

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 12th June 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), M.M. Coborn (Vice Chair), Mrs L. Bent, C. Brown, T. R. Holder, Mrs J. Johnson, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan, R. Pritchard, 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 Mrs L.I. Sterry.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr C. Brown Minute 30 as he had assisted with the draft specification.

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.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Brown to his first meeting of Council and also the one Member of the Public to the meeting.

There was no public participation.

25. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26. BELLE VUE/FINANCE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Belle Vue/Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th May 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

27. PLAYING FIELD MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Playing Field Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th May 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

28. FODDC - NEW TYPE OF PLANNING APPLICATION & FORMATION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE.

A new kind of planning application: Permission in Principle (PIP), gives applicants the opportunity to get a decision from the council as to the principle as to whether up to 9 dwellings can be built, which would not require submission of detailed information as would be required by a normal application. If the PIP is approved, then a second application with all details (Technical Detail Consent TDC) is required. If both the PIP and TDC are approved, the developer will be allowed to build. The key issue for consultees, would be the set period given for responding to such applications as set out in the government legislation, being 10 days, as the planning authority has to make a decision on the scheme within 5 weeks and not the normal 8 weeks. The government believes that speeding up the process will aid the development industry in building more housing.

Due to the shortened consultation process, the Clerk suggested the Town Council consider forming a planning committee which could meet every two weeks if required, to meet the new deadlines. Members agreed a Planning Committee consisting of 7 Members be formed: C. Witham, M. Coborn, T. Holder, Mrs E. Martin, G. Morgan, Mrs J. Johnson, M. Turner.

RESOLVED accordingly.

29. FODDC - CLOTHING/SHOE RECYCLING BANKS.

FODDC were trying to identify a new site for the clothing and shoe recycling banks and asked if Town Council could suggest anywhere suitable. The Clerk suggested the entrance to the Skatepark, for a 3 month trial period, which Members agreed.

RESOLVED accordingly.

30. FoD YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - 1st draft specification.

From the initial discussion at a Parish & Town Council Liaison Group on 19th February, a further meeting had been held on Monday 14th May to explore, develop and hopefully to implement the establishment of a support and development capacity for Voluntary Youth Services throughout the Forest of Dean. In outline, the proposal that had been tabled recognised that Youth Work had been deleted from the agenda of both Central Government in England and GCC. Following this meeting a first draft specification had been drawn up for a Forest of Dean Youth & Community Association, with hopefully financial support from all Parish and Town Councils.

Members agreed in principle it was an excellent idea, but thought FODDC should also be encouraged to put some financial support to the project. County Cllr Graham Morgan considered it would be a very worthwhile project to support with his allocated County funding of £30k and would be looking at the protocols for this to happen.

As Cllr Brown had already confirmed his interest in the project (he had worked on the draft specification through FVAF) Members asked him to keep the Town Council updated on the project.

RESOLVED unanimous support for the formation of the FoD Youth & Community Association.

31. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

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

- Barleycorn Square o/s 32 - o/s 36 to connect new plots to water - closed 6th - 8th August.
- Causeway Road - from Wedgewood Crescent to junction of Heywood Road to renew meter in carriageway - closed 4th - 9th September.
- Steam Mills Road - from Branch to Valley Road for carriageway resurfacing - closed 10th - 14th September.

32. CORRESPONDENCE.

- FODDC - As part of the anti-litter campaign it was planned to install some 'litter critters' over the summer, in public places to deter would be litterers and to highlight the issue of litter - Members suggested the Town Centre and Hollyhill Wood be put forward for consideration.
- Wendy Jackson - Update for Coach Drivers Yearbook - free entry details or enhanced details £175. plus VAT - Members agreed the enhanced details.
- Artspace - Invitation to its 30th birthday party on Friday 29th June at 7 p.m.
- West Dean PC - Confirmation that Mark Harper was supporting the development of a Community Strategy for boar management, which would require input from the Forestry Commission and FODDC. Further group meeting to be arranged, once feedback received from FODDC.
- 'New Shops' in High Street - the Clerk had received confirmation of the works to be carried out to the canopies, which was still in progress.
- GCC - Confirmation of the publication of the Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire.
- Cinderford Health Centre - open evening had been held at the Council Chamber on Monday 4th June to view the plans for the new proposed surgery on Valley Road. Members expressed concern regarding the lack of facilities for the Clinics currently running from the Surgery and asked the Clerk to write to Gloucester Care Services to gather further information.

33. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- County Cllr Graham Morgan did not have a Report but he had been disappointed that the bottom section of St. Whites Road (from The White Heart down) had not been included for re-surfacing. in the current programming schedule.
- Cllr Chris Brown introduced himself to everyone with a brief background, being local, and having worked at the Childrens Centre, FVAF and volunteering in the Community. Hopefully he would be able to help with projects, such as the Youth Association, and be a voice for young people and was excited and looking forward to working with the Town Council,

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

- (a) 62 Valley Road - Erection of a timber frame office building in the garden of existing dwelling - P0305/18/FUL.
- (b) 31 Latimer Road - Erection of a two storey extension, front porch and alteration of vehicular access - P0711/18/FUL.
- (c) 55 Church Road - Erection of a two storey extension - P0832/18/FUL.

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

- (d) Site of 34 Barleycorn Square - Discharge of condition 12 (remediation works) of planning permission P1168/18/OUT - P0055/18/Discon

RESOLVED No Objections be raised providing FODDC was satisfied the condition had been met.

- (e) Penrose, Victoria Street - Erection of a detached dwelling with associated works and construction of new vehicular access - P0777/18/FUL.

RESOLVED No Objections but concerns raised regarding incorrect information submitted regarding existing hedgerow and tree on boundary with Baptist Chapel. Also request for a Bat Survey to be carried out.

- (f) 41 Church Road - Erection of three storey extension. Demolition of existing rear extensions - P0692/18/FUL.

RESOLVED concerns be raised with size of development and with no available on site parking.

- (g) Gloucestershire College, Northern United Way - Advertisement consent to display Gloucestershire College logo 'GC' on side of building.

RESOLVED Support.

APPEAL lodged by GCC - Former St. Whites Primary School - Outline application with all matters other than access reserved, for the demolition of vacant school buildings, the construction of up to 8 dwelling units, and the creation of a vehicular entrance. P1122/17/OUT.

35. 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 - £18,859.54
BVC - £20,602.83
CTC - £10,401.24

36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Meeting be held on
Tuesday, 10th July 2018 at 7 p.m.

37. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.