

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GUILDHALL MUCH WENLOCK AT 6.45 PM ON THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2009**

Present: The Mayor, Cllr Mr T Pinches, in the Chair.

Councillors: Mrs P Daffurn, Mrs A Dugdale, Mrs L Durbin, Mr M Grace, Mr E W Humphries, Mr T Lathe, Mr R Stuart and Mr D R Turner.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Mr R D May.

Prior to the meeting, Linda Monteith, the Community Regeneration Officer (Southern Area), spoke to the council about her role within Shropshire Council, in particular supporting Local Joint Committee 21 which includes the parish of Much Wenlock. She advised the council that she had worked with the Local Police Officer and the National Trust on the recently successful youth engagement day on Wenlock Edge. She also spoke of meetings with the Fringe Festival organisers and Wenlock Olympian Society. She said that she could help local organisations find appropriate grants to apply for. She also advised that she would be arranging a meeting in the town to discuss youth facilities. The Mayor thanked her for addressing the council.

The Revd Stephen Lowe said prayers.

Prior to the main agenda, in accordance with standing orders, Kate Griffith spoke to the council in support of the grant application for the Much Wenlock Festival. Following this, Anna Dreda spoke in support of the grant application for the Wenlock Poetry Festival.

**268 Apologies:** Cllrs Mr M Green and Mr P M Whiteman OBE

**269 Declarations of Interest**

**Personal**

Cllr Turner declared personal interests in three agenda items: the letter from a Farley resident re various matters seeking town council support; planning application 09/03187/FUL re the erection of single storey extensions at front and rear at 57 Oakfield Park, Much Wenlock; and the Community Notice Board – proposal for the council to make a contribution.

**Prejudicial**

Cllr Humphries declared a prejudicial interest in the agenda item: The Guildhall – proposal to commission some corrective electrical work.

Cllr Durbin declared a prejudicial interest in the request for a grant from the Much Wenlock Youth Club – as a committee member of the Youth Club.

Cllr Pinches declared a prejudicial interest in the request for a grant from the Much Wenlock Youth Club – as a committee member of the Youth Club.

**270 Additional Urgent Business:** The Town Clerk issued an updated agenda with additional urgent items under Matters Arising, Finance, Correspondence and Planning.

**271 Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 1 October 2009 were approved with the following corrections:

- Min 252: 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence to read: "He advised that Shropshire Council will provide resources to administer the contractual arrangements with Oaks who will be asked to set up the Foundation."

- Min 252: Final sentence to read: "...should write to Shropshire Council seeking them to provide legal advice ..."

- Min 254: Correction to typographical error: "paras" to replace "pares".

**272 Matters Arising**

**a. Response from Shropshire Council re a request for legal advice on the implications for the council of participating in the proposed William Brookes Foundation**

The Town Clerk reported that the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Service) had advised that it would not be sensible to accept the town council's instructions in this matter as there would be a conflict of interest for her department's services if Shropshire Council became the accountable body for the proposed foundation's funds. Councillors agreed to note the response.

**b. Location of Town Council meetings:** Cllr Grace reported that he has communicated with the local resident about access and discovered that the resident was not in a position to be able to be helped up the staircase at the Guildhall. After a discussion councillors agreed that that should be no change to their recent decisions on these matters (ref Min 245b).

**c. Work at Cemetery Field (Min 245c):** Cllr Turner, reporting on behalf of the council's Flood Management Working Group, referred to a paper that had been issued previously to councillors. He stated that the Town Council's Cemetery Field has long suffered from flooding which has, in turn, caused water to flood into the gardens of neighbouring properties in Oakfield Park. He added that the ditch on the boundary with the Oakfield Park gardens is now virtually non-existent and runs into an inadequate small-bore pipe that runs along the cemetery drive. Cllr Turner then reminded councillors that it had been agreed that Central Networks could bury an overhead power cable in this area of the field. He suggested that it would seem sensible to try to persuade Central Networks to create a new drainage ditch for the field when they carry out their own works.

