

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 13th September 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L.I. Sterry (Chair), A. Knight (Deputy Chair), M.M. Coborn (Mayor), Mrs L. Bent, Mrs K. Brown, T. R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, R. Pritchard, R.A. Sterry, M.D. Turner, L.S. Wilce, C. Witham.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs J. Johnson, G.L. Morgan, Ms K. Wynn.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

### **77. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th August 2016, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **78. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

- (a) Ursells - Additional Plaque on War Memorial. (Min. 62 a).

The Clerk confirmed the dedication service would take place on Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2016. Noted.

- (b) Tour of Britain - (Min. 67).

The feedback from the public for the bike race had been positive, with good comments regarding the signage, but there were only two signs left, as the other signs had been taken for souvenirs. Noted.

### **79. GMTF - REAL TOWN TOURS APP.**

Glos. Market Towns Forum had now launched the Lydney Heritage Walk App for smartphones. Lydney had been used as a pilot for the APP and they were now extending this to the other three Forest Towns. The Clerk had forwarded the information to Cllrs Turner and Witham, to see what they thought of this. They confirmed at the meeting that they considered this to be worth taking up, and thought the Council should pursue the offer.

RESOLVED the Clerk confirm to  
GMTF accordingly.

### **80. FORESTRY COMMISSION - HEYWOOD FOREST OPERATIONS.**

The Forestry Commission had emailed highlighting the fact there had been a Phytophthora Ramorum outbreak within the Heywood plantation (between Mitcheldean and Cinderford), which meant the infected trees would need to be felled in accordance with the Plant Health Order. The information had been put on the Town Council Web page and Facebook page. Noted.

### **81. DISTRICT CAGE BIRD SOCIETY - REQUEST FOR A DONATION.**

The District Cage Bird Society had written requesting a donation towards their running costs. However as the organisation was no longer Cinderford based, the Members agreed they could no longer give financial support.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**82. GAPTC - DEVOLUTION GLOUCESTERSHIRE - OBSERVATIONS.**

The devolution bid for Gloucestershire was put together by Leadership Gloucestershire and submitted to the Government in August 2015. GAPTC, GRCC and Glos. Market Towns Forum formed an informal partnership, to enable future consultation, engagement and involvement of the sector. It was considered there would be further changes and that the current information be noted.

**83. HIGHWAYS - ROAD CLOSURE A4151 ELTON RD. - 14th - 21st NOVEMBER.**

Notification had been received for the closure of the A4151 Elton Road, from the Upper Hall Fish Farm, to the A48 junction. for resurfacing between 14th-21st November. Noted.

**84. F.o.D DEMENTIA ALLIANCE - MEETING.**

Lena Maller had asked to fix a date for the dementia game - the dates suggested was the 10th, 17th & 24th November with a 4 pm start and finish at 5.30.

RESOLVED the Clerk confirm a date with Lena Maller.

**85. CLARKE TELECOM LTD. - PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT CRFC.**

Vodafone and Telefonica had entered into an agreement, and were now looking to identify a site in the Cinderford area for a radio base station. They had looked at quite a few options and their preferred site was Cinderford RFC, Beavis Memorial Ground, Dockham Road. Following discussion Members agreed to support the proposal, in principle.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**86. FoD ENTREPRENEURS - GROWTH HUB NETWORK.**

Andrew Maliphant on behalf of the FoD Entrepreneurs had invited the Clerk to attend a meeting to discuss the FoD Growth Hub, whereby five new Tier 2 & 3 network centres would be created to complement the existing 'virtual' business support service. Tier 3 provision would be via the Library Service, with Tier 2 being provided by possibly the Town Councils for meeting space, video conferencing etc. The Clerk had therefore met with Henry Tarling from Module IT, together with Cllr Witham to look at possible future provision to allow the Town Council to provide such required services. The Council recognised the importance of providing such facilities, and agreed to support the idea in principle, depending on the cost to Council.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**87. ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY - FLASH FLOODING.**

Following the presentation by the Environmental Agency, it was made clear that Cinderford had been identified as being at risk from future flash flooding and that an emergency plan would need to be completed. In order to progress this it was decided a working group be formed, and the following Members volunteered; Di Martin, K. Brown, C.Witham, M. Turner, A.Knight.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**88. TRANSFER OF TRUSTEES.**

The Clerk informed Members the transfer of Trustees for the Forest Fitness Centre had now been completed and a photo shoot had been arranged at the Centre, on Monday 19th September at 10 a.m for Trustees and Volunteers to mark the occasion. Noted.

