

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at The Council Chamber, Cinderford on Tuesday, 10th March 2020 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS; G.L. Morgan (Chairman), C. Brown, Mason Coborn, Mrs E.D. Martin, R. Pritchard, Ms S. Reader, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R.A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas.

APOLOGIES for Absence were received from Cllrs. C. Witham, Max Coborn, J. Charlton-Wright, T.R. Holder, Ms R. Lewis.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr G.L. Morgan expressed an interest in Item 8, being a Member of the Committee.

160. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

The Clerk had discussed with the Chairman, how planning applications were being dealt with as she was aware that very few applications were currently being received, and thought Members may wish to consider including Planning Applications on the Agenda for full Council, instead of separate meetings and if so, would Members be happy to deal with three applications this evening. Members agreed it would be easier, and agreed to determine the applications in hand.

(a) Forest Stone Bungalow, Heywood Road – erection of dormer window and associated works - P0069/20/FUL – Revised Plans.

(b) Cinderford Enterprise Centre – variation of condition 02 (approved plans) and condition 06 (landscaping details) to allow for a revised landscaping proposal plan – P0269/20/FUL

(c) 16 Greenway Road – erection of a two storey side/front extension with associated works – P0284/20/FUL

RESOLVED No Objections be raised to any of the above applications and to include Planning Applications on the Agenda for full Council to consider.

161. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

162. PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

163. EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

164. APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE.

Members discussed the application for a change of opening times, and could not see any issue with the proposals.

RESOLVED No Objections.

165. SEVERN DEAN LIONS – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP.

Severn Dean Lions were running an 'Office Chair Race' at Cinderford Co-op car park on Easter Sunday, 12th April and asking for £50. sponsorship to raise money for local charities. Members agreed it sounded a good fun, community event and agreed to sponsor the £50.

RESOLVED accordingly.

166. CTC TO CONSIDER PAPERLESS WORKING.

It had been suggested to go to paperless working in an effort to cut down on paper waste and postage, and to become more efficient. To achieve this Member's email addresses could be updated to the District system (although there would be a cost) and it was also suggested that Members be provided with electronic notebooks, which would remain in the ownership of the Town Council. Members agreed it was a good idea, and the Clerk to discuss with the Chairman, and if everything could be achieved within budget.

RESOLVED accordingly.

167. 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.

168. CORRESPONDENCE.

- A teacher from Forest View School was working with the children to increase the amount of recycling carried out at the school and wondered if the Council could assist with the cost of providing paper recycling boxes for the classrooms. Members agreed it was a good idea and tied in with the effort to make people more aware of the environment. It was agreed the Clerk work with Ms Bligh to source the recycling boxes which the Town Council would pay for, up to £200. Someone from CTC could then present the boxes to the School.
- Following the adoption of the Climate Emergency Rapid Action Plan, FODDC were hosting a Climate Action Day for Town and Parish Councils on 30th March at 9.30 am. It was agreed that Cllr Sally Reader attend on behalf of the Town Council. The invitation had previously been emailed to Members to ensure they were aware of the invitation.
- The Clerk had attended a meeting with the Gym volunteers, at Freedom Leisure on 13th February to discuss progress and any issues. Amongst things discussed were on going maintenance, gym membership targets, special needs Members, current personnel and promotional material. The volunteers were still trying to sort out the old photographs, which would be mounted on the wall leading into the gym, and it was very likely they would be asking CTC to assist them in sourcing the framing.
- FoD Youth Association had written thanking Council for its support in establishing themselves and listed the various projects supported by them, in Cinderford. They had now been able to secure a lease on the former Splinters Club at the Heywood site to set up a facility to offer various session for youth, including a youth club.

169. MEMBERS REPORTS.

- Cllr Mrs Sterry had attended the Road Safety Partnership Meeting where some local issues had been raised ie car parking and current situation in Market Street.
- Cllr G.L. Morgan confirmed that as the County Councillor he had a budget of 25k which should be used in conjunction with structural maintenance (footway improvements, surfacing etc).
- As there seemed to be very few planning applications being received, the Clerk asked if Members would be happy to discuss them as part of the full meeting instead of setting up addition meetings to deal with them, which Members agreed.

170. 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 - £26,744.41
BVC - £4,668.13
CTC - £6,058.40

171. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be
held on Tuesday, 14th April 2020
at 7 p.m. preceded by the Annual
Parish Meeting.

172. CLOSURE.

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.