Cllr Turner then described the working group's proposed works for alleviation of drainage:

- Dig out a field ditch to a depth of 1 metre, throwing the excavated material onto the hedge side, thus creating a further barrier for floodwater;
- Dig out a trench from the fence to Central Networks' pole to a depth of 1 metre with a constant fall towards the road and run a 10" diameter pipe and refill trench;
- Site a sump at each end of the pipe. At the field end the sump to be filled with stone to provide a crude filter and at the road end to be fitted with a grill for safety and to allow water to overflow onto cemetery drive;
- There are dwarf walls bordering the properties except where there is a small patch of grass. If this can be increased in height to provide a small bank and re-turfed, this will help direct water along the cemetery the drive;
- Water will flow along Bridgnorth Road gutter to Oakfield Park drain;
- In the longer term it is suggested that the pipe be fitted directly to the storm drains. The plans of such drains are not available at this stage.

Councillors discussed the related proposals and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That this Town Council notes the recommended drainage works to the Cemetery Field; agrees to the works in principle and that negotiations be opened with Central Networks to establish the cost, if any, of excavating drainage trenches at the same time as it carries out the underground cable work.

It was further

**RESOLVED** That this Town Council asks that estimated costs for the proposed works be brought to the January council meeting for approval.

Cllr Dugdale joined the meeting (late arrival due to a prior commitment).

**d. Litter on Gaskell Recreation Ground (Min 247):** The Town Clerk read out the Much Wenlock Leisure Centre Manager's reply to a letter from the council on the problem of litter on the Gaskell Field. In the letter, the Centre Manager asks the Town Council to write directly to the school if it is thought that litter is being caused by William Brookes School students. The Centre Manager also queries the council's assertion that litter has reached distressing and unacceptable levels and asks for evidence that litter has become a health hazard. Councillors asked the Town Clerk to advise the Centre Manager that, as he is the Town Council's and Board of Management's manager with the associated responsibility for the condition of the Gaskell Field, then it is his responsibility to resolve any issues re the use of the Gaskell Field by William Brookes School students with school management. Councillors reported incidents when broken glass had been removed from the play area. It was agreed that councillors should report such incidents to the Centre Manager and take photographic evidence where helpful.

### 273 Finance

a. The Town Clerk presented the monthly accounts for approval. The financial statement, as reported in the cash book, was as follows:

Payee	Description	Amount	S137?
Norvid Cleaning Services	Window cleaning services	25.30	
Mazars	External Audit work	632.50	
E.ON UK Energy Services Ltd	Street lighting maintenance	133.20	
SALC	Training course	40.00	
Shropshire Council	Contribution to Joint Use	4,186.00	
Lyreco UK Ltd	Stationery provision	55.74	
Quick Skips (Telford) Ltd	Skip hire at cemetery	86.25	
SALC	SALC AGM fee	15.00	
B L Corfield	Cemetery-related work	1,096.00	
BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephony services	202.72	
BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephony services	61.57	
BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephony services	61.57	
Assoc of Burial Authorities	Annual subscription	90.00	
Cash	Petty Cash	50.00	
Holy Trinity Church	S137 - Contribution to grass-cutting costs	512.00	Y
npower	Electricity provision	140.33	
npower	Electricity provision	25.20	
npower	Electricity provision	386.05	
Oce (UK) Ltd	Photocopier costs	8.12	
Shropshire Council	Pension contributions	652.74	
HM Revenue and Customs	PAYE and NICs	773.82	
Norvid Cleaning Services	Window cleaning services	34.50	
Shropshire Council	Corn Exchange non-dom rates - Nov 2009	294.00	
Shropshire Council	Guildhall non-domestic rates - Nov 2009	346.00	
Balfours	Commission and charges re Linden Lodge	79.06	
Salaries and Wages		3,205.79	
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,193.46</b>	

Approved

**b. To receive the updated Monthly Accounts and Balances and proposals re reserves**

The Town Clerk, referring to a report that had previously been distributed to councillors, advised that the Monthly Accounts and Balances report had been updated to show November actuals plus forecasts to the end of the financial year. The report showed deficits in some of the expenditure lines. However, none was unexpected; most related to significant procurements and could be resolved by moving funds from earmarked reserves to bring the accounts into overall balance. After a discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That £5,000 be moved from Better Welcome earmarked reserves to Better Welcome budget line.

