

Present: Mayor, Councillor Miss K Hinton
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Miss L M Hillier
Councillor Sara Abey
Councillor K Arlett
Councillor Julian Brookes
Councillor Ms H Chandler-Wilde
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor Will Hamilton
Councillor G Lambert
Councillor Sarah Miller
Councillor D Nimmo Smith
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor Jane Smewing

In attendance: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk
Mrs N Taylor – Minute Taker
8 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Public

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Councillor D Eggleton, S Evans and District Councillor Mrs J Bland.

One minute's silence was held in remembrance of ex Councillor Penny Aird who recently passed away. Councillor Aird was the Mayor of Henley from 1994-1995.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gawrysiak declared a personal interest in item 13 – Henley Hero Award as he has worked with a small group of people from Nomad for the past nine months.

74. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 November 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Donna Crook – Abrahams Road requested that at this year's Christmas Festival local traders who were not allowed to have a pitch in 2017 be included.

Ian Clarke – Cromwell Road requested that public question time be moved further down the agenda to allow the public to question / comment on items on the agenda and was advised that this would could be considered for future meetings.

Gill Dodds – Greys Road advised that public question time used to be further into the agenda but it was moved to the beginning of the meeting so that the public did not have to stay until the end if they did not want to.

Mrs Dodds gave her thanks to the Council for the minute's silence for ex Councillor Aird, and went on query what was happening next with the Mermaid statue. She stated that whatever happens there should be no cost to the Council and any expense should be charged to the Amaryllis Estate.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that 'Any damage to the statue is payable by the promoter up to £3m, it can be removed and auctioned at the Council's request after three years and was installed in June 2013'.

David Dickie – St Katherines Road stated that the Henley Neighbourhood Plan was not the best in the country and the Air Pollution plan did not exist. In his opinion the Transport Strategy Group were trying hard but as he had previously stated Swale District Council had held up the development of 200 homes as there was no adequate Air Quality plan for them on their Neighbourhood Plan. SODC need to help with the Air Quality issue in Henley.

Valerie Alasia – Makins Road stated that she was the past Secretary of the Henley Society when they had funded the Silver Jubilee avenue of Lime Trees on the Fairmile and felt that it is very important that the vista is kept clear along the Fairmile and free of advertising boards.

Paula Isaacs – Gainsborough Road requested an update on the Table Tennis Table for Makins Recreation Ground and was invited to attend the Parks Meeting taking place on Friday 19 January.

Donna Crook – Abraham Road – queried if Henley Town Council were intending to provide additional CCTV cameras with night vision following the recent spate of vandalism in the town and was advised that meetings had taken place and although HTC and the Police were in support SODC were not.

Councillor Will Hamilton – Greys Road gave his thanks to Mrs Pam Phillips and the team who had ensured that Santa and his sleigh continued to visit Henley this year and for raising £4,500.

76. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Various items were discussed from reports provided by District Councillors Gawrysiak and Hillier.

Thanks were given to District Councillor Bland and Paula Price Davies for the Christmas Trees in New Street.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

A report was circulated from Cllr Gawrysiak from which several items were discussed.

77. FEEDBACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor advised that her report would be available at the next meeting.

The Henley Schools Environmental Science Competition will be launched on February 9th with the award ceremony taking place on 6 June 2018.

There is a Henley Community Energy Scheme running that will provide solar panels for Henley Residents, anyone interested should contact Dave McEwen (Henley in Transition).

A request was made for more information on the Henley Housing Trust and all the good work that they do for Henley residents.

Thanks were given to District Councillor Hillier for her funding support of the Henley Cricket Club.

78. MAYOR'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS

Members received and noted Civic Engagements from the Mayor 2017 - 2018, from 15 November – 26 December 2017 and the following observations were made:

- 'Henley's Got Talent' will take place on Saturday 3 February 2017 at the Kenton Theatre. There will be two shows, one in the afternoon for primary aged children and one in the evening for secondary / college age children. Moneys raised from the sale of tickets will be split between the Mayors Charity fund and the Kenton restoration fund.

- It was questioned why neither the Mayor nor Deputy Mayor had attended the Headway Carol Service on 11 December. It was noted that no invitation to attend the event had been received.

It was RESOLVED

that the list of Mayoral Civic Engagements for the period 15 November – 26 December 2017 be received and noted.

79. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committees held on 28 November and 19 December 2017 were before the Council. **It was RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning Committees held on 28 November and 19 December 2017 and the recommendations therein be received, approved and adopted.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town and Community Committee held on 28 November 2017 were before the Council.

Minute 78

- Councillor Reissmann stated that he was disappointed at the response from the Police and gave the following information:
‘Stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The Act enforces rule 123 of the Highway Code which states: "You must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

Doing this can incur a £20 fixed-penalty fine under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002.

