

## **CINDERFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Cinderford Town Council held online in a secure Zoom video conference on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 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, Ms S. Reader, Mrs L.I. Sterry, R.A. Sterry, M. Turner.

Town Clerk - Mrs L.L. Thomas.

APOLOGIES for Absence – Mrs L. Bent.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

### **246. CONFIRMATION OF DISCUSSION AND VOTING METHOD.**

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

### **247. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

There were no Members of the Public joining the meeting.

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

Nothing raised.

### **249. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, having been circulated, were confirmed and agreed to be signed as a correct record.

### **250. GCC - VARIOUS ROAD NOTICES.**

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>.

### **251. CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Cobalt - Acknowledgement and thanks for donation.
- Nicola Bird – Update on the proposed Construction Skills Accelerator Centre, with the project name of AccXel.
- GCC – Award for County Minerals Plan – forwarded to Members.
- FVAF – Invite to Zoom meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 to received update on work supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector, and the FoD Youth Assoc.
- Glos Highways – information received regarding the Ash Dieback Project to ensure the road network remains safe from the diseased and dying trees.
- Forest Economic Partnership – update on project to improve broadband speeds.
- Bus shelter – Car parked in Co-op rolled back and into the rear of the bus shelter on Dockham Road, causing structural damage – Clerk waiting on report from Manufacturers regarding repair or replacement. Stagecoach bus driver witnessed the accident, and Clerk has car registration for Insurance.
- FODDC – Re-opening High Street safely – festive forest video clip campaign – all clips to be sent in by 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- Cinderford Christmas Convoy – the Clerk asked for any Members to be able to help out as Marshalls on the road junctions.
- Mrs L. Thomas – the Clerk informed Members that she was tendering her resignation as Town Clerk, and giving the three months notice as required by her Contract.

## **252. 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 Brown informed Members that under the Re-opening High Street Safely, FODDC we leading on a joint procurement for footfall counters to be installed in the four Forest towns, which would provide useful data on pedestrian numbers and when the Town was busy. Other things could also be added, such as traffic counting, air quality etc. These would be hired for a 3 year period and solar powered, with GCC hopefully providing any required maintenance
- Cllr Ms Reader confirmed the working group had met on the 30<sup>th</sup> November to discuss how to proceed and asked that Climate Change be a rolling monthly agenda item. It was thought the paper free was working well and to look at other green energies, ie energy suppliers, solar panels, emergency plan. The Clerk advised that an Emergency Plan had been drawn up and one stage and she had also obtained information on solar panels. With regard to the energy suppliers Council was now in contract until 2022/23. They acknowledged that re-cycling was already carried out at the Belle Vue Centre and would like to see more greenery brought into the Town Centre. Cllr Brown commented that he thought there should be a celebration of trees, which would improve air quality and give a sense of pride in our exceptional Forest Town.
- Cllr Mrs Martin agreed that an Emergency Plan should be a priority, and that Council now must look and the longer term staffing. She also reported that at the District Council meeting, many tributes had been paid to Cllr Max Coborn on his resignation from FODDC, with the acknowledgement of all his hard work and commitment to Cinderford. It was most certainly a sad occasion, but good to see how he had been respected across the District.
- Cllr Coborn responded that he would now be in a position to put all his efforts into continuing his efforts for the people of Cinderford,

## **253. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- (a) 83 Church Road – Erection of a two storey rear extension - P1814/20/FUL
- (b) Charter House, Woodville Road – Erection of a replacement conservatory to the rear extension – P1967/20/FUL
- (c) 6 Westfield Road – Erection of a single storey rear extension with associated works (revised scheme) – P1986/20/FUL

RESOLVED No Objections to any of the above applications.

- (d) Land off Forest Vale Road – Erection of 5 no units with associated parking, landscaping and works (revised plans) – P0307/20/FUL

RESOLVED Support for the above application.

## **254. 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 - £16,362.72  
BVC - £4,224.51  
CTC - £2,240.29

**255. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

RESOLVED the next Full Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7 p.m.

**256. CLOSURE.**

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.