**RESOLVED:** That £3,000 be moved from Guildhall earmarked reserves to Guildhall Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements budget line.

**RESOLVED:** That £4,435 be moved from Guildhall internal works earmarked reserves to Guildhall Repairs, Maintenance and Improvements budget line.

**RESOLVED:** That £2,370 be moved from Children's Play Area earmarked reserves to Gaskell Recreation Ground budget line.

**RESOLVED:** That £3,000 be moved from Corn Exchange earmarked reserves to Corn Exchange Repairs and Maintenance budget line.

The Town Clerk stated that he would continue to monitor the accounts each month and make additional recommendations at future meetings if needed.

**c. Precept-setting meeting**

It was agreed that the annual precept-setting meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 January 2009 in the Guildhall.

**d. Donations and Grants**

The Town Council discussed applications with reference to information previously distributed by the Town Clerk. After discussion it was:

**RESOLVED:** Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Town Council agreed to make the following donations:

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| 1. Holy Trinity Church            | £512   |
| 2. Wenlock Herald                 | £150   |
| 3. Much Wenlock Youth Club        | £100   |
| 4. Hope House Children's Hospices | £100   |
| 5. Much Wenlock Festival          | £1,000 |
| 6. Much Wenlock Poetry Festival   | £500   |

**RESOLVED:** Under Sections 26-29 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 to donate £300 to the Friendly Transport Service (Shropshire).

The Chairman and Councillor Durbin left the room and did not speak or vote during the discussion on the application for a donation from the Much Wenlock Youth Club. Cllr Grace took the chair during the Chairman's absence.

The Town Clerk was asked to make enquiries to ensure that there were no constraints on the council giving a donation to the inaugural Much Wenlock Poetry Festival – intended to fund a special prize.

**e. Annual subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks**

The council approved the renewal of annual subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks (£212).

**f. Proposal to pay for High Street Christmas Trees**

The Mayor stated that last year the council had purchased a number of trees for the High Street plus eight sets of tree lights. He asked the council to approve the purchase of trees for this year. The Town Clerk advised that a local trader had offered to supply the trees at cost price. After a brief discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council purchases Christmas trees for the High Street.

**274 Correspondence**

**a. Letter from Shropshire Council requesting a letter of support to improve the**

**Shropshire Way:** The Town Clerk, referring to a letter previously issued to councillors, advised that the letter from a Countryside Access Development Officer, reported on a two-year project to improve walking opportunities on the Shropshire Way. One component of the project was to create 24 new short circular routes off the Shropshire Way, including one centred on Much Wenlock. The project will also work with Shropshire MIND and others to provide volunteering opportunities to improve people's mental health, well-being and employability. After a brief discussion councillors agree that a letter of support be sent.

**b. Letter from a resident in Farley on various matters seeking town council support**

Councillors discussed a letter from a resident in Farley which covered a number of matters including driver behaviour on the A4169 and the odour emanating from a plant off the A4169 in Farley. The council agreed that the local member for Shropshire Council should be asked to take the matters up with officials, including the Environmental Health Officer.

**c. Communication from Local Police Officer on local issues**

Councillors discussed the email communication received from the Local Police Officer. This listed a number of minor issues raised by local residents in the Walton Hills area of Much Wenlock. Councillors agreed to note the communication – deciding that the issues were not matters that the Town Council could resolve. It was also suggested that the survey presented too limited view of the town.

**d. Letter from Shropshire Council re a feasibility study re Much Wenlock Library**

Councillors discussed a letter from the Assistant Director (Culture and Leisure) at Shropshire Council re a feasibility study into moving the town's library from the Corn Exchange to the Guildhall's ground floor area, the Buttermarket. The Council agreed that it welcomed the feasibility study and strongly supported the initiative and asked the Town Clerk to write in response accordingly. Councillors were advised that the feasibility study would investigate improving disabled access to the Guildhall. Councillors also agreed that if the library move went ahead it would enable the council to review the use of the Corn Exchange.

**e. BBC Radio 4 Food Awards**

Councillors welcomed the success of A Ryan and Son in winning the BBC Radio 4 Best Local Food Retailer Award and asked the Town Clerk to send a letter of congratulation.

