

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 9th January 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

Members of the Public, including representatives from H.O.L.D.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

Cllr. Mrs Sterry 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.

The Chair invited a Cinderford resident to speak on behalf of the H.O.L.D. group which resulted in a vocal protest. Several questions were then put to Council, but as they were regarding land costs and projected building costs, the Chair advised these questions could not be answered by Council, and should be directed to the CCG and GCS. A question was asked regarding the number of beds proposed in a single new facility, and Cllr Mrs Martin confirmed that this had been raised by the Council in its response to the consultation.

As the group continued to proceed in a noisy manner, the Chair asked that they vacate the Council Chamber. The H.O.L.D. representatives left at 7.20 pm.

128. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th November 2017, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

129. MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28th November 2017, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

130. ANY URGENT BUSINESS (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR).

None received.

131. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION NOTICES/PROHIBITION DOG SIGNS.

The Chair welcomed Damion Collins (Street Warden at FODDC) to the meeting to talk about protecting the recreation areas from dog fouling. A PSPO would remain in place for 3 years, and could be a complete dog ban, or dogs on leads only, with instant fixed penalty fines of £80. being issued. There would be an initial cost of £350. to pay for two adverts, then further signage to inform people of the protected area. Members agreed that something needed to be done, and Damion agreed he would speak to Claire Hughes and ask her to confirm to the Clerk all the costings and process.

The Chair thanked Damion for attending, and he then left at 7.35 pm.

132. GCC - ROAD CLOSURES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

The Clerk had received notification of the following temporary road closures;

- Stockwell Green - from the junction of Church Road to outside 'Fairholme' for resurfacing and patching of the highway - 08.00 - 16.30, 26th-27th February 2018.
- Speech House Road - Forest Half Marathon - 08.30 - 12.00, 18th March 2018.

133. GRANT THORNTON - COMPLETION OF AUDIT - Yr Ending 31st March 2017.

Following submission of the accounts in June, they had finally been returned, signed off, but noting a £50. imbalance. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been completed and published as required. The Clerk circulated to Members, the matter reported, with the view that the response to Assertion 1, should be stated 'No' and not 'Yes' as had been completed. Members did not agree with the comment, and confirmed the Assertion remain as 'Yes'.

RESOLVED accordingly.

134. BUDGET 2018/19.

The Clerk circulated her report on the budget for 2018/19, which was considered in detail, and approved.

RESOLVED the Precept for 2018/19 be set at £260,920.

135. DONATIONS.

There still remained £1,355. in the donations budget, and requests had been received from 2nd Cinderford Brownie Pack and the Children's Opportunity Centre.

RESOLVED that £100. be given to each, under Section 137.

136. RISK ASSESSMENT AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2018.

There had been no changes to the Financial Regulations, and the Risk Assessment was still current. Members agreed that both documents be approved as reviewed.

RESOLVED accordingly.

137. CORRESPONDENCE.

- GAPTC were asking for nominations to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party in June, and Members agreed to nominate Cllr Max Coborn.
- UK Cycling Events were organising an amateur non competitive event on Saturday 17th March, starting and finishing at Chepstow Racecourse, but the event would include part of Cinderford.
- Cinderford RBL Poppy Tin collection was £14.78 which was in addition to the money raised through the poppy crocheting sponsorship - over £200.

138. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Witham reported a huge engagement on facebook before Christmas, with 189 new likes. Posts going out in tens of thousands, with 50,000 on the webcam, 20,000 hits on the Police patrol and 19,000 hits on the Flaxley Street closure. Very useful getting messages out to people. Wi-fi also still growing with 1400 users monthly in the Triangle.
- Cllr Mrs Martin confirmed the Dementia Working Group had met with Lena Maller and in order to progress the Town Council needed to appoint their Cinderford Dementia Link. It was thought the Clerk was the obvious person to appoint, and that she attend the appropriate training at FODDC.

RESOLVED accordingly.

139. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Any Member of the Development Control Committee, took no part in the vote on any of the following applications.

(a) Northern Quarter - variation of condition 02 (soft landscaping) to allow minor changes to soft landscaping resulting from relocation of cycle stands and college entrant of p/permission P0741/16/FUL. P1838/17/FUL

(b) Land off St. Johns Square - App of reserved matters for one erection of a detached dwelling. P1902/17/APP.

(c) Land adjacent 14 Causeway Road - Erection of two dwellings and associated works. P1884/17/FUL.

(d) 10 Forest Road - Erection of a single storey rear extension. P1956/17/FUL.

(e) Land between 14 & 16 Woodville Road - erection of two-storey detached dwelling with associated parking facilities and construction of new vehicular access. P1997/17/FUL.

(f) 13 Abbots Road - Erection of a rear two storey and first floor extension. P1990/17/FUL.

RESOLVED No Objections be made to any of the above applications.

(g) 21-23 Market Street - creation of 7 residential units and refurbishment of existing residential unit with associated alterations. Refurbishment and alteration of two existing retail units. P1788/17/FUL.

RESOLVED No Objections, providing the two retail units remain.

(h) New Sculpture, Beechenhurst Lodge - erection of sculpture for sculpture trail. P1909/17/FUL.

(i) Travis Perkins Ltd., Hollyhill Road - erection of secure 2.4 m high palisade fence and 3m high metal HGV gates and regularisation of site layout (retrospective). P1797/17/FUL.

RESOLVED to Support the above applications.

APPEAL DECISION - Land at 83 St. Whites Road, also known as 83a St. Whites Road - **Dismissed and enforcement notice upheld.**

140. 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 - £17,428.38
BVC - £4,705.13
CTC - £8,768.15

141. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at 7 p.m.

142. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.