Minute 79

- It was agreed that there had been discussion at the meeting re the possibility of installing an electrical point that the kebab van could connect up to, and that the wording should be changed to read “that further investigation be carried out with SODC Licencing, OCC highways and the possibility of installing an electric point.
- Councillor Miss L M Hillier advised that she was happy to discuss with SODC Licensing.
- It was agreed that Mr Seylani-Zadeh was responsible for carrying out investigations as this was his commercial venture.

Minute 83

- Councillor Nimmo Smith advised that he would like to attend the meeting with the EA when it is organised.
- A Member questioned how long the EA would allow HTC to continue using the current depot and was advised that the EA were very supportive of what HTC are trying to achieve.

It was RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town and Community Committee held on 28 November 2017 and the recommendations therein be received, approved and adopted.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 5 December 2017 were before the Council. **It was RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 5 December 2017 and the recommendations therein be received, approved and adopted.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee held on 12 December 2017 were before the Council.

Minute 65

- It was agreed that this should still only be agreed in principle until the RFO has heard from the Football Club, as the RFO is on holiday for two weeks from the end of this week if no contact has been received by then, the item should be reconsidered at the March meeting of FSM.
- An in-depth discussion was held questioning whether the purchase of a new parks vehicle should be postponed until March when a new Hybrid Toyota Hilux would be available, which although price unknown at the present time should provide the power required by the Parks department or if as agreed the purchase of a Cabstar SWB Diesel should go ahead.

It was agreed that as time moves on and electric vehicles get better then HTC will replace it vehicles with suitable electric vehicles.

It was RESOLVED

that with the exception of Minute 69 the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee held on 12 December 2017 and the recommendations therein be received, approved and adopted.

80. 2018/19 BUDGET

Members had before them a report on revenue and capital for 2018/19.

A recorded vote was taken

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Councillor K Arlett	Councillor S Abey
Councillor S Gawrysiak	Councillor J Brookes
Councillor L Hillier	Councillor H Chandler Wilde
Councillor K Hinton	Councillor W Hamilton
Councillor G Lambert	Councillor D Nimmo Smith
Councillor S Miller	
Councillor I Reissmann	
Councillor J Smewing	

It was RESOLVED

that the Income and Expenditure Budget, subject to adjustment costs associated with the recent HR review be approved.

Members had before them the budget figures for the revenue and capital 2018/19 report.

A recorded vote was taken

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Councillor S Gawrysiak	Councillor J Brookes
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Councillor K Hinton	Councillor W Hamilton
Councillor G Lambert	Councillor D Nimmo Smith
Councillor S Miller	

It was RESOLVED

that the draft Capex Budget be approved.

Members considered the level of precept to be levied on South Oxfordshire District Council for 2018/19.

A recorded vote was taken

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Councillor K Arlett	Councillor S Abey
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Councillor S Miller	
Councillor I Reissmann	
Councillor J Smewing	

It was RESOLVED

that the precept to be levied on SODC of £530,734 for 2018/19 be approved.

81. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members considered the Completion of Audit for year end 31 March 2017 report.

It was RESOLVED

that the Council notes that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Annual Return Sections 1, 2 and 3 were displayed for a period of 14 days from 28 November 2017;

that the Minutes of the Annual Return including Section 3 (the external Auditors report and certificates) be approved and accepted;

that the Council will ensure that the Annual Return is fully prepared according to the instructions from the auditors;

that the Council has assessed the risks of the investments and is satisfied that the original sum invested is not subject to unreasonable risk, and

that the Council accepts the appointment of Moore Stephens as external auditors for the five year period 2017/18 to 2021/22 inclusive and is not aware of any potential conflict of interest within the firm.

82. HOUSING NUMBERS FOR HENLEY IN THE EMERGING LOCAL PLAN

Members considered whether enough representation has been made to SODC to reduce the housing numbers recorded in the draft Local Plan – and whether enough importance has been placed on the existing infrastructure improvements to support new housing proposals.

After an in-depth debate **it was RESOLVED**

that the item be passed to planning and the Member be invited to submit a paper for further consideration.

83. PROPOSED DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2018-2019 CIVIC YEAR

Members received a list of proposed meeting dates for the 2018/19 civic year. **It was RESOLVED**

that the list be passed to the next Finance Strategy and Management Meeting for further consideration.

84. HENLEY HERO AWARDS

Members received a report on the possibility of the Henley Hero Award being hosted by Henley Town Council in May 2018. **It was RESOLVED**

that the report be passed to the next Town and Community Meeting (with Delegated Powers) for further consideration.

85. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by the Chairman and **RESOLVED**

that the public and the press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business transacted.

86. ITEM RELATING TO LAND OFF THE FAIRMILE

87. ITEM RELATING TO THE LEGAL & HR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

The meeting closed at 9.49pm

Nt/JW

Chairman