**f. Mayor-making dates for 2010**

In response to a request from the Mayor's Chaplain, the council agreed that the 2010 Mayor-making should be held on Thursday 20 May and that Civic Sunday should be held on Sunday 23 May.

**275 Planning**

**09/03059/FUL:** Construction of new vehicular access at 8 Bourton Westwood, Much Wenlock.

The council agreed it has **no objection** to this application.

**09/03184/LBC:** Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the insertion of a new painted timber window at first floor to rear of building (retrospective) at Weavers Cottage, 6 Smithfield Road, Much Wenlock.

The council agreed it has **no objection** to this application.

**09/03187/FUL:** Erection of single storey extensions at front and rear at 57 Oakfield Park, Much Wenlock

The council agreed it has **no objection** to this application.

**09/03193/FUL and 09/03195/LBC:** Erection of a single storey ground floor extension off conservatory to provide toilet facilities at 5 St Mary's Lane, Much Wenlock.

The council agreed to **object** to this application on the following grounds:

- Difficult to understand the proposed changes from the supplied plans;
- Insufficient information provided. This proposal relates to an important local listed building for which a better quality Design and Access Statement is considered essential and the council considers that this should be provided by the applicant before the application is determined. More information on materials is needed;
- The council would also like Shropshire Council to ensure that the drainage proposals are adequate.

**09/03376/TCA:** To crown reduce by 10% one Yew Tree, crown lift by 2 metres one Sycamore and one Cypress Lawson and remove one Fir Tree within Much Wenlock Conservation Area at Mardol House, 8 King Street, Much Wenlock.

The council agreed it has **no objection** to this application.

**09/03327/FUL:** Erection of a pitched roof to front of property at 8 Swan Meadow, Much Wenlock

The council agreed it has **no objection** to this application.

**09/03442/FUL:** Renovations of existing building and change of use to holiday let.

Modification of highway access at 2 Homer, Much Wenlock

The council agreed it has **no objection** to this application. However, the council would also like Shropshire Council to ensure that the drainage proposals are adequate

**Matters re Bennett Homes and Bennett Holdings developments in Much Wenlock**

Councillors discussed recent correspondence with Shropshire Council on matters relating to Queens Court, the Falcons Court car park and Plot 26 – the unfinished building that fronts on to the High Street in Much Wenlock.

In response to a letter from the Town Clerk, Shropshire Council had advised the following:

- Queens Court: Bennett Holdings Ltd have confirmed that they will be continuing with this development even though Bennett Homes Ltd has gone into liquidation.
- Falcons Court car park: Shropshire Council's legal department are still trying to resolve this matter with solicitors acting for Bennett Homes Ltd, but there are problems with the detail of the site being agreed. Until this is sorted the car park is still in the ownership of Bennett Homes Ltd and has not been transferred to the council.

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- Plot 26 (Falcon's Court): The enforcement notice (served on Bennett Holdings Ltd) expired at the end of November. Shropshire Council has been pursuing Bennett Holdings and their agent has confirmed that an application to modify the building will be submitted shortly. It is now up to Shropshire Council to decide whether to take out a prosecution for failing to comply with the enforcement notice.

Councillors agreed that progress with adoption of the new car park at Falcons Court and the completion of Plot 26 had been extremely unsatisfactory and agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Head of Planning at Shropshire Council asking that firm action be taken to resolve these matters.

Cllr Dugdale declared a personal interest in the above and did not speak or vote on these matters.

### **276. Pedestrian, Traffic and Street Scene Working Group Report**

Cllr Durbin, referring to a paper issued previously issued to councillors, reported on the new working group's initial meeting and recommendations. Cllr Daffurn had been elected to be chair of the working group for one year.

The working group had reviewed Shropshire Council's consultation papers on Urban and Rural Roads Speed Limit policies and recommended they be accepted by the town council. Councillors discussed the proposal that over a two year programme of works Shropshire Council could implement a change to the town centre speed limit from 30mph to 20mph. Councillors expressed concerns about the enforceability of such a measure, the area covered by the scheme, the proliferation of signage and the design of the scheme and asked for further consultations with Shropshire Council on the proposal. After further discussion councillors agreed to accept the Rural Speed Limit Policy. Cllr Turner asked that his vote against the proposal be recorded.

