

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held
on 20th November 2018, 7pm

St. Anne's Palace, 18 Garden Street, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AA.

Present:	Councillors	T Ford C Akeroyd A Jacques C Lanyon C Little E Nash G Neale D O'Rourke V Settle S Trudgill	Chairman
	Officers	S Taylor S Dunn J Nightingale D Treece-Birch Steve Cullen Paul Judd	Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Responsible Finance Officer STEP Manager Blackpool Transport Services Blackpool Transport Services
		Members of the Public	12

274/18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Karen Henshaw and Councillor Viv Willder.

275/18 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – INFORMATION ONLY

The Deputy Mayor informed the Council that the Mayor had attended and unveiled the Silent Soldier silhouettes at St Anne's on the Sea Station on 31st October 2018. The 6 soldiers, all with their feet surrounded by plants and artificial poppies were sited around the station and had been received positively.

On 31st October 2018 at 2pm, the Mayor unveiled the new memorial benches in Ashton Gardens, a Town Council project. The service attended by pupils from St Thomas' school also featured the unveiling of the 3 Silent Soldiers at the entrance to Ashton Gardens by the Town Council Office.

The Mayor visited St Thomas School on 2nd November 2018 to present Queens Medals to the 37 pupils who attended the memorial benches unveiling. before going on to the North West In Bloom Awards Ceremony in Southport. She joined representatives of several Community Groups from St. Anne's on the stage as certificates were awarded to the town and its organisations.

The Deputy Mayor handed out prizes at the 'Pushing the Boat Out Exhibition' last week featuring Young People's art work from across the Fylde with many exhibits from pupils in St Anne's Schools. The exhibition was being held for the next few weeks at the Fylde Gallery at Booths.

Lancashire Day Proclamation – All Councillors were invited, it was scheduled for 9.00am outside Tesco/Bakes & Cakes.

276/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2018 be approved and ratified.

277/18 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning Committee 20th September 2018 **Appendix B**
Planning Committee 18th October 2018 **Appendix C**
Policy and Resources Committee 30th October 2018 **Appendix D**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the above Committee meetings be noted.

278/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

The meeting was adjourned at this point for public participation.

A presentation was received from St. Anne's In Bloom who detailed the following;

- St. Anne's were awarded 'Best Large Coastal Resort' and 'Gold' by North West In Bloom
- Under the category 'In your Neighbourhood', Shepherd Road Allotments, Blundell Road Allotments, Friends of St. Anne's Station were awarded 'Outstanding' which is the highest level
- The numerous awards provided St. Anne's In Bloom to local businesses/hotels/organisations for outstanding floral displays

St. Anne's In Bloom thanked the Town Council for the annual grant that enabled the group to plan and develop.

Members of the public raised the following items:

- That both residents and businesses needed to be prepared for freezing conditions, by having a supply of grit
- The alterations made by Blackpool Transport Services to the number 7 bus route and the replacement service 17; these were poorly communicated to residents who were not aware of the changes. The impact upon residents and the lack of communication that created major problems on local bus users (see minute reference 286/18)

The meeting then reconvened.

279/18 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED That the schedule for payments in the sum of £21,465.80 is ratified.

280/18 ST. ANNE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councillor Tony Ford reported that no further information had been received from Oyston Estates Limited legal challenge to St. Anne's Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Ford updated the Council on the ongoing progress that the Town Council were making on ensuring the actions detailed within the Plan were delivered. These included;

- Large scale planting at the town gateways, Blackpool Road North Playing Fields, St. Paul's Avenue (which was undertaken by Town Councillors, St. Anne's In Bloom, Brownies and volunteers)
- Planning applications were being monitored by the Town Council's Planning Committee to ensure that the polices within the Neighbourhood Development Plan were being followed

RESOLVED That the progress on St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development be noted and all actions agreed and supported.

281/18 ST. ANNE'S ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Ed Nash updated the Committee on the progress of STEP. The following points were reported;

- The recent public meeting had focussed on events and had been very positive.
- The group was looking at how the domes in the square could be utilised (These are owned by Fylde Council).
- That a BID proposal had been produced; it had been discussed and approved by both the Town Council and STEP Project board; Fylde Council were also a major partner of the BID proposal and discussions were under way for a BID to be applied for in 2020.
- Disability First had successfully bid for approximately £1million for improved facilities for people with disabilities – this funding was to be allocated across three areas Fylde, Blackpool and Wyre and it would include provision for St. Anne's. This bid had been submitted as part of the Coastal Community process; St. Anne's (STEP) was a Coastal Community team.
- The proposed maintenance day to take place in St. Anne's Square in Spring 2019

RESOLVED That the progress on St. Anne's Enterprise Partnership be noted and all actions agreed and supported.

282/18 ST. ANNE'S LIBRARY – REFURBISHING AND REOPENING

The Town Clerk informed that she had recently written to Lancashire County Council regarding the progress of work on St. Anne's Library. It was noted that a reply had been received from Mr Mike Kirby, Director of Property Services who stated that:

"The programme of works is being re-scheduled and it remains the intention to re-open the library to the public in January 2019".

