1-6

It was RESOLVED to receive and note the income and expenditure report for months 1-6 inc., a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

There being no further business the Town Mayor thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.