## **89. FUSION - NEW 'WELCOME' SIGNAGE DESIGNS.**

The Clerk circulated to Members a copy of the designs for the new 'Welcome' signage for the Town. Following discussion, it was suggested the designs be posted on facebook to allow the parishioners to comment on the designs.

RESOLVED accordingly, and that the item be on the Agenda for the October meeting.

## **90. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

- Cllr. Mrs Martin had attended the Overview and Scrutiny meeting at FODDC when the boar was discussed. More and more complaints being received but there was still the pro-boar view. A huge cull was currently in place with two more Rangers being employed by the Forestry Commission. A head count of boar - 1018 in 2015, with 1562 in 2016. The boar breeding four times a year, with more getting killed on the roads. Ecologists had mixed views, and were concerned with the impact on natural habitat for wildlife.
- Cllr. Coborn - Town Improvement Group had discussed the weeds and the black bins being left on the highways and Cllr. Coborn was awaiting a response from FODDC. The Clerk had already emailed Biffa regarding the weeds. Another meeting would be arranged within a few weeks.
- Cllr. Witham - the Mayoral engagements and Cindyfest had been very popular on the facebook page. He had also posted a festival feedback, which had received positive comments overall. There had been 300% more visits to the web page, with the festival, road closure, Heywood works, and the Tour of Britain proving very popular.
- Cllr. Turner reminded Members of the Memorabilia Day on Saturday 1st October in the Council Chamber. Cllrs. Mrs Martin, Mrs Johnson, Coborn, Knight and Witham all confirmed they would be attending to help out.

## **91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

The first two planning applications had already been dealt with in order to meet the consultation date: both "No objections".

- (a) 13 Abbey Street - Discharge of condition (03) details of weatherboarding of planning permission. P0666/16/FUL.
- (b) 7 Abbots Road - Construction of a single storey extension together with attached outbuilding. Demolition of existing single storey rear extension. P1089/16/FUL.

RESOLVED accordingly.

The following planning applications were then considered:-

- (c) Gloucestershire Constabulary, Police Station - Conversion of police station to 3 dwellings and associated works. P1176/16/FUL.
- (d) 5 Abbey Street - Alterations to roof to replace two separate dormer windows with a single dormer window at the rear. P1202/16/FUL.
- (e) Land Off, Meendhurst Road - Erection of a detached building housing two, one bedroom self contained dwellings with alterations to the access and associated works. P1229/16/FUL.

RESOLVED no objections be made to any of the above applications.

- (f) White Hart Inn, St. Whites Road - Erection of ground floor and first floor extensions to create additional bar area and letting accommodation and refurbishment to create a two bed detached letting unit and ancillary works. (Revised description).
- (g) Lidl Supermarket, Parragate Road - Replacement of existing flag pole sign with a 6m high internally illuminated totem sign. P1162/16/ADV.

RESOLVED the above applications be supported.

- (h) 12 Wesley Road - Conversion of workshop to two flats. Retention of part of the workshop and demolition of part of the workshop. P1138/16/FUL.

RESOLVED strong objections be made to the above planning application due to the mix of residential and workshop/noise.

**Appeal Decisions - Dismissed:-**

- 34 Cedardean - Two storey extension. APP/P1615/D/16/3151902.
- 5 Steam Mills Road - subdivision of house and erection of 1.8m close boarded fence. APP/P1615/W/16/3149700

**92. 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 - £17,262.34.  
BVC - £4,163.20.  
CTC - £6,208.47.

**93. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 11th October 2016 at 7 p.m.

**94. GAPTC - ACREDITATION.**

Cllr Mrs Martin asked if the GAPTC accreditation scheme could be added to the next Agenda of full Council.

**95. CIRCUS IN THE TOWN.**

The Clerk reminded Members the Circus would be at Steam Mills Playing Field on 23rd-25th September 2016.

**96. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.