

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th April 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

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

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

AN APOLOGY for Absence was received from Cllr A. Knight.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared.

The Chair 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.

As there were no Members of the Public present, the Chair welcomed Sue Middleton to the meeting to give her presentation of the Foresters Forest Project, which had been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. There were 32 partner organisations, with 38 projects split into five themes, consisting of:-

- 'Our Stronghold for Nature' - 11 projects
- 'Exploring our Forest' - 6 projects
- 'Revealing our Past' - 7 projects
- 'Celebrating our Forest' - 8 projects
- 'Securing our Future' - 6 projects

The Foresters Forest Landscape Partnership had received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, in recognition of the importance of the area, above and below ground, with a grant of £2.5 million in 2017, over five years. They were currently working with local schools in some of the areas and she asked if the Town Council could assist with them contacting Forest High School. Sue stressed the importance and value of all volunteers, in whatever capacity, as this time was set against the grant, as match funding. A web page had been set up [www.forestersforest.uk](http://www.forestersforest.uk), and other social media and leaflets produced with information on the projects and all contact information.

Members agreed the presentation had been very informative and interesting, and the Chair thanked Sue for attending. Sue then left at 7.40 p.m.

### **171. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th March 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **172. GCC - ROAD CLOSURES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS.**

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

- Public Footpath DCF/4, from the junction of Flaxley Street to Mousel Lane, to carry out sewer works - 23rd April (8am) - 4th May (17.00).
- A4136 - Nailbridge to Plump Hill (Wilderness Drive), for carriageway resurfacing - 23rd May - 10th June 2018.
- A4136 - Mireystock - Pike House, for carriageway resurfacing (to be carried out in sections) - 19th July - 28th August 2018.

### **173. FODDC - FOREST YOUTH SERVICES.**

At the Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting it had been agreed to convene further meetings to explore and hopefully implement the establishment of a support and development capacity for Voluntary Youth Services throughout the Forest. It was recognised that Youth Work had been deleted from the agenda of both Central Government and GCC.

It had been considered that if all 40 Parish/Town Councils contributed £2k each, with larger Councils maybe contributing more, it would generate a six figure budget with a potential to deliver an excellent and progressive support service. The suggested meeting had now been arranged for Monday 14th May at FODDC at 6 pm, with an invitation to attend, extended to all Parish and Town Councillors. The five District Members confirmed they would be attending the meeting, and they were asked to report back to the June meeting of Council.

RESOLVED accordingly.

#### **174. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Cobalt - acknowledgement of donation.
- GAPTC - Notice of AGM on 21st July and cal for Resolutions.
- FODDC - Confirmation of inclusion of The Dilke Hospital on the List of Assets of Community Value, which would remain on the Register for 5 years, namely until 8th March 2023.
- Andrew Maliphant - Forest Enterprise Fair on Wednesday 18th April 10am - 4 pm, at Vantage Point.
- Julia Gooch - reminder to working group to arrange the meeting with Julia.
- Alastair Chapman - invitation to Councillors to attend the Cinderford Environmental Forum at the Belle Vue Centre on Monday 16th April at 5 pm to receive information about the Cinderford Wild Town project.
- Owen Adams - email to all individual Councillors regarding the current position of HOLD with a request for their information links to go on the Town Council social media pages, which was agreed.
- FODDC - As a By-election had been requested for the two current Council vacancies, it was estimated that pollcards would cost £3,335.28. As the election would be held on 7th June, the new Members would only serve approximately 6 months, so it was agreed that pollcards would not be used.
- Citizen Juries c.i.c. - As they had been appointed to design and run a citizens' jury with residents from across the Forest, to help determine the location of the new community hospital, they were asking a representative from each of the three town councils to make a presentation to the citizens' jury. Although the Clerk had not yet received the criteria, it was expected that a presentation would be made on the 30th May, and that the presentation slides should be received by them, by the 7th May. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair work on the presentation together, and the Clerk to circulate the criteria, when received.
- Ms L. Medcalf-Woodward had written asking the Town Council (in addition to many others) to support provision of 400 metre running track at Forest High School, and Members requested the Clerk to write to the Head, Paul Holroyd.

#### **175. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

Cllr Morgan confirmed he and the Clerk had met with Brian Watkins (Highways) to discuss his County budget allocation, and had asked that work be done in the Town Centre to remove the small steps which had now become a trip hazard, and for another hand rail to be fitted to the roadside kerb, which would also prevent vehicular access. Another lengthsman scheme would be started at the end of April and he had requested for clearance in several areas where complaints had been received. Cllr Morgan had also asked if the Town Council could place a tiered planter in the centre of the roundabouts, one on Valley Road and one at the end of Abbots Road, which Brian had confirmed, and this would also come from his County allocation, plus one other to be placed between the seats on the Barn at Littledean Hill Road. Noted.

#### **176. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

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

- (a) 32 Upper Bilson Road - Erection of a two storey rear extension. Demolition of existing lean-to. P0406/18/FUL.

(b) 90 High Street - Two storey extension to existing takeaway shop and first floor flat to create two self-contained one bedroom flats. P0368/18/FUL.

(c) 30 Littledean Hill Road - Erection of a single storey extension and conversion of partially built garage into residential relatives accommodation. P0453/18/FUL

RESOLVED No Objections be made to the above applications.

(d) Bo Peeps Nursery, (Units 2,3,4) Boseley Business Park, Forest Vale Road - Discharge of condition 04 (Site investigation) and 6 (Cycle storage) of permission P0864/17/FUL. P0023/18/Discon

(e) Land off St. Johns Square - App of reserved matters for the erection of a detached dwelling (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) required by condition 01 of permission APP/1615/w/16/3165944. P0376/18/App.

(f) Land south side of Lamb Lane - Discharge of condition 03 (Foul and surface water drainage) of permission P1553/16/Ful. P0030/18/Discon

(g) Land south side of Lamb Lane - Discharge of condition 04 (materials) and 07 (Drainage) of permission P0119/16/Ful. P0031/18/Discon

(h) The Railway Tavern, Station Street - Discharge of conditions 07 (Sound insulation) and 08 (Land contamination assessment) of permission P0509/16/Ful. P0035/18/Discon

RESOLVED No Objections providing FODDC was satisfied that the conditions had been met.

(i) 30 Somerset Road - Conversion of existing 4 bedroom dwelling into two, 2 bedroom dwellings with associated parking. P0276/18/FUL

RESOLVED concerns be raised with the loss of a 4 bedroom dwelling with parking, with a proposal to split, which will result with no 30 having parking spaces on Forestry Commission ground (unless proof of purchase of land can be provided)

#### **177. 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 - £10,833.43  
BVC - £3,663.52  
CTC - £9,906.46

#### **178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Meeting (AGM) be held on Tuesday, 8th May 2018 at 7 p.m.

#### **179. DATE OF BELLE VUE/FINANCE MEETING.**

RESOLVED the Meeting be held on Tuesday, 24th April 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

#### **180. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.