

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Northleach with Eastington Town Council held in the Westwoods Centre on 18 October 2023, 8pm

Present: Cllrs Terry Morley-Blackwell (Chairman), Matt Jackson, Laura Kirkby, Caroline Saunders, Jules Russell, and Andrew Wellman

In Attendance: Pauline Rigby (Town Clerk)

111. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Byron Hadley, Brian Hulcup, Patsi Rainey, Mark Tennant, and Guy Woolley.

112. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

113. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

114. Confirmation of Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 11 October 2023 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

115. Public Conveniences Provision

To note that Cotswold District Council has established a Task and Finish Group to review the provision of public Conveniences in the district, discuss the possible impact on the Town, and agree on the Town Council's representation.

Members felt that the public conveniences are important to the town and should remain open. Reasons given included:

- The impact on public health, which was apparent when the toilets were closed during the covid lockdown.
- The provision of toilets supports business and tourism, and the position of Northleach as a local service centre. The town is busier than 10 years ago, with increased tourism overspill.
- It is the only disabled toilet in the town centre as many historic local buildings have steps.

It was RESOLVED that this Council feels the public toilets are important to the Town and would be willing to explore all options for keeping the toilets open.

Cllr Jackson agreed to represent the Council in this matter.

116. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Weds 15 November 2023, 7pm in the Westwoods Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Signature of the Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____