Cllr Durbin then referred to letters from two residents concerning speeding traffic and poor driving on the A4169. After a discussion it was agreed that copies of the letters should be sent to the Police Inspector at Bridgnorth and Shropshire Council asking for responses on the matters raised.

Cllr Durbin then referred to an email from resident in Bourton objecting to the possible introduction of a speed-activated 'Slow' sign at the approach to the Bourton and requesting an extension of the 30mph zone. Councillors were reminded that the council had requested the installation of such signs in Bourton and other sites in the parish. After a discussion it was agreed that the email should be forwarded to Shropshire Council and Cllr Whiteman, the local Shropshire Councillor, asking for a response.

Cllr Durbin then advised councillors about complaints received concerning obstructions to pavements in the town. In a number of cases goods are placed outside shops reducing the width of pavements and thereby causing difficulties to wheelchair and pushchair users. It was agreed that some A-boards also caused obstructions on pavements. Councillors discussed the matter and agreed that a letter should be written to Shropshire Council Highways Department requesting that an officer investigate the matter, make an assessment and advise the traders if they are causing an obstruction.

Cllr Durbin then reported that the working group had discussed increasing concerns about the level and continuing cost of anti social behaviour at the Queen Street bus shelter. There were options to renovate, replace or remove the bus shelter. Councillors agreed to defer a decision until they had received the property condition survey report.

Approved

Cllr Durbin then advised councillors that the working group had discussed Christmas lights provision in the town. It has been brought to the group's attention that the council-owned Christmas lights were in need of replacement. The current incandescent lights are being phased out and there is some wear showing on the cables. After a discussion it was agreed that the working group could research a specification for a new system, search for possible outside funding, assess the possibility of new features at the Gaskell Arms corner and Barrow Street and consult with the Chamber of Trade and residents. Councillors also agreed that a letter be sent to Nick Matthews thanking him and his team for their contributions over the years and advising that the council was investigating improvements to the scheme.

### **277 Much Wenlock 2012 Legacy Group**

Cllr Grace reported on progress on the working group's initiatives.

Tourism Impact Study: Cllr Grace reported that the task and finish groups that will shape the action plan for implementing the recommendations in Total Research Solutions' report have begun to meet. Louise Cross, lead officer for Tourism at Shropshire Council, has been in contact with the Council to advise that the Business Development group will meet with appropriate partners, such as the Chamber of Trade, in Much Wenlock in January. The Council should receive an invitation to this meeting. The Marketing & Communications group has already met and Louise has commissioned further work to identify actions.

Gaskell Field Consultation: Cllr Grace reported that the consultants, Pleydell Smithyman, had completed their report on options for the Gaskell Field and following on from this advice, the Gaskell Board of Management, as the managers of the Field, considered the report and agreed to set up a working group to look at all options in detail.

Sponsorship Advice: Cllr Grace reported that all the Legacy Group partners had agreed to take forward the Foundation and, as reported at the November meeting, Oaks consultancy have been contracted (through Shropshire Council, funded by AWM) to begin the process. The meeting of the Legacy Group on 18<sup>th</sup> November discussed the draft Project Plan set out by the consultants. The Group has made suggestions for the local stakeholders that Oaks should contact over the next few weeks to discuss the proposal and to explore the type of relationship they might have with the Foundation. Cllr Grace asked for nominations for the position of local trustees. Cllr Grace advised that Oaks will shortly confirm the timelines and critical deadlines for creating the Foundation and will also shortly recommend a process for choosing the final nominations for the trustees.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council:

- Notes the draft Project Plan and agrees the list of local stakeholders that is being proposed for Oaks to consult regarding the Foundation
- Agrees to sign the extension of the MoU for continuing the investigation of sponsorship work.

### **278 Items for the agenda of the next meeting (7 January 2010)**

The council agreed that the following should be on the agenda:

- Proposal re litter problem in the town (Cllrs Lathe and Daffurn)
- Flood Management Working Group update
- Wenlock Edge Quarries – future use. The Town Clerk was asked to get an update from the National Trust on this matter.