283/18 STREET NAMING

Deferred from the Policy and Resources Committee 30th October 2018

The Council discussed the formal proposal for street naming of using Historical Place Names; Founders of the Town Names, Names from the War Memorial. It was agreed to add the following amendment to the original proposal:

'To use names from the Mexico Disaster Monument'

The Town Clerk updated the Council on the following process;

- the developers made/asked for suggestions to Fylde Council who consulted with the Town Council
- The street naming process was managed by Fylde Council
- The naming of the new road link to the Queensway development would involve, the developer/Town Council/Fylde Council with the final decision being made by a Fylde Council Committee
- Up until the end of 2018 new street names were being taken from the War Memorial

To assist the Council in understanding the process of street naming, the Town Clerk would invite the relevant Fylde Council officer to a Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLVED a) That the Town Council provide to Fylde Council the following four lists for new street naming in St. Annes; Historical Place Names; Founders of the Town Names, Names from the War Memorial and the Mexico Disaster Monument

b) That the task of producing the three additional lists of names be delegated to the Town Clerk.

284/18 CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON

Mr John Nightingale informed the Council of the arrangements for Christmas Switch On, Saturday 1st December 2018.

Reception – all Councillors were invited to attend the Town Mayor's Victorian Festival Reception, taking place between **3.15pm and 4.00pm**, at the NAAFI Café on Wood Street. Hot drinks and mince pies would be available.

Parade – all Councillors are asked to congregate at **4.00pm** on the corner of St. Andrew's Road South / the Crescent. The Parade will process down the Crescent (on the pavement) towards the St. Anne's Road West (East Car Park). Seating would be provided in the marquee located directly in front of the stage. All Councillors were requested to wear Victorian themed clothes.

Performers from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs would be on stage from 4.30pm to 4.50pm. At **4.50pm** the Town Mayor and special guests would be called to the stage. The Switch On will take place at **5.00pm**. The event will then end.

It should be noted that the Victorian Festival was a joint venture between the Town Council and local businesses which would be taking place over the course of the whole weekend.

There were 30+ stalls, rides for children, Santa's Grotto and many more attractions being held within the town centre across 1st and 2nd December 2018.

285/18 TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS – WEST LODGE

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council offices, West Lodge would be closed from noon on Friday 21st December 2018 and reopened on Wednesday 2nd January 2019. Arrangements would be made to collect the post and deal with specific emails during this period.

286/18 BUS TIMETABLE AND ROUTE ALTERATION – NUMBER 7 BUS

Mr Steve Cullen and Mr Paul Judd, Blackpool Transport Services (BTS), attended the Council meeting to inform people of the reasoning surrounding the changes to the number 7 bus service. These were;

- Bus Service 7 was the longest route that BTS operated and consequently was not reliable creating problems for all service users
- BTS made the decision to terminate the number 7 at St. Anne's Square
- The number 17 service replaced the 7 route from the Square, then travelled down Clifton Drive
- The aim had been to improve the service for residents

Mr Cullen on behalf of BTS apologised to local residents for the confusion surrounding the changes which had resulted in a negative impact on existing bus users. He advised that the method that BTS used to inform residents of bus alterations would be reviewed to ensure that it was more effective in informing the people who used the services.

It was noted that the reasoning for using single decker buses to replace double decker vehicles had been solely due to trees on Heeley Road breaking the bus windscreens and causing both damage and delays. This decision had now been reversed and double decker buses were now being used.

The Council thanked the Blackpool Transport Services for attending the meeting.

287/18 MEMBERS REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Jacques reported that St. Anne's Carnival Weekend 2019 was being held between 5-7th July 2019.

Councillor Nash detailed that he had been part of a 'Task and Finish' group at Lancashire County Council regarding the allocation of grit bins.

Following on from this comment, the Council discussed the problems of icy pavements across the town centre. No formal decision could be made however it was requested that this matter be looked at by the Council in the future.

Councillor Ford provided information on the following subjects;

- Squires Gate Station had benefited from the installation of 2 new benches, 4 planters, a new shelter and ticket machine, delivered by successful grant funding
- That the Friends of Squires Gate Station group had been working with Network Rail to establish a level access for pedestrians at the station

288/18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Town Council meeting would be held on **Tuesday 29th January 2019 at St. Anne's Palace, 18 Garden Street, St. Anne's on the Sea FY8 2AA.**

289/18 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED That, under the **Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding:

290/18 TOWN COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk write a formal letter to Lancashire Police Constabulary requesting information on the future of St. Anne's Police Station.

The meeting closed at 20.30 pm

Signed.....

Chairman

29th January 2019

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council
PAYMENTS LIST
Vouchers 251 - 350 in Cash Book, greater than £300.00
Report 08.09.18 - 08.11.18

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
254	IBanking	171	The Little Stage Company	Food Fest - MC	£800.00
255	IBanking	131	House of Print (Grosvenor)	Newsletter printing	£1,493.00
265	IBanking	54	PFK	Audit Fees - External	£600.00
274	IBanking	163	Smith Equipment Hire	Kite Festival as AB	£644.12
276	IBanking	111	SJ Services	Bunting/Banners - installation and removal	£2,000.00
277	IBanking	174	Community Rail Partnership	Grant	£1,000.00
292	CCard	38	Don Ruffles Limited	Officer - Shredder	£366.00
310	IBanking	112	City Illuminations Ltd	Christmas Lights - yearly testing	£1,000.00
323	DDebit	151	Waterplus	Shepherd Rd - water charges	£1,109.18
329	IBanking	112	City Illuminations Ltd	Christmas Lights - installation	£7,450.00
330	IBanking	112	City Illuminations Ltd	Christmas Lights - new features	£3,300.00
347	IBanking	170	Fylde Council	Gateway Planting Scheme - NDP	£1,703.50
Total					£21,465.80

Signed.....

Chairman

Date 29 January 2019