

CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held online in a secure Zoom video conference on Tuesday, 10th November 2020 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas.

APOLOGIES for Absence – Mrs L. Bent, T.R. Holder, R. Pritchard, Mrs L.I. Sterry,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

232. CONFIRMATION OF DISCUSSION AND VOTING METHOD.

The Chairman reminded everyone on the voting system, as previously agreed.

233. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There were no Members of the Public joining the meeting.

234. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS.

A local businessman had contacted Cllr Turner asking if he could borrow/rent some market stalls and Members agreed CTC should be supporting local people in any way possible, but maybe ask that a deposit be paid to ensure safe return.

RESOLVED accordingly

235. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and agreed to be signed as a correct record.

236. COMPLETION OF AUDIT 2019/20.

The external auditors had now completed their review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR), copies of which were circulated to Members prior to the meeting. The only comment made referenced that the figure in box 9 of section2 had not been amended to £173,974 (from £173,374) as raised in the previous year. The Members thanked the Clerk for her work in producing the accounts, as approved by the external Auditors. The Clerk confirmed the Notice of conclusion of audit, together with copies of the AGAR would now be published on the Council website.

237. COBALT – REQUEST FOR DONATION.

Cobalt had committed to fund raise £200,000. to fund two Breast Cancer Research Nurses for Gloucestershire over a three year period, after which it would become self-funding. They had written asking if Town Council would support this initiative, which Members agreed was so worthwhile and it was

RESOLVED that £500. be given,
under Section 137.

238. FODDC – CLIMATE ACTION DAY.

The Clerk had forwarded to Members a letter from West Dean Parish Cllr Jackie Dale with ideas from the District Council Action Day held on 7th October. It was agreed that the Town Council working group would arrange a meeting to discuss ideas and report back to full Council in January 2021.

239. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.

Collafield Road – road closure 10 metres either side of the cattle grid to replace the cattle grid – on Tuesday 8th December from 08.30 and 16.30 or until work is completed.

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>.

240. CORRESPONDENCE.

- Cinderford St. John's CC – Acknowledgement and thanks for grant.
- GCC – Ry-cycling Centres switched to winter opening hours from 25th October.
- FODDC – Winter Wellness campaign – copies to Members for information.
- FODDC – Local Plan consultation extended to 29th January 2021.
- FODDC – Cinderford Regeneration Board Update – circulated to Members for information and copy attached to Minutes.
- Foresters Forest – Blue and Green plaques designs confirmed, probably be fitted towards end of year beginning of next year, in Triangle. Also the Myer Tree art work (anti littering and recycling campaign) will come to Cinderford for December, and placed in the Triangle

241. MEMBERS REPORTS.

The Chair asked for any Members Reports to be submitted to the Clerk which would then be circulated by email, and attached to the Minutes for information.

- Cllr Reader confirmed she has tidied up the Notice Board in the Triangle and had left a note inside for people to contact her for anything to be posted and to keep everything updated.
- Cllr Morgan confirmed that motions being put forward to GCC on 25th November were;
 - Highway Tree maintenance
 - Planning for the future white paper
 - Child Food poverty
 - Equalities motion.
- Cllr Morgan also commented that he understand building work was starting on the old school site on Buckshaft Road, so hopefully the road widening splay would be carried out fairly soon.
- Cllr Mrs Martin confirmed that FODDC would soon be considering the budget. With regard to covid response, all District Members had been tasked to contact vulnerable parishioners. District staff were also responding to people in need, but still continued to work.
- Cllr Brown reported that FVAF would be managing the Covid fund, with payments of £500. Per group or £1,000. If a Charity or Constituted group. As FVAF would not be able to carry out the Christmas Day buffet, they were looking to provide 100 Christmas Hampers (in conjunction with St. Stephen's) which would be delivered. If anyone wished to donate funds or new goods, contact FVAF. As the Town Council would not be purchasing selection boxes for the Christmas Grotto, the Clerk suggested that maybe this money could be donated towards the hampers. The Members agreed with the suggestion and asked the Clerk to send a cheque for the equivalent cost of the selection boxes.

242. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

- (a) 24 Church Road – Erection of a two storey side extension and new driveway – P1760/20/FUL.

RESOLVED No Objections be raised to the above application.

- (b) Heywood Mews, Heywood Road – Erection of 3 dwellings and 6 flats with associated parking, landscaping and works. Demolition of existing building – P1671/20/FUL.

RESOLVED Support for the development of a brown field site, but query whether it would be considered as over development of the area and the limitation on parking spaces. Members also queried the concealed entrance and the cars now parking on Edgehills Road, either side of the entrance and suggested that Highways be asked to comment particularly on this area of the application.

243. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Members were circulated with the figures for accounts requiring payment and it was;

RESOLVED the accounts and wages
totaling the following amounts be paid;

BVC/CTC - £14,819.11.

BVC - £2,027.91.

CTC - £18,679.00.

244. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be
held on Tuesday, 8TH December 2020
at 7 p.m.

245. CLOSURE.

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.