

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th March 2015 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; G.L. Morgan (Chairman), M.M. Coborn (Mayor), Mrs L. Bent, Mrs M. Cook, T. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. Sterry, L.S. Wilce, D. Wildin.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. A. Knight, B. O'Neill.

One member of the public.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

167. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th February 2015, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

168. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

- (a) Hilldene Athletic. (Minute 157)

Cllr Sterry raised concerns regarding the drainage on the field, and this would need to be improved for continued playing of football. This had been addressed previously and the Club were looking at fund raising to improve the ground. Noted.

- (b) Open Day 7th/14th March 2015 - Members Availability.

Cllrs. Mrs J. Johnson and R. STerry were unavailable for the Open Day. Noted.

- (c) Cars parking on Valley Road - Outside Hanover Court.

The Police had spoken with the workmen at Hanover Court on several occasions, but there was nothing enforceable, with no yellow lines in place, providing the dropped kerbs were not being blocked. They would however monitor the situation when able to. Members also commented on the ongoing situation caused by parked vehicles outside the Co-op shop on Valley Road. Noted.

169. CARNEGIE FIELDS - LOCATION OF FIELD IN RECEIPT OF CARNEGIE GRANT.

The Clerk had received an email from the GPFA, with information regarding the Carnegie Trust trying to locate playing fields that had received grants from them. They had identified an area in Cinderford, as received a grant of £30. on 16th December 1932 but didn't know which play area this was. From information on a map on the Carnegie web site, the Clerk thought it might have been the Miners Welfare Playing Field, and Cllr Morgan was currently going through information held by him to see if he could confirm this or otherwise. Noted.

170. FODDC - RETAIL PATHFINDER TOOLKIT REPORT.

The Regeneration Team at FODDC had completed a report on the health and effectiveness of each of the District's four main towns, which could be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Town Centre. A copy of the Retail Pathfinder Toolkit Report had been emailed to all Members, and a copy held in the office, for perusal. Noted.

171. FODDC - APPLICATION FOR STREET TRADING LICENCE.

An application had been received for a Street Trading Licence for Forest Vale Industrial Estate, on either Hollyhill Road, Laymore Road or Crabtree Road in Cinderford.

RESOLVED no objections be made.

172. GCC - ROAD CLOSURE - BELLE VUE ROAD - 1st - 8th APRIL 2015.

Notice of a temporary road closure order had been received in respect of Belle Vue Road for essential carriageway repairs from the 1st - 8th April 2015. Noted.

173. GCC - DROPPED KERB ABOVE HSBC.

Following complaints regarding the regular blocking of the dropped kerb and causing an obstruction for those with mobility issues, the Clerk had contacted Highways who had suggested that some hatched markings be put in to make drivers more aware of the dropped kerb.

RESOLVED accordingly.

174. W.I. - 100 YEARS CELEBRATION WITH BATON RELAY.

The Womens Institute for the Forest was taking part in a Baton Relay which would take place in the Triangle on Saturday, 21st March and would be collected by Cinderford W.I. Members in a 1950's restored Ambulance and then it will go onto Ruardean, Lydbrook, English Bicknor, Coleford and then onto Lydney and the Baton would eventually arrive at the Royal Albert Hall in June 2015. Noted.

175. MEMBERS REPORT.

Cllr. Mrs E.D. Martin - had attended the F.o.D Health Forum and they were trying to attract more members of the public to attend. They had received a presentation on the 'Swim Gym' at Orchard Trust and was very impressed with their facilities. Next month in April, they were having a presentation from Crossroads covering their out of Hours Service. She also informed everyone of the fund raising being done by FSS for the visually impaired, and that on the 27th June, the Para Olympian, Chris Holmes would be visiting.

Cllr G. L. Morgan - As the County Council representative, Cllr Morgan commented that the Scrutiny Committee at GCC had raised the issue of the congestion on the A40 and A48, and that Highways did not plan to remove the cross hatchings outside the Coach House at Highnam. There had also been discussion again regarding a third Severn crossing, and GCC would continue to lobby Highways for improvements.

176. TO ADOPT STANDING ORDERS (BASED ON MODEL SUPPLIED BY GAPTC-(NALC).

The Clerk had circulated copies of the Standing Orders to all Members at the previous meeting, and following discussion, it was agreed to adopt the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED the Standing Orders be formally adopted, and that two abstentions by Cllr Mrs L. Sterry and Cllr R. Sterry on the vote, be recorded.

177. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

- (a) 103 Woodside Street - Outline Application for the erection of a dwelling with some matters reserved. Demolition of existing garage. P0088/15/OUT.

- (b) 160 High Street - Two storey and single storey alterations and extension to dwelling. P0381/14/FUL.
- (c) 1C College Road - Proposed single storey extension to front of existing dwelling. P0239/15/FUL.
- (d) Arcadia, Littledean Hill Road - Part retrospective application for a sunroom to front of dwelling. Proposed pitched roof over existing side extension including a proposed porch. P0327/15/FUL.
- (e) 10 Forest Road - Erection of a single storey side extension to 10 Forest Road. Insertion of two dormer windows to front elevation and three rooflights to rear elevation. P0225/15/FUL.
- (f) Flat 1, 55 High Street - Removal of existing windows, door and partition wall to be replaced by new double glazed windows, door re-alignment of existing window opening. P0203/15/FUL.

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

178. 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 - £9,969.14.
 BVC - £5,041.56.
 CTC - £4,963.58.

179. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 14th April 2015 at 7 p.m.

180. CENTRE WHITE LINING - STEAM MILLS ROAD.

Members were concerned that the centre white line had still not been re-painted on the Steam Mills Road, and considered that the road was very dangerous, and required urgent attention.

RESOLVED the Clerk contact Highways.

181. STREET LIGHTING.

Lamp 5 in Somerset Road, was not working, and the Clerk was asked to report it to GCC.

RESOLVED accordingly.

182. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.10p.m.