

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 12th July 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L. I. Sterry (Chair), M.M. Coborn (Mayor), A. Knight (Deputy Chair), Mrs L. Bent, T. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (7.55p.m), R. Sterry, M. Turner, Mrs K. Wynn.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs K. Brown, R. Pritchard, C. Witham.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Mrs E.D. Martin declared an interest (as member/user) - Minute 48.

46. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th June 2016, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

47. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

(a) Centenary Fields Programme. (Minute 35).

The Clerk confirmed that the first form had been filled in, but further information was required regarding ownership. She would update Members as soon as possible. Noted.

(b) Ursells - Additional Plaque on War Memorial. (Minute 38).

Following the recommendation made by Members, the Clerk had obtained the quote (£518.59 plus VAT) for a plaque to be fitted to the front of the Memorial, which had been ordered. She had confirmed to Mr. Jackson that this was in the process of being carried out, and he had confirmed that he would like to attend the dedication ceremony, which the Clerk would co-ordinate with Cinderford RBL. Noted.

(c) Northern Quarter. (Minute 40).

(i) West Dean PC had responded that they strongly supported the Northern Quarter Development, and were very much aware of the benefits it would bring to Cinderford and the wider Forest area. Their call for a public enquiry was not in any way an objection to the Northern Quarter, but due to the repeated delays to the project, which continued to frustrate everyone. Following a meeting with the College, and reassurance that the timescales for the College moving in September 2018 were realistic, West Dean PC had now withdrawn their request for a public enquiry. Noted.

(ii) GCC had replied that the improvement scheme for Cinderford Bridge junction was on hold pending funding to look at feasible options to address the substandard visibility at the junction to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing east of the junction. Cllr Morgan, had responded to this, as Chair of the Forest of Dean Road Safety Committee, requesting a pedestrian footfall survey be carried out, to substantiate the claims by GCC. The issue was also being raised at the Cinderford Regeneration Board to try to get the work done as a priority. Noted.

48. FOREST SENSORY SERVICES - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.

Due to funding restrictions, FSS had made their Manager redundant, but continued to run the service with 1 member of staff and 30+ volunteers, to continue to provide support for people with sensory loss, and had written asking the Town Council for a donation to assist them in delivering this essential service.

49. THE FOREST BEE - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.

The Forest Bees had written requesting a donation towards their running costs and it was

RESOLVED a donation of £75.00 be forwarded under Section 137.

50. F.o.D DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.

Following the presentation at the June meeting and the positive feedback given by Members, Lena had written outlining the funding needed to progress the work with a local Primary School, to develop two areas of support;

- A memory booklet (workbook) for each pupil to keep and take home to support discussions about dementia from the perspective of their memories. This would be designed/developed for the particular school, but would be available to other primary schools in Cinderford, the district and countywide. Funding had been secured for the design, but funding was needed to print it, which she estimated to be around £400.
- She was also looking at working with a song writing charity, to produce a song to be put on CD to raise awareness within the school and community, which could be sold to raise funds for the school. Although the work would be subsidised, there would be a cost contribution of £300.

Members agreed they would like to pay for the printing of the booklet, providing the cost was as estimated (around £400.), with the Town Council being acknowledged in the booklet.

RESOLVED accordingly.

51. GPFA - AWARD.

The GPFA Honourable Company of Gloucestershire Awards were administered by the GPFA who were asking for nominations for anyone talented at sport, to be received by 2nd September 2016. Successful applicants would receive £250. from the scheme to help meet their training and equipment costs, and the presentation would take place at the GPFA AGM on 4th October 2016.

RESOLVED any nominations be forwarded to the office.

52. STANDING ORDERS - INCLUSION OF MANDATORY TRAINING.

It had been suggested that all members should undertake mandatory training, which would be incorporated within the Standing Orders of the Council. The Clerk considered that as parish councillors were voluntary, that training should not be mandatory, but members could be encouraged to undertake training. It was agreed that Members should be encouraged to undertake training and the Clerk was asked to find out if something could be arranged for October, and possibly April the following year.

RESOLVED accordingly.

53. CINDERFORD MUSIC FESTIVAL - ROAD CLOSURE 03/09/16.

The working group had asked if the Town Council could put in the request for the road closure on Saturday, 3rd September 2016, 10am - 10p.m which would allow them to organise a fun day, in the Town Centre, to incorporate with the Music Festival.

RESOLVED accordingly.

54. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Mrs Martin reported that the Health Festival arranged by FoD Health Forum had been really well attended.

Cllr. G.L. Morgan arrived from attending Ruspidge Parish Council meeting.

55. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

The following planning applications were then considered.

- (a) Sunrays, Valley Road - Construction of a wrap around conservatory with hipped roof. (Removal of existing side extension and rear porch). P0871/16/FUL.
- (b) 4 Littledean Hill Road - Construction of a double detached garage, single story extension and installation of a dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion. P0900/16/FUL.
- (c) 39 Church Road - Two dormer windows to rear and single story rear extension. P0823/16/FUL.

RESOLVED No Objections, be made to any of the above planning applications.

- (d) 23 Market Street - Prior approval for conversion of existing ground and lower ground floor retail space to residential. P0849/16/PM3PA.

RESOLVED very strong objections be made to the above application - the property formed part of the active town centre frontage, protected by the Allocations Plan, and considered to be prime retail.

- (e) Unit 8, Forest Vale Industrial Estate - Extension to rear elevation of factory unit for storage/delivery and collection of goods. P0684/16/FUL.

RESOLVED the above application be Supported.

Appeal lodged:- 34 Cedardean - Two storey extension to side of dwelling. APP/P1615/D/16/3151902.

Appeal Decision - Dismissed - Land Adjacent to Rosedene, Mousell Lane - APP/P1615/W/16/3145081.

56. 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 - £15,769.78.
BVC - £1,654.45.
CTC - £5,485.27.

57. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on

58. PROPOSED CUTS TO BUS SERVICE - SURVEY.

Cllr. Mrs Martin urged Members to complete the survey being carried out by GCC regarding bus services and the proposed cuts in the Forest of Dean. Noted.

59. NHS - EARLY CLOSURE OF MINOR INJURIES UNITS.

Cllr. Coborn urged Members to complete the survey, and to oppose the proposed early closure of the Minor Injuries Unit, from 11 pm to 8 pm. Noted.

60. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.35p.m.