

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 11th June 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), Max Coborn (Mayor), Mason Coborn, T. R. Holder, Ms. R. Lewis, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (7.40), R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R. A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs L. Bent, C. Brown, G.L. Morgan (attending R & S Parish Council - arriving late).

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None.

Cllr Witham welcomed Rachel to her first meeting of the Council.

28. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No Members of the Public were present.

29. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30. EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

31. ACTION LOG REPORT.

As attached to the Minutes.

32. USE OF TRIANGLE AREA/CHARGING CRITERIA.

Members discussed various charging criteria to apply to the Triangle area, and it was eventually agreed;

Community Event/Information Sharing - Free of charge

Residents residing/working in Cinderford Parish - £10.

Anyone from outside the Cinderford Parish - £20.

All charges would be for an 8 ft table space and subject to VAT.

RESOLVED accordingly.

33. FODDC - OFFER OF JET WASHER.

FODDC owned a high powered jet washer which had been used by the Street Warden Team for removal of graffiti, but had stopped working and had been in storage since that time. They were now offering the machine to the Towns in the District but had no idea if it was repairable or what the cost of such would be.

The Clerk raised concerns with the storage of such a large machine, cost of repairs and health & safety training. Members agreed it was likely to be costly to repair and therefore agreed to decline the offer.

RESOLVED accordingly.

34. PARKING/SPEEDING ISSUE IN BELLE VUE ROAD.

Both the Clerk and Cllr Morgan through the Road Safety Group had requested further evening and weekend traffic enforcement for Belle Vue Road in an effort to prevent vehicles parking and blocking the pull in areas, which would hopefully alleviate the speeding problem. Noted.

Cllr G.L. Morgan arrived

35. CINDERFORD COMMUNITY HUB (OLD HSBC BANK).

Architype had forwarded some costings for the stage 3 and 4 design works, which they anticipated at £14,000.+ VAT for Architype or £15,000. + VAT if Architype appointed and managed the other consultants. The Clerk pointed out that Council had limited budget for the project, so maybe Members consider project management themselves, or another alternative was to await the outcome of the Future High Street Bid, which would mean further money being available.

Members discussed the options available, but felt the project needed to be pushed forward, and asked the Clerk to contact Building Regs at FODDC and to contact a Structural Engineer to get a report done on the proposal for the Changing Places Toilet.

RESOLVED accordingly.

36. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

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

- Speech House Road from the Valley Road junction through to Cannop Crossroads - road closure for carriageway patching. 21st - 26th June 2019 from 07.00 to 19.00 daily (excluding weekends)
- B4266 Speech House Road from Cannop Crossroads to Broadwell - road closure for carriageway patching. 26th June - 1st July 2019 from 07.00 to 19.00 daily (excluding weekends).
- Woodside Avenue (37 - 47) - full road closure for Severn Trent to replace a leaking Comm Pipe in footway and carriageway. 2nd to 4th September 2019.

37. CORRESPONDENCE.

- The Clerk had circulated an email to all Members regarding the Urban Tree Challenge Fund and wondered if this was something the Town Council W/G would be interested in looking at, as it had previously been suggested that the Town be greened up, with maybe trees being planted in large box planters in the Town.
- Glos Wildlife Trust had now confirmed they had the Grant Funding Agreement in place, so the proposed works could be carried out on the Linear Park, including the replacement of the foot bridge previously removed by Forestry England.
- Greg Moger had written thanking Council for their donation to the Scout Hut works, and confirmed Members would be welcome to visit on a Tuesday for Scouts 7 - 9 pm, or a Friday for Beavers 4.45 - 5.45 and Cubs 6 - 7.30 pm.
- FODDC had confirmed that Cinderford Methodist Church was now included on the List of Assets, as from 17th May 2019. The Church had also written endorsing the decision to get the Church listed, and looked forward to being able to work with CTC in the future.
- Forestry England had written with information on essential forest operations at Crump Meadow, Abbots Wood and Sammies Wood with maps attached to these Minutes for reference. All areas had been signed by Forestry England.

38. MEMBERS REPORTS.

Cllr Witham had a confidential Report for Council as attached to these Minutes and it was

RESOLVED that due to confidentiality the Report be taken to the exclusion of the Press and Public.

39. 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 - £15,930.82.
BVC - £3,902.19.
CTC - £11,179.77.

40. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be held on Tuesday, 9th July 2019 at 7 p.m.
(Extraordinary Meeting 18th June at 6.00 p.m)

41. CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.