

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE CORN EXCHANGE, MUCH WENLOCK ON FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER 2007 AT 6.00 PM

Present: The Mayor, Councillor E W Humphries, in the Chair.
Councillors Mrs A Dugdale, Mrs L Durbin, D M J Gibbon JP, M Green, B Harper, T Pinches, S Ross and P M Whiteman
The Town Clerk Mrs A Downes

257 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Grace.

258 Declarations of Interest: Councillor Gibbon declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Joint Use Management Committee.
Councillor Pinches declared a personal interest as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Use Management Committee.
Councillor Whiteman declared a personal interest as a member of the Joint Use Management Committee.

259 The Gaskell Recreation Ground: Councillors Mrs Durbin, Gibbon and Pinches had asked for this meeting to be called as laid down in Item 42 of the Town Council's Standing Orders. As members of the Gaskell Recreation Ground Board of Management and Gaskell Recreation Ground Charity they were concerned about their responsibilities and liabilities especially regarding insurance, health and safety and risk assessments and also on the status of the agreements between the three authorities. An officer of Shropshire County Council and an officer of Bridgnorth District Council had attended the recent Town Council meeting and had advised the Town Council about these matters. A list of questions had been prepared to send to these officers for their advice. However, it was agreed that, following their response, independent legal advice was also needed. It was

RESOLVED: The Town Council agrees funding for legal advice to be sought on issues of responsibility on the Gaskell Recreation Ground.

It was then

RESOLVED: The Town Council approach NALC to establish if they are able to assist the Town Council in determining the Town Council's responsibilities, if they have access to a barrister should barrister's opinion be required, and could they assist in the collation of documentation to submit to a barrister.

Signed Chairman

3 January 2008