

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; Mrs L.I. Sterry (Chair), Mrs K. Brown, M.M. Coborn, T. R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, M.D. Turner, L.S. Wilce, C. Witham, Ms K. Wynn.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs A. Knight (Deputy Chair), Mrs L. Bent, J. Johnson, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, R. A. Sterry.

Town Clerk - Mrs L. L. Thomas

One member of the public who arrived after the start of the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None.

### **76. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th August 2017, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **77. MINUTES - PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE.**

The Minutes of the Playing Field Committee Meeting held on the 7th August 2017, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record

### **78. MINUTES - BELLE VUE/FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The Minutes of the Belle Vue/Finance Committee Meeting held on the 7th August 2017, having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record

### **79. ANY URGENT BUSINESS (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR).**

None received.

### **80. CINDYFEST - FEEDBACK.**

Cllr Witham had carried out an online survey which had resulted in positive comments, which Members agreed with, but it was hoped that more volunteers would come forward for any future event. A list of income and expenditure had been produced, which had resulted in a closing balance of £135.12. to be carried forward for the next event. Noted.

### **81. RECREATION AREAS - SURVEY RESULTS.**

Cllr Witham circulated the results from a survey carried out online in October 2016, which would be repeated in October 2018, for information. The Survey is attached to these minutes for reference.

### **82. CLLR. WITHAM - VOTING AT MEETINGS.**

As Council meetings were being live screened, Cllr. Witham asked that members raised their hands to vote, to make viewing easier. Members were reminded they should actually be doing this anyway.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**83. LOCAL GOVT. BOUNDARY COMMISSION - ELECTORAL REVIEW OF FoD - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The review currently being carried out, recommended that Cinderford Parish remained with 15 members, but reduced from 5 to four on the District Council. It did seem the recommendations for Cinderford were acceptable and Members agreed to accept the Review recommendations.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**84. CINDERFORD & DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW - REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP.**

The Chrysanthemum Society had asked for sponsorship for their 37th Annual Show, taking place on Saturday 28th October.

RESOLVED the sponsorship of £70.00  
be donated, under Section 137.

**85. GCC ROAD CLOSURE ORDERS - SEVEN STARS ROAD - 1st - 3rd NOVEMBER 2017.**

Notification had been received for the closure of Seven Stars Road from the High Street junction to the Valley Road junction, from 08.00 - 16.30, on the 1st-3rd November, for resurfacing and patching. Noted.

**86. RESIDENTS IN KENSLEY VALE - REQUEST FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES.**

Residents in Kensley Vale were concerned with the possibility that the local bus service may be withdrawn, due to the restricted access into the site, with parked cars.

RESOLVED the Clerk arrange a meeting  
with Two Rivers and Highways.

**87. GAPTC - RETROSEPTIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Westbury on Severn PC had submitted a motion to the AGM of GAPTC, which had been amended and adopted to read 'In order to deter unauthorised developments or changes to approved plans, planning authorities should have the authority to charge a supplementary fee'. The Chairman of NALC (present at the AGM) said it would not be a priority for NALC to progress currently, but suggested that Councils write to the Minister responsible giving examples of how your Parish had been affected.

Members discussed the motion and agreed that as retrospective applications were cheaper, than submitting for prior planning permission, that planning authorities should be able to charge supplementary fees.

RESOLVED the Clerk write in support of the motion  
to The Rt. Hon. Sajid David, MP.

**88. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Acknowledgement of Grants, received from FoD Health Forum, FoD Citizens Advice Bureau, Cinderford Churches, CANDI and Artspace.
- The Clerk circulated a copy of the mural that would be painted on the side of the old 'Dairy' building on the corner of Belle Vue Road/Woodside Street.

**89. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

- Cllr. Mrs Martin had attended a meeting at FODDC regarding the Community Hospital consultation and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

- Cllr. Witham confirmed the wi-fi in the Triangle had been really well used during Cindyfest, and Cllr Turner had moved the webcam to allow people to watch the event. The Social media sites were well used, but people still needed encouragement to engage with the surveys.
- Defibrillator now delivered and when fitted, would arrange launch event and training.

## **90. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

- (a) 16 Colliers Field - Erection of a two storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling. P1338/17/FUL.
- (b) 27 Heywood Road - Erection of a two storey extension with mezzanine floor to the side of property, with lean to roof. P1327/17/FUL.
- (c) 34 St. Johns Square - Erection of a single storey extension to front of dwelling. P1238/17/FUL.
- (d) 26B Dockham Road - Single storey rear extension. P1271/17/FUL.
- (e) The Priory, 24 Packers Road - Replacement of a conservatory with a solid roof garden room, on the same footprint. P1256/17/FUL.

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

- (f) 16 Forest Vale Road - Change of use of existing industrial unit to an indoor climbing and fitness Centre. P1288/17/FUL.
- (g) The New Mercury, 3 Woodside Street - Demolition of single storey extension: construction of double height extension to provide performance area; creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access, and ancillary parking; and external and internal alterations to existing building to provide improved facilities. P1091/17/FUL.

RESOLVED the above applications be supported.

**Appeal Lodged:-** 4 St. Whites Road - Lowering of kerb to create a vehicular access, installation of a block paving parking area and removal of front fence.  
APP/P1615D/17/3174484

## **91. 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 - £12,749.32.  
BVC - £3,925.45.  
CTC - £2,486.33.

## **92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at 7 p.m.

**RESOLVED the following Report be discussed  
in the absence of the Press and Public.**

**93. TOWN CENTRE REPORT.**

See attached Report for Members.

**94. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 8.00p.m.