

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 8th May 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; M.M. Coborn, T. R. Holder, A. Knight, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (8 p.m.), Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. A. Sterry, M. Turner, Mrs K. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

One Member of the Public

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllr G.L. Morgan (attending Ruspidge & Soudley PC), Mrs J. Johnson, R. Pritchard.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman called for nominations for Chairman for the forthcoming year, and Cllr Witham was nominated.

RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr. Chris Witham be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The Chairman called for nominations for Mayor for the forthcoming year and Cllr R.A. Sterry was nominated.

RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr. R.A. Sterry be elected as Mayor for the ensuing year.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Chairman then called for nominations for Deputy Chairman/Deputy Mayor, and Cllr Max Coborn was nominated.

RESOLVED unanimously that Cllr. M. Coborn be elected as Deputy Chair/Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

None

5. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

6. ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

7. BELLE VUE/FINANCE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Belle Vue/Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. PLAYING FIELD MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Playing Field Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS FOR CIVIC YEAR 2018/19.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman would automatically be members of each Committee, but each Committee would chose its own Chairman.

Events - Mrs L. Sterry, A. Knight, Mrs L. Bent, M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R.A. Sterry, M. Turner, C. Witham.

Playing Fields - Mrs L. Sterry, A. Knight, Mrs L. Bent, M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R.A. Sterry, M. Turner, C. Witham.

Belle Vue Centre/Finance - Mrs L. Sterry, A. Knight, M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, G.L. Morgan, Mrs E.D. Martin, M. Turner, C. Witham.

Working Groups

Boar - M. Coborn, M. Turner, (R. Sterry reserve)

Dementia - Mrs L. Bent, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, Mrs L.I., Sterry

Town - M. Coborn, Mrs J. Johnson, A. Knight, M. Turner, C. Witham

Traders - M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, A. Knight, R. Sterry, M. Turner

Town & Parish Liaison - T.R. Holder, M. Turner

10. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPS. ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

It was noted that Members could not represent the Town Council on any organisation if, they were a Trustee of that organisation, as this would be a conflict of interest. Following discussions it was

RESOLVED the following Members, represent the Town Council on various Boards/Committees and that they report back to Council Meetings, as required.

CANDI - The Clerk, Mrs K. Turner

CAB - R.A. Sterry

Community Safety Partnership - Mrs L. Sterry, M. Coborn

East Dean Initiative - The Clerk, M. Coborn, T.R. Holder, R.A. Sterry

Forest Health Forum - Mrs E.D. Martin, R.A. Sterry, Mrs L. I. Sterry

Forest Enterprise - G.L. Morgan, Mrs L.I. Sterry, (T.R. Holder as deputy rep)

LAG - M. Coborn, Mrs L.I. Sterry

Market Towns Forum (County) - R.A. Sterry

Someone from the Miners Welfare Hall had approached Cllr Mrs Martin, and had asked for a representative from the Town Council to join their Committee. The Clerk confirmed she would write to the Hall, asking for a copy of their new Constitution and for confirmation that a representative was required.

11. MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Music Festival would be taking place on Sunday 26th August, and the organisers had asked if the Town Council would once again apply for the road closure order and to cover the public liability for the event. Whilst it had been a popular event last year, Members required to see accounts for the event, and raised several questions with the Town Councillors who attended the Festival meetings.

RESOLVED accordingly.

12. ROYAL FoD ANGLING CLUB - REQUEST FOR DONATION.

The Club had launched an Appeal to raise £25,000. for essential maintenance to their fisheries, with their main concern being the Lightmoor Pool and their aim to pipe the open drainage trench which continuously blocks with leaf mould.

RESOLVED a donation of £200. be given to the Club, under Section 137.

13. FODDC - PROPOSAL TO REMOVE RECYCLING BANKS.

FODDC were considering moving the recycling banks from the site in Valley Road, due to the fly tipping being left at the site on a regular basis, including large items of furniture. Numerous complaints were made about the site, and clearance costs were significant. The recycling banks were also being contaminated with other materials, which meant all the bins contents were going to landfill.