**279 Finance**

It was

**RESOLVED:** The financial statement be signed and expenditure to the value of £13,193.46 be approved.

**280 Confidential Business: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was**

**RESOLVED:** The press and public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Cllr Humphries left the room.

**281 The Guildhall – proposal to commission some corrective electrical work**

The Town Clerk, referring to papers previously issued, reminded councillors that they had agreed previously to commission periodic electrical inspections at the Guildhall and Corn Exchange. (Minute 238 refers). The inspection report for the Guildhall included a number of recommendations. One action that required urgent action had been implemented. Work re other recommendations required council approval. The Town Clerk reported that the council's insurers had asked that the corrective work be completed in a timely manner. He added that the inspection of the Corn Exchange, due to be carried out in December, might also recommend corrective electrical work. After a discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council accepts the quotation of £554.30 plus VAT from E W Humphries (Electrical Contractors) for corrective electrical work at the Guildhall.

Cllr Humphries returned to the room.

**282 Community Notice Board – proposal for the council to make a contribution**

The Town Clerk, referring to papers previously issued, reminded the council discussed commissioning a replacement community notice board at its meeting on 1 October 2009. Minute 222 (Page 82/09) includes the following: "The council discussed commissioning a replacement community notice board and were advised that a local resident, who wished to remain anonymous, had offered to pay for a replacement community notice board to be erected under the Corn Exchange. The Town Council welcomed the offer but agreed that it should be the property of the Town Council and managed by the Town Council via the Town Clerk's Office."

The Town Clerk advised that he had sought a quotation for a replacement community notice board from a local carpenter – to be of the same design and materials as the Town Council notice board. He had then communicated the quote to the local resident – who advised me that he could only make a contribution of £250 towards the cost of the replacement. As this information had been received after the 5 November council meeting the notice board had not yet been commissioned. Recently another resident, who also wished to remain anonymous, had offered a contribution of £100 on condition that the original donor made the contribution. The Town Clerk advised that the quotation (£646.16) was higher than the invoiced cost of the Town Council notice board but that it included pre-painting. The Town Clerk further advised that he had sought quotations from two other carpenters, but both have declined to submit a quotation. After a brief discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council approves a contribution of the balance (£296.16) to enable a replacement community notice board to be commissioned.

**283 Better Welcome Project: update and proposals**

Cllr Daffurn reported that the Better Welcome Project Team had met recently to discuss the scope of the project with the aim of ensuring that the project made best use of the grant money available. As a result the town clerk had written to Advantage West Midlands (AWM) with a proposed contract variation that included a project re-definition; with revised deliverables and an associated spend profile. AWM agreed the variation but stressed the need to get final claims to them by 18 December. Any claims received after 31 December will not be paid.

As a result the project is now structured into three components:

- Visitor Orientation Boards and Interpretation Panels
- Guildhall Market Enhancement (new tables and chairs)
- Town Character and Street Enhancement

Opportunity to purchase new seats for the town: Cllr Daffurn reported that the number of public seats in the town has diminished this year – and many of the remaining seats are showing signs of wear and age. A Better Welcome panel researched options and assessed 13 seats from seven suppliers. In the first round eight seats were rejected for reasons of poor design or limited features. The remaining five seats were scored against five weighted criteria. The results were reviewed and some minor changes made to the scores. The panel agreed that the top two should be presented to the town council with a recommendation.

Councillors were shown information about the two chosen options:

1. The Glasdon Stanford Seat (1875mm wide) – Brown Enviropol version, Unit price £772 or £829.06 with plaques. Possible procurement: 12 or 13 seats (depending on available budget)
2. The Marmax Lanchester Seat- Brown version (1580mm wide). Unit price £481. Possible procurement: 20 seats.

The Better Welcome panel recommended that this procurement be used to replace between 11 and 13 seats in the town centre and that any replaced seats that were still in reasonable condition could be re-sited elsewhere in the town.

Cllr Daffurn reported that the Better Welcome panel recommended the Glasdon Stanford seat as the best value seat for our town centre locations. Whilst it was more expensive, it was felt to be more attractive; it was wider than the Marmax Lanchester and could be adorned by plaques.

After further discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That 12 of 13 Glasdon Stanford Seats (Brown Enviropol version) be procured via the Better Welcome project.

Signed ..... Chairman

7 January 2010

Approved