CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 8th March 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; Mrs J. Johnson (Chair), Mrs L.I. Sterry (Deputy Chair), Mrs K. Brown, T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (7.25p.m) R. Pritchard, R. Sterry, M. Turner, L.S. Wilce, C. Witham.

Three Members of the Public

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. M.M. Coborn (Mayor), Mrs L. Bent, A. Knight, Ms K. Wynn,

THERE WERE NO DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As the three members of the public were present to listen to the debate on parking in Steam Mills, it was agreed to take the discussion, as the first item.

169. PARKING IN STEAM MILLS.

Several residents living in the terraced row of houses in Steam Mills, had emailed with their concern at the loss of parking behind their houses. The Clerk had ascertained that the work had been carried out by FODDC, but there had been no consultation with the residents, the Town Council or any of the District Members.

The Clerk suggested that she arrange a site meeting for the Cinderford District Members and FODDC (Chris Johns) to try to facilitate an acceptable outcome for all parties.

RESOLVED accordingly.

170. MINUTES.

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

171. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

(a) Members Reports - NHS Consultation (Minute 163)

Peter Hibberd (FODDC) had replied that the land at Northern United was allocated for employment use within the AAP, and it was planned for the land to be transferred to FODDC. There had already been an all Member briefing, and he understood that decisions on the future of existing health assets and/or possible use of other sites would not be made until the summer. He had asked the CCG project manager to keep him informed of developments, and he would do his best to involve important stakeholders, such as Town and Parish Councils. Noted.

172. FODDC - CINDERFORD TRIANGLE LEASE.

The Clerk had received a reply from the District Council and they were again asking for individual income and expenditure figures, and that all works be carried out to allow safe public access.

Members did not agree with the comments made, and agreed the Town Council should instruct an independent Surveyor to prepare a report on what actually needed to be done to comply with Health and Safety. It was impossible to go back through all the files to provide the information, and the Town Council, like FODDC did not have the resource to do so. Members asked once again that the peppercorn rent remain in place until the next rent review, due in November 2017.

RESOLVED accordingly.

173. FODDC - STREET TRADING APPLICATIONS

FODDC had received two applications;

- (i) J. Oram Sandwich Round to supply a service for employees of businesses at a prearranged time each day, at the request of the business owner. The vehicle would remain on site for up to 5 minutes, before moving to the next prearranged visit.
- (ii) B. Jones Catering trailer at Oaklands House, Latchers Bridge, Valley Road, from 7 am 2 pm, Monday to Friday/Saturday.

RESOLVED 'No Comments' to either application.

174. REQUEST FOR A DONATION - GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHEST FUND.

Gloucestershire Chest Fund had written requesting a donation towards their running costs and it was

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

175. HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH BIRTHDAY - COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL.

The Clerk had received a flyer from Tower Mint Ltd. advertising HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils to purchase at a special price of £1.99 per medal. Members thought it would be a nice gesture to mark the occasion by purchasing a medal, for each child in reception and year 1 classes, in the primary schools falling within the Town, ie Forest View, St. Anthony's and Steam Mills.

RESOLVED the Clerk order the Commemorative Medals accordingly.

176. FOREST FITNESS CENTRE.

The Clerk was awaiting the final document for signature for the transfer of the Trustees, together with draft documentation to be discussed regarding future management of the facility. She suggested that the working group meet as soon as all the information was too hand, to allow a full discussion, with a recommendation then going to full Town Council for resolution.

As the Working Group had been set up prior to the new council, the Clerk suggested that she write to all Members, to allow them to join in with the discussion, if they were available.

RESOLVED accordingly.

177. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

As Members of the Development Control Committee, Cllrs G.L. Morgan and Mrs L.I. Sterry took no part in the vote on any of the following applications.

- (a) Arcadia, Littledean Hill Road Retrospective application for the replacement of flat roof to pitched roof over existing garage. P0240/16/FUL.
- (b) Garden Croft, 9 Trinity Way Erection of a single storey extension to bungalow. P0202/16/FUL.
- (c) Land off Lamb Lane Proposed detached bungalow and garage. P0119/16/FUL.
- (d) 34 Cedardean Two storey extension to side of dwelling. P0164/16/FUL.

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(e) Brookside Cottage, The Branch - Erection of a detached dwelling on land east of Brookside Cottage. P1776/15/FUL.

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 - £13,607.05.
BVC - £3,514.70.
CTC - £14,644.89.

179. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

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

180. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

RESOLVED the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 6 p.m.

181. MEETING WITH TRADERS.

Cllr. Coborn had spoken to Kayla, and he was awaiting suggested dates, for the working group to meet with the Traders. Noted.

182. COLLIERS COURT OPENING.

Cllr Mrs Martin informed Members that Colliers Court would be having their open day on Wednesday, 6th April 2016 if Members would like to attend. Noted.

183. CINDERFORD TRIANGLE - 'NO RIGHT TURN'.

Members complained that people were still using the Triangle and turning right, despite the signage, and asked the Clerk to speak with the Police regarding the issuing of tickets, in an effort to stop people carrying out this manouvre. It was also suggested that this be highlighted on the Town Council web site and facebook page.

RESOLVED accordingly.

184. MINERS WALK CAR PARK - FAULTY DAY-PACK LIGHT.

Complaints had been received regarding the faulty day pack light in the Miners Walk car park and it was

RESOLVED the complaint be passed onto Wyedean Housing Association.

185. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.