Members agreed the site had become an eyesore, and that fly tipping had increased nationally, just not on a local basis. It was suggested that perhaps FODDC could review their charging for bulk items in an effort to encourage people not to fly tip.

RESOLVED the Clerk respond accordingly.

14. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

The Clerk had received notification of the following temporary road closures and notices:

- **A40 Over roundabout** night time closures - **A40 East** (between Longford R/About and Over R/about) closed overnight from 15th May to 1st June 7 pm - 6 am. **A417 North** (approach to Over from Maisemore) closed overnight from 5th June to 13th June 7 pm - 6 am. As the scheme nears completion in August, a complete resurfacing of the roundabout will be carried out over two weekends in August (4th - 5th and 11th - 12th August) and the road closed from 7 pm on the Friday evening through to 6 am on the Monday morning.
- **Cinderford High Street** - from the junction of Valley Road to the junction with Seven Stars Road - 25th June 8.00 am - 27th June 18.00.
- **Heywood Road** - from junction of Edgehills Road to junction of Westfield Road - 16th July - 18th July.
- Notice of installation of double yellow lines at Northern United Way, Newtown Road and Broadmoor Road.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

- Invitation from Coleford TC to all Members to attend the Poppy Concert on Saturday 2nd June at Forest of Dean Theatre, Five Acres, £5. per ticket.
- Domestic Abuse Consultation - setting out the government's approach to dealing with domestic abuse, it seeked to address it at every stage from prevention through to rehabilitation - share link on Council web page, and Cllr Mrs Martin and the Clerk to complete on behalf of CTC.
- Forest Community Transport - Lydney Dial-A-Ride under threat of closure due to changes in legislation. Clerk to correspond with Celia Wear regarding local rural issues.

16. MEMBERS REPORTS.

None received.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Any Member of the Development Control Committee present, took no part in the discussion of any planning application.

- (a) 18 Trinity Way - Erection of a first floor extension with associated works, P0645/18/FUL

- (b) The Willows, Marshalls Lane - Erection of a two storey extension with associated works, P0638/18/FUL
- (c) 15 Latimer Road - Erection of a semi-detached 3 bedroom dwelling with the construction of a new vehicular access and parking area, P0460/18/FUL
- (d) 18 Barleycorn Square - Erection of a two storey extension with associated works, P0554/18/FUL
- (e) 8 St. Johns Square - Erection of a first floor extension over existing bathroom and single storey extension to the front of dwelling to enable change of use of dwelling to a holiday let, P0427/18/FUL
- (f) 54 Dockham Road - Erection of a single storey side extension with associated works, P0555/18/FUL
- (g) Land of St. Johns Square - Approval of reserved matters for the erection of a detached dwelling - Revised plans, P0376/18/APP
- (h) 30 Somerset Road - conversion of existing 4 bedroom dwelling into two, 2 bedroom dwellings with associated parking - revised plans, P0276/18/FUL
- (i) Prior Approval for Method of Demolition, The Old Mill, Steam Mills Road - demolition of five former workshops, one lean to adjacent to the Old Mill and one outbuilding, P0121/18/Dem
RESOLVED no objections be raised to any of the above applications.
- (j) 62 Valley Road - erection of a timber frame office building to the front of existing dwelling, P.0305/18/FUL
RESOLVED objections be raised, as the proposal was not in keeping with the street scene, and concerns raised with Highway safety.
- (k) The Northern Quarter - discharge of condition 43 part 4 (verification report) of planning permission P0663/14/OUT, - P0038/18/Discon
RESOLVED no objections, providing FODDC was satisfied that the condition had been met.

18. 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 - £9,753.42
 BVC - £5,482.10
 CTC - £4,677.26

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12th June 2018 at 7 p.m.

20. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.