

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 14th June 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L.I. Sterry (Chair), M. M. Coborn (Mayor), A. Knight (Deputy Chair), Mrs K. Brown, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard. R. Sterry, M. Turner, C. Witham.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs T.R. Holder, Mrs K. Wynn.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST;

Cllr Morgan, as Chair of Regeneration Board - Min 40.

Cllr Coborn, as Trustee of Miners Welfare Centre - Min 42(e).

The Chair welcomed Mrs Lena Maller (FODDC) to the Meeting, to give her presentation on Dementia.

Lena is a Community Engagement Officer, at the District Council, with a lead of older and vulnerable people. Within this role she has been trained by the Gloucestershire Dementia Education Team and is now a Community Dementia Link which means that she is trained to a level which means she is able to cascade this learning in the community. In recognition of her work in this area she is now funded externally for 2 days a week for the next year.

She circulated a fact sheet from the Dementia Action Alliance regarding building audit, as there were so many things that could easily be adjusted to make it easier for people living with Dementia sufferers to access buildings, within the environment.

To enable Dementia Friendly Communities she works, as recommended by local government guidance, across five domains : **Place** (working towards making open spaces & community buildings more accessible to people living with dementia (ie public toilets, village halls etc) ; **People** (giving people information and awareness of dementia via training sessions, pop-up shops, roadshows etc so that they can turn their understanding in to action and support their own communities); **People living with dementia** (working with infrastructure organisations like the Alzheimer's Society, Crossroads, Carers Gloucestershire to ensure that people living with dementia and their carers are listened to, can get involved and have a voice); **Networks** (partnership working – organisations, groups and individuals working together to make things happen locally and to support people (Forest of Dean Action Alliance, Carers Partnership, dementia forums); **Resources** (the Dementia Board Game which Lena has pulled together for use in dementia awareness session was demonstrated; this has proved very successful in organisations, community groups and schools and is currently being refreshed so it can be used independently).

Local Schools are also becoming involved, with one School in particular due to pupils living with the effect of early on-set dementia. In partnership with Crossroads, in September, a training plan will be developed for all their Staff and pupils. We are hoping to involve a music project and develop a memory booklet for their pupils – there is also the potential to link this work to national anti-bullying week – as dementia awareness is also about tolerance and understand. This booklet would then be available as a resource to other primary schools within the District, County and Nationwide.

A number of councillors recognised how in their role they could support and enable links and contribute to enabling the community of Cinderford to become more dementia friendly. Lena hoped that the Town Council would confirm its commitment and support to the work happening in Cinderford and work proactively to support the Dementia Action Alliance being formalised in the district. Dementia Training for Members could also be carried out using the board game, focusing on Cinderford and working towards becoming more dementia friendly.

Members agreed it was a very exciting and extremely worthwhile project and pledged its support in doing anything it could to assist Lena with this project, and in supporting her work with Dementia Action Alliance, and asked that she also send in a letter outlining what financial support she was looking for.

The Chair thanked Lena for attending, and with such an interesting presentation, and Lena then left at 7.40 p.m.

31. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th May 2016, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

32. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Pinders Human Production Circus Show. (Minute 14).

It had now been confirmed that the Circus would visit Steam Mills from 22nd - 25th September 2016, with the proviso that the pitch must not be used. Noted.

(b) Funding for Public Defibrillators. (Minute 16).

The Clerk was still trying to get a map of defibrillators situated in the Town. She had made contact with the Ambulance Service but was still waiting for the person to contact her. Noted.

(c) GCC - Woodside Street Car Park. (Minute 17).

GCC had agreed the offer made by the Town Council, and the purchase was being dealt with by the respective Solicitors. However, there was now a query regarding responsibility of the end wall of the property adjoining the car park, which GCC were looking into. Noted.

(d) Proposed Traffic Alterations/Yew Tree Brake Cemetery. (Minute 19).

Sue Pangbourne had confirmed that the Town Council would be consulted on the proposed changes, but nothing had been received to date. Noted.

33. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 1st June 2016, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record, with the following addendum, The Clerk considered the offer to be acceptable '**which the Members agreed with and voted unanimously that the offer be accepted.**'

RESOLVED accordingly

34. HIGHWAYS - ROAD CLOSURES.

Church Road - from Greenway Road junction to the Stockwell Green junction, for resurfacing - 1st/2nd September 2016.

Newtown Road - from Broadmoor Road junction to Steam Mills Road, for new road access - 1st August to 1st November 2016.

35. CENTENARY FIELDS PROGRAMME.

To mark the approaching 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in July, the Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust were introducing the Centenary Fields programme. The objective was to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity in honour of the memory of the millions of people who lost their lives in the conflict.

They were now inviting Town and Parish Councils to nominate a recreational space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field to commemorate a significant milestone in history, and to create a tangible living legacy to be valued by the local community. Once a site had been agreed, the Town Council would be required to complete a Deed of Dedication to protect the green space in perpetuity.

RESOLVED that the Miners Welfare Playing Field be nominated for dedication.

36. CINDERFORD BRIDGE ROAD JUNCTION - PROVISION OF BRIDGE.

The provision of a pedestrian/cycle bridge had been suggested previously to the Regeneration Board, and has now been raised again by Ruspidge & Soudley PC. FODDC had confirmed its support of the project, which would need to be taken forward by the Town and Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Cinderford and Ruspidge & Soudley work together to try and obtain the bridge crossing.

