

Minutes of a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, North Street, Ilminster on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014** at **19:30hrs**

**Present**

**Chairman:** Councillor E J Taylor

**Councillors:** Cllr S Austin, Cllr P Burton, Cllr C Goodall, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr D Miller, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr S Storey, Cllr R Swann and Cllr L Vjeh

**In Attendance:** Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** No members of the public attended the meeting.

**132. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lawson, Pallister and Sothern,

**133. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made in respect of matters to be considered at this meeting.

**134. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on **25<sup>th</sup> February 2014** as a correct record.

**135. Consider Insurance Renewal**

In accordance with financial regulations to consider approval of the Council's Insurance cover 2014/15.

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Addresses of Council property are not accurate throughout the insurance schedule and require correction
- There are a number of general references e.g. alcohol, television, sports equipment but such items are not owned by this Council
- Cricket Club insurance and associated responsibilities for the contents of the pavilion
- Legionella - what preventative measures and inspections does the Council undertake?
- Hirers liability - the limit seems low compared to other provisions
- The amounts of the personal accident cover for the limits and the specific sums do not appear to be consistent
- The contract disputes section appears incomplete
- An explanation of the term "fidelity guarantee" is required.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Clerk is given delegated authority to take the minimum cover as given on the Policy Schedule at a cost of £5,720
- (ii) that the Clerk is given delegated authority to discuss the issues outlined above with the insurers and where appropriate to agree enhancements to the insurance cover to a maximum total cost of £6,500;
- (iii) that should the required amendments mean a cost greater than £6,500 the Town Clerk is given delegated authority to proceed to obtain the necessary cover following consultation with the Mayor and the Chairs of the Open Spaces and Resources Committees.

Chair's Initials

**136. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of business of agenda item5 “Payment Regarding Cemetery Wall”

**137. Payment regarding Cemetery Wall**

The meeting considered a compromise suggestion regarding a payment claim concerning the North West Cemetery wall.

The Mayor outlined the current situation including a report on a meeting with the claimants, reminded Members of the decision made by Council on 28 January 2014 and explained the compromise suggestion.

**RESOLVED**

(i) that the Council does not agree to the compromise suggestion  
and

(ii) that the resolution of 28 January 2014 is confirmed, namely “That the Town Clerk is given delegated authority to issue a counter claim and represent the Town Council in court”

The meeting closed at 20:52hrs

Chair's signature and date