SOUTHBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Southborough Town Council held on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in the Bounds Oak Room, Southborough Civic Centre, 137 London Road, Southborough Kent TN4 0NA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Ms Hill (Chair) Blackwell, Bullion, Harris, Mrs Kinghorn, Kinghorn, Lane, Lewis, Munn, Prance, and Poile.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Tracy Kelly (Town Clerk) Paul Gosling (Finance Officer)

1. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE –** Councillors Clay, Francis, Wharton (Family Commitments) Backhouse (ill health)

2. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS –** none declared.

3. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION –** There were no members of Public in attendance and no Press present.

4. **MINUTES -** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 28 April 2022 with the correction is spelling to Elliott and the Annual Town Council meeting were **APPROVED.**

5. **COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS –** Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the following meetings.

Planning and Transportation	03 May 2022
Finance and General Purposes	19 May 2022

6. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS –** Members **NOTED** the Mayoral engagements verbally reported.

7. **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING START TIMES -** Members **AGREED** to the Finance and General Purposes Meeting commencing at 6.00pm in future to enable a portion of the agenda to be set aside for the Civic Centre operations to be discussed. Members were advised that the meeting length would still not be able to exceed the 3 hours as set out in the Councils standing orders.

8. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

It was proposed that during the consideration of the following items, the public and press shall be temporarily excluded (Standing Order 3 (c)): -

These items are considered confidential for the following reason(s)
Information relating to the financial and personnel affairs of the Council.

a) **Confidential Council and Committee Proceedings –** Members **APPROVED** the following confidential minutes: -

Full Council Meeting	28 April 2022
Finance and General Purposes	19 May 2022

b) **Holden Pond –** Members **AGREED** to remove the fish from the pond to try and reduce the anti-social behaviour at the location and to prevent further cruelty to the fish.

c) **Crundwell Road Play Area –** Members **AGREED** to repairing the damaged wall but stated the fence would need to be installed on council land and set as close to the wall as possible to prevent access. It was further **AGREED** that hedging should be hawthorn or similar to again prevent access.

d) **Southborough Civic Buildings Confidential Matters –** The Town Clerk verbally updated Members on the recent further vandalism damage. It was asked if the Manager of the Tunbridge Wells CSU department could attend a future Full Council meeting.

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.00pm

CHAIR