37. FoD COMMUNITY CHURCH - DONATION REQUEST.

The Church had organised a Garden Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, in the new Church garden, with a pig roast, live music and a Souvenir Commemorative Book, with the forward written by the Queen. As the celebration would cost the Church in excess of £1,000. they had written asking if the Council would consider making a donation to assist them with the costs.

RESOLVED a donation of £50. be given, under Section 137.

38. URSELLS - ADDITIONAL PLAQUE ON WAR MEMORIAL.

Following confirmation that Able Seaman Leslie Jackson had served in the Royal Navy , the Clerk had obtained a quote from Ursells to have an additional plaque added to the War Memorial. A new plaque matching the one supplied in 2007 (on the left hand side) would cost £1,241.19 (incl VAT), or £897.94 for a plaque smaller in height, given that there is to be only one name added (which could be placed on the right hand side).

RESOLVED that a plaque be fitted to the front of the Memorial under the existing three plaques, if it was possible.

39. MEMORABILIA DAY.

Cllr Turner had ascertained that Ruspidge was holding a Memorabilia Day on the first Saturday and Sunday, in October, and thought Cinderford could also organise one for the same weekend, perhaps on the Sunday, to capture the interest of more people. Members did not think a Sunday would be a good day, but agreed a Memorabilia/Community Day be arranged for Saturday, 1st October 2016, where recipients of grants/donations from the Town Council could also be invited to attend with a promotional display for their organisation.

RESOLVED accordingly.

40. NORTHERN QUARTER.

The Clerk circulated an update received from Louise John, for information to Members;

- Trilogy Developments had submitted a revised planning application to FODDC.
- The Great Crested Newt translocation work and clearance work had now been completed.
- The Contract had now been awarded for the spine road, with work due to start on the first phase on the 13th June, for 36 weeks and due for completion early next year.
- The Governors of Gloucestershire College had recently reconfirmed their commitment to moving to the site, and planning to open in September 2018.
- FODDC were working with Blaenau Gwent CBC to assess the work required in preparing the development plots.
- A legal challenge hearing, scheduled for 7th July 2016 in the Court of Appeal was challenging the decision by the High Court to refuse permission to challenge the HCA hybrid planning application. If the appellants lose, there would be no further right of appeal.
- Amey had now completed a design for the junction, but there were insufficient funds to complete the works. In order to comply with safety requirements there would have to be speed reduction measures in St. Whites Road, but following the junction improvements, there would be insufficient funds to complete the speed reduction work, therefore GCC could not progress the scheme. GCC would continue to try to identify alternative funding sources and had put the scheme in their priority assessment system. FODDC were also aware of the proposals for a foot bridge.
- The Valley Road housing scheme was now completed, with only 2 remaining plots to be sold, as at May 2016.
- The latest version of the Retail Pathfinder Town Centre report had been completed and circulated to Members with key headlines being, the vacancy rates down from 15.5% to 12.6%; increase in number of shops in Town Centre; slight decrease in footfall across the week average, but an increase at weekends.

Members asked that the Clerk write to West Dean PC expressing disappointment in their decision to release a statement asking for a Public Inquiry on the very day, Glos College issued their statement, reconfirming their commitment to moving to N/Q. Also she was asked to write to GCC expressing concern at the decision taken on deferring completion of the required works at the Cinderford Bridge junction.

RESOLVED accordingly.

41. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- The Chair confirmed that she and Cllr Mrs Brown had attended the training session in Coleford, on being a better Councillor, which she thought had been very useful. She circulated to Members, a copy of 'The Good Councillor's Guide - 4th edition'. It was suggested that perhaps Council's Standing Orders contain a requirement that all new Members attend a Training Session, with existing Members to attend for refresher sessions. It was acknowledged that Town and Parish Councils would be taking on more responsibilities, and the Clerk was asked to get dates from GAPTC for training provision for the Town Council, later in the year.
- Cllr Mrs Martin reminder Members of the FoD Health Forum event on 2nd July in Lydney - email already sent out by Clerk.

42. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

As Members of the Development Control Committee, Cllrs Mrs L.I. Sterry and Mrs Di Martin, did not take part in the vote on any of the following applications.

- (a) 31 St. Whites Road - new vehicular access and hard standing at front of dwelling and associated lowering of kerb, P0651/16/FUL.
- (b) 35 Colliers Field - single storey rear extension, P0641/16/FUL.

- (c) Land off St. Johns Square - Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling P0664/16/UT
- (d) 11A Dockham Road - Erection of a single garage, P0716/16/FUL.
- (e) Land to the north of Parragate Road - Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking facilities. Construction of new vehicular access (renewal of permission P2088/10/FUL), P0720/16/FUL
- (f) 13 Abbey Street - First floor extension to side of property (revised scheme), P0666/16/FUL.
RESOLVED no objections be made to the above applications.
- (g) Northern Quarter - Discharge of condition 06 (Details of green sedum roof for college building, Plot E1) and variation of condition 28 (soft landscaping for plot E1 only) relating to planning permission P0663/14/OUT, P0741/16/FUL.
- (h) Northern Quarter - Discharge of condition 43, parts 1,2 & 3 (Land contamination) for plot E1 relating to planning permission P0663/14/OUT, P0048/16/Discon.
RESOLVED no objections, providing FODDC was satisfied that all conditions had been met.

43. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Members were circulated with the figures for accounts requiring payment and it was;

RESOLVED the accounts and wages totalling the following amounts be paid;
BVC/CTC - £2,910.70
BVC - £16,607.16
CTC - £1,727.14

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12th July 2016 at 7 p.m.

45. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.