

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th January 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

AN APOLOGY for Absence was received from Cllr. Mrs K. Brown.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

148. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th December 2016, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

149. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- (a) Local Council Award Scheme - document circulated by email. (Minute 136 c).

The Working Group had arranged to meet at the Belle Vue Centre on Friday morning, 20th January 2017. Noted.

- (b) FODDC - Public Conveniences, Heywood Road Car Park. (Minute 137).

The Clerk was still awaiting the requested information from FODDC.

150. MEMBERS REPORTS.

**RESOLVED the following item be discussed in the
Absence of the Press and Public, due to confidentiality.**

151. GCC - ROAD CLOSURE SPEECH HOUSE FOR FOREST HALF MARATHON 19/03/17.

Notification had been received for the road closure of the B4226 Speech House Rd, Cinderford, B4226 Speech House Rd. Broadwell and 3/18 Speech House to Barracks Rd. from 500m either side of Speech House Hotel on 19/03/17 from 8.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Noted.

152. GCC - ROAD CLOSURE WESLEY ROAD, JUNCTION OF PARRAGATE RD TO STATION ST. 05/04-07/04.

Notification had been received for the road closure of Wesley Road from the junction of Parragate to the junction of Station Street for approx. 60 metres from 05/04/17 to 07/04/17 for the renewal of a communication pipe within the carriage. Noted.

153. GCC - ADOPTION OF BUS SHELTER ON N/Q SPINE ROAD FOR NEW COLLEGE SITE.

GCC were currently looking at the bus stop requirements on the new road, to serve the new College, and had asked if the Town Council would adopt the new bus shelter.

RESOLVED accordingly.

154. BUDGET 2017/18.

The Clerk had received notification that the Council tax referendum principles had not been extended to Parish and Town Councils in 2017/18 and also that FODDC had withdrawn the payment of the LCTS grant to Parish and Town Councils from 2017/18.

The Clerk then circulated to Members a copy of her report on the budget for 2017/18, which was considered in detail, and it was agreed to include the following:

- Music Festival - £1000.
- Playing Fields - £2,500.
- Bus Shelter - £2,000.
- Forest Sensory - £250. - annual grant.

of The total expenditure for the previous year was £210,920. but with the deduction the LCTS grant from FODDC resulted in a precept of £190,000. As there was no longer any grant available, a standstill budget of £210,920. plus the final payment of £50,000. for the purchase of the Triangle, would result in a precept of £260,920.

RESOLVED the Precept for 2017/18
be set at £260,920.

155. DONATIONS.

As Members had dealt with some donation requests during the year, there remained a balance of £844.00. The Clerk circulated the list of applications requesting donations, and following consideration it was

RESOLVED the following donations be
given, under Section 137.
2nd Cinderford Brownie Pack - £100.
County Air Ambulance Trust - £100.

156. TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2017.

The Clerk had gone through both documents with the Members it was agreed
and

RESOLVED both the Risk Assessment and Financial
Regulations for 2017 be approved.

157. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

As Members of the Development Control Committee, Cllrs Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. Sterry and Mrs E.D. Martin, 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) 5 Steam Mills Road – Sub-division of house to create two separate dwellings. P1695/16/FUL.
- (b) 9 Westerley Close - Erection of single storey extension to front elevation and orangery to rear elevation. P1760/16/FUL.

RESOLVED accordingly.

- (c) Land South Side of Lamb Lane - Erection of a dwelling, parking area and associated works. P1553/16/FUL.

RESOLVED objections be made to the above
application due to the over development of
the site with poor vehicular access.

- (d) 4 St. Whites Terrace, St. Whites Road - Lowering of kerb to create an access, installation of a block paving area and removal of front fence. P1794/16/FUL.

RESOLVED objections be made to the above application due to insufficient space leading to highway and safety issues.

- (e) 59 Woodside Avenue - Two storey side and single storey rear extensions. P1745/16/FUL.

RESOLVED no objections be made to the above application.

158. 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 - £15,422.27
BVC - £7,310.22
CTC - £1,946.92

159. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 14th February 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

160. LINEAR PARK.

The Wigan engine at the entrance to the Linear Park, needed painting again, and the Clerk was asked to contact FODDC requesting this be done. Noted.

161. HIGHWAYS.

As several highways issues had been raised, Cllr Morgan confirmed he would raise them with Brian Watkins at his meeting. Noted.

162. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.