

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 11th February 2020 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS; C. Witham (Chairman), Mrs L. Bent, C. Brown, J. Charlton-Wright, Mason Coborn, Ms R. Lewis, Mrs E.D. Martin, G.L. Morgan (8pm), R. Pritchard, Ms S. Reader, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R.A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas.

One Member of the Public, Brian Morgan.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. Max Coborn, T.R. Holder.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

### **147. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Morgan to the meeting, who wanted to raise the ongoing problem with the appalling smells emanating from Foyles Abattoir. Despite complaints to FODDC, nothing appeared to be done to address the ongoing issue, and with the newly erected Surgery close to the site, he considered FODDC should be doing more to address the problem. CTC agreed with his comments and had in fact already complained about the Abattoir, and the Chairman agreed a meeting should be arranged with Officers from FODDC in order to address the situation.

Mr. Morgan also complained about the noise level from The Lion at weekends, disturbing surrounding residents and suggested that a black box sound cut out be put in place, to ensure the sound levels were kept at an acceptable level. Again, this was something that would need to be referred to FODDC, but would be actioned by the Town Council. The Chairman thanked Mr. Morgan for attending the meeting to raise his concerns.

### **148. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.**

None.

### **149. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **150. PLAYING FIELDS MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Playing Fields Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **151. TO CONSIDER AND CONFIRM UPGRADE OF CCTV SYSTEM.**

The Clerk gave Members the quote received for the upgrade of the system, which included all external and internal camera's plus the required new recording and monitoring system, which came to approx. £6,500. The Company were also trialing a new speed detection camera/system, and the expected cost of this, would be affordable within the budget set by Council. Members agreed the Clerk to proceed with the upgrade, and to bring further information back to Council, once the details were known about the new speed camera.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**152. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR 2019/20.**

The Clerk had been contacted by Iain Selkirk who was available to carry out the independent audit service for 2019/20 and Council agreed he be appointed.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**153. REQUEST FOR MOUNTJOYS LANE TO BE MADE ACCESS ONLY.**

A resident of Mountjoy's Lane End had requested that this road be made 'Access Only' due to the increasing amount of traffic using the road as a cut through from the High Street to Woodgate Road. Members agreed to support the request and that it be deferred to Glos Highways for consideration.

RESOLVED accordingly.

**154. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.**

Only bulletin updates received which had been forwarded to Members, and were available to the public by following the link <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadworks>.  
Noted.

**155. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- FODDC – Members were reminded of the briefing meeting (Northern Quarter) at FODDC on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 6 – 7 pm.
- FODDC – Parish & Town Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm (items to be discussed would include Community Safety and Climate Change). Members to confirm to Clerk if they wished to attend.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cinderford Brownie Park – acknowledgement and thanks for donation of £80.
- West Dean Committee – invite to Cancer Research UK – Big Breakfast, to be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Forest Hills from 10.00 am – 2 pm.
- Love Your Forest – Environmental charity calling on local artists to help highlight new recycling on-the-go initiative – full information emailed to Members.
- FODDC – Call for sites – Strategic Housing and economic land availability assessment 2020 – full information emailed to Members.
- Glos Wildlife Trust – as CTC had previously confirmed they would be happy to take on the maintenance responsibility following the installation of the new bridge, GWT had sent through a confirmation agreement for signature by the Chairman.
- Mrs Rodway – as a Church Road resident had written regarding the increasing issue of indiscriminate parking and excess speed of vehicles on the road. Members agreed it was an issue and should be raised with Highways and Road Safety.

Cllr Morgan arrived at 8 pm.

**156. MEMBERS REPORTS.**

- Cllr Reader gave an update on the Climate Working Group meeting that had been held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February and how CTC could encourage recycling and environmental improvements. It was also suggested that CTC work towards being paperless asap, with this being an agenda item for the next meeting of Council. Full notes to be attached to these Minutes.
- Cllr Brown had attended a meeting in London, in January with one of the consultants, Chris Jones regarding the Future High Street Bid, talking about how the 'High Street' had changed from just retail, to include social, food, retailtainment and the evening economy. He also spoke about public realm works, electric charging points, flexible working, communal work space, which he thought was very exciting. He had also attended a meeting in Bristol, where it had been confirmed that extra money could be made available for consultancy work.

- Cllr Mrs Martin confirmed that FODDC had now set its budget, which would see an increase of £5. on Band D plus an increase in fees and charges. It had been estimated that in future, FODDC would need to raise 1.3 million, just to break even. Cllr Charlton-Wright asked her about the proposed Eco village at Westbury, but she commented that this had been submitted in response to Government pressure to build houses, but would need to meet planning standards.
- Cllr Morgan confirmed that the County Council budget looked to be set at 468 million, with 1 million coming from reserves to address Climate Change, which would result in an extra £1. Per week on Band D.

**157. 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 - £42,997.93  
BVC - £5,924.60  
CTC - £12,025.80

**158. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be  
held on Tuesday, 10th March 2020  
at 7 p.m.

**159. CLOSURE.**

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.