

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th December 2019 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), C. Brown, J. Charlton-Wright, Mason Coborn, T.R. Holder, Mrs E.D. Martin, R.A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Max Coborn, Mrs L. Bent, G.L. Morgan (R & S Council), Ms. S. Reader, Mrs L.I. Sterry.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

118. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no public participation.

119. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

None.

120. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record, with the addition of Cllr T.R. Holder as being in attendance.

121. PLANNING MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings held on Tuesday 12th November 2019, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

122. BT - REMOVAL OF PHONE BOX IN HIGH STREET.

BT were consulting through FODDC regarding the proposal for the removal of 10 boxes throughout the District, one of which was in Cinderford High Street, just above the Applegreen Garage. Their records showed that the phone had been used for 130 calls in the last 12 months. Members thought as it was still being used, and its position on the High Street, and close to sheltered housing accommodation, that it should be retained.

RESOLVED that Objections
be made to the proposed removal.

123. POCKET PARKS APPLICATION - MATCH FUNDING REQUIRED.

Following the success of the Forest Youth Association with its application to Kompan (£50K for MWPF), which the Town Council congratulated them on, they were now considering an application to Pocket Parks, for refurbishment of the Freeminers Way play area, but this would require 30% match funding from CTC.

RESOLVED accordingly.

124. LAND TO RENT AT ST. JOHN'S SQUARE.

Cllr Turner had noticed that the former vicarage field at St. Johns was being advertised for lease as pasture land. but thought it an opportunity for the Town Council to provide green space in that area. Members asked the Clerk to get further details to discuss in January.

RESOLVED accordingly.

125. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

The Clerk had received notification of a road works bulletin showing temporary road closures and notices, which had already been forwarded by email to Members, for their attention and with a link for people to follow, if they wished;

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadworks>

- Highways England carrying out essential works on Highnam roundabout which would entail overnight closures 20.00 - 06.00 from 11th Dec - 19th Dec.

126. CORRESPONDENCE.

- ERDF - Will Masefield had confirmed a site meeting at Ruspidge Halt on Sunday 15th December for information sharing regarding all the proposals for the area, including wildlife, new bridge, grazing areas etc. Noted.
- ERDF - As part of the Wild Towns Project, a smallish pot of money had been identified for interpretation across the 7 towns. If anyone had any suggestions, to contact Will Masefield. Noted.
- Pride in Gloucestershire - following the successful event at Cafe 31 and CRFC, they felt they would like to hold a mini pride event. Members agreed it was a brilliant idea and the Clerk to respond accordingly.
- Greg Moger had written thanking Council for their continued support and photo's of what had been achieved in extending the Scout Hut. He confirmed they had sufficient funds to complete the exterior and to insulate the inside and would then continue with their fund raising to complete everything next year.
- An email had been received from the National Citizen Service, a nationwide Government funded summer youth programme for 15-17 year olds to engage, unite and empower young people. Cllr Brown confirmed that FVAF and the Forest Youth Association were already aware of this group and they had carried out some work at Cafe 31. Members asked the Clerk to offer them a chance of attending a future Council meeting and/or to link in with FVAF and FYA.

127. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Witham reported that following some problems, the wi-fi in the Town Centre was now working well, and there had been 1028 different people logged on and using it during the past month. The web cam pointing down the High Street, was still not working but he was in the process of getting this done.
- Cllr Charlton-Wright commented on the ongoing problems facing people travelling from the Forest into Gloucester and also via Chepstow, and suggested that someone from Highways England and or GCC be invited to a future meeting of Town Council.

128. 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 - £24,455.16
BVC - £7,069.29
CTC - £3,684.52

129. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be
held on Tuesday, 14th January 2020
at 7 p.m.

130. CLOSURE.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.