



**Minute of the meeting of Cinderford Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Cinderford on Wednesday, 24th November 2021 commencing at 7pm.**

**COUNCILLORS**

Cllr C. Witham (Chairman)  
Cllr. L Bent  
Cllr J. Charlton-Wright  
Cllr M Coborn  
Cllr. E.D. Martin  
Cllr S Reader,  
Cllr L.I. Sterry  
Cllr R.A. Sterry  
Cllr R Lewis  
Cllr M. Turner  
Cllr T Holder  
Cllr G.L. Morgan (Vice-Chair)  
**TOWN CLERK** – Mrs E Bennett

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Max Coborn, Cllr C. Brown, Cllr R Pritchard,

**TELEPHONE ATTENDANCE:** Kevin Adams, Associate Director of Estates, Facilities & Medical Equipment of the Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 0 members of the public, 0 police representatives

1. **To receive apologies for absence**  
Recorded as above.
2. **Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and Officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest**  
None Received.
3. **Public Participation Session – to provide the opportunity for Members of the Public to raise questions or comment on items on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum 3 minutes per person)**  
None
4. **Chairman's Urgent Business**

- **Volunteers for 27.11.2021 Christmas Light Switch On** - a number of Councilors were available to help with arrangements.
- **Map Design** - the Clerk obtained feedback on the initial design and further ideas for inclusion.

**5. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2021 (copy herewith)**

The minutes of the Meeting, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Martin, Seconded: Cllr Charlton-Wright. Remaining Councilors were in favour.

**CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA**

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded during consideration of Agenda item 6.

**6. To receive the latest hospital update**

**a. To approve the land transfer for Dockham Road**

In advance of the meeting Council received copies of documentation from DAC Beachcroft, previous Agreement dated 25/3/2020, Agreement to Vary, Participation Agreement, example rents, variation and Supplemental Agreement.

Council had a detailed discussion regarding:

- the documentation,
- proposed arrangements
- Financial arrangements
- Leasing/Rental of Dockham Road/current users and vaccination programme
- Risk of planning permission not being granted
- Passing of the Long stop date
- Prices
- VAT
- Proposed FVAF plans and funding opportunities
- Green space use
- Community use
- Access to the current skate park and maintaining access during works.
- Clause 17.3
- Hospital financial years funding arrangements, capital investment, brokering system and spending limits
- Saying "no" and impact of this
- Impact of Covid and Chair's accident on timescales
- Build schedules
- Procurement
- Mine treatment works
- Site gradient works
- Investment and services in Cinderford
- Scheme of works

- Highways and site access concerns
- Concern re negative resident views
- Delays
- Skate park has been to FODDC pre-planning
- Sport England view and commitment for MUGA and skatepark to be built. Proviso of use.
- Reasons for 28/2/2022 date
- LHS cannot be sold for housing
- Value for money
- Need for replacement green space in area around Dockham Road.
- Concern re losing space to play
- Proposed FVAF plans - how Council can influence green spaces
- Health & Safety issues

Councillors agreed for the Chairman to telephone Kevin Adams during the meeting to answer queries which Councillors had. The call was taken