

# SOUTHBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Southborough Town Council held on **Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 7.00 p.m.** at the Southborough Civic Centre, 137 London Road Southborough, KENT TN4 0NA.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Hill (Chair), Francis (Deputy Chair), Blackwell, Bullion, Elliott, Harris, Kinghorn, Lane, Munn, Poile, Prance,

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Paul Gosling (Finance Officer)

## 1. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Clay – Family commitments  
Cllr Lewis – Work commitments  
Cllr Ms O Kinghorn – health reasons  
Cllr Wharton – Family commitments

2. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS** - None declared.

3. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION** - One member of the public was in attendance Kent County Councillor Peter Oakford to discuss Kent County council's budget for 23/24. An additional 15 minutes over the 30 minutes allocated for the public open session in the councils standing orders was given after a vote of members to enable questions to be answered.

4. **MINUTES** - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were **APPROVED** to be signed as a correct record.

## 5. COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Members **APPROVED** the proceedings of the following committees: -

Finance and General Purposes	16 February 2023 – With the amendment to include Councillor Blackwell who was in attendance.
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Members could not approve the minutes of the Planning and Transportation held on 06 February 2023 as the wrong minutes had been appended. These will be re submitted at the Full Council to be held in March 2023

6. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS** – Members **NOTED** the Mayors Engagements

7. **NPPF CONSULTATION** – Members **AGREED** that Councillors could respond individually should they wish to do so

8. **INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY** – Members **AGREED** to hold the event at no cost but must be held in conjunction with Southborough Town Council.

9. **CORONATION EVENT** – Members **AGREED** not to hold any events at the Civic Centre for the upcoming coronation as it was felt residents would rather spend this important day with family.

## 10. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

“Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public’s exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public’s exclusion.”

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	26 January 2023
Finance and General Purposes	16 February 2023

**There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

**CHAIR**