

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 13th July 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L.I. Sterry (Chairman), R.A. Sterry (Mayor), M.M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, M. Turner, C. Witham.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

FODDC - Mrs L. John

Two Members of the Public - Mr. O. Olver, Mr. A. Sharpe

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs L. Bent, Mrs K. Brown, A. Knight, Mrs E.D. Martin, R. Pritchard.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and pointed out that the meeting was being live streamed, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Town Council, and as contained in the openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

As the Members of the Public present expressed their interest in item 7 on the Agenda, the Chairman agreed to take item 7 as the first matter of business.

#### **45. G.C.C - DEVELOPMENT OF FORMER ST. WHITES SCHOOL SITE.**

GCC had been working up the plans for the development of the two sites for submission of a planning application to FODDC. A plan showing an indicative layout for the Buckshaft site had been forwarded, but not for the old School site. Although GCC were looking to improve visibility at the Buckshaft Road/St. Whites Road junction, there did not appear to be any provision for the Parent's drop off, as included in the original planning permission.

Ruspidge and Soudley PC would be consulted on the actual planning application, and Members encouraged the residents of Sneyd Wood to write to FODDC and attend the planning meeting, to ensure their position was made clear regarding the safety of the Estate residents, with the increased level of traffic now using the estate to access the School.

Members agreed the proposals for the top site off Buckshaft Road resulted in over development, with nothing being done to improve the access through Sneyd Wood.

RESOLVED the Clerk reply to GCC accordingly, and to copy in to Ruspidge & Soudley PC.

The Chairman thanked the residents of Sneyd Wood for attending the meeting, which they then left.

#### **46. REGENERATION UPDATE PRESENTATION.**

Mrs Louise John gave an update on the Cinderford Regeneration - please see copy Report and Plans attached to these Minutes. The Chairman thanked Mrs John for attending, and she then left at 7.30 p.m.

#### **47. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June 2017, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**48. URGENT BUSINESS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.**

No Urgent Business.

**49. GCC - ROAD CLOSURE A48 MINSTERWORTH 11-23/09/17.**

A road closure order had been received from GCC, for the A48 Minsterworth (Watery Lane) to A40 Highnam, 11 September - 23rd September (night times only from 19.00 - 07.00). The Clerk suggested the information be put out on the Town Council social media pages.

**50. CINDERFORD YMCA - REQUEST FOR DONATION.**

A request for a donation had been received from Cinderford YMCA to assist them with their running costs.

RESOLVED a donation of £100.00 be forwarded under Section 137 and to offer assistance with promotion of any events or fund raising.

**51. CLLR. WITHAM - VACANT SHOPS/TOWN PROMOTION.**

Cllr. Witham was concerned about the number of shops closing within the Town Centre and prepared a Report for Council to consider, which is attached hereto.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Witham for his comprehensive report and Council considered each of the proposals;

- (i) Agreed to set up an online survey, and to survey local businesses.
- (ii) Agreed the Clerk write to FODDC and to promote information regarding small business rate relief.
- (iii) Agreed to investigate properties and to promote information in relation to pop up shops.
- (iv) Agreed to consider options for a Museum and to investigate funding.
- (v) Agreed the Clerk write to FODDC and to GCC Highways.
- (vi) Agreed to run the online campaign.

In addition to the proposals raised it was agreed that a working party be set up to work on these issues, consisting of Cllrs Witham, Coborn, R.Sterry and M. Turner.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**52. GAPTC - AGM AND ANNUAL REPORT.**

The Notice of the AGM, (Saturday, 15th July 2017) together with the Annual Report had been received. Noted.

**53. TO AGREE A DATE FOR BELLE VUE/FINANCE & PLAYING FIELDS MEETINGS.**

RESOLVED a meeting of the above committees be held on Monday, 7th August 2017.

**54. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Heart of the Forest Community Special School had asked for the flags, previously on display at the Fitness Centre
- Hope for Tomorrow - donation acknowledgement.
- GAPTC - suggestions for improvement to their service.
- Mark Harper/Resident - Concerns with the Cinderford Frack Free Sign.

**55. MEMBERS RFEPORTS .**

No Members reports had been submitted.

## **56. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

- (a) 16-18 Market Street - The retention of an automated teller machine. (Retrospective). P0949/17/FUL.
- (b) 38 Meadow Road - Erection of a second storey extension above existing ground floor extension at rear of existing property. P0960/17/FUL.

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

- (c) Bo Peeps Nursery, (Units 5-6) Boseley Business Park - Change of use of units 2,3 and 4 from industrial to nursery use. PO864/17/FUL.

RESOLVED Full Support for the application.

- (d) Gardenia, 96 Littledean Hiull Road - Confirmation of compliance with conditions 01 (time limit), 02 (approved plans), 03 (windows), 04 (parking layout) and 05 (driveway gradient) of planning permission P0215/11/FUL.

RESOLVED no objections, providing FODDC was satisfied that conditions had been complied with.

- (e) Deneside, 19A Stockwell Green - Construction of an outbuilding/summer house for ancillary accommodation. Demolition of existing garage/storage building. P0956/17/FUL.

RESOLVED that no objections be made providing a condition is applied to ensure it is only used for ancillary accommodation and not to be used as a separate unit of accommodation.

## **57. 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 - £9,000.00.  
BVC - £4,065.81.  
CTC - £1,558.68.

## **58. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 8th August 2017 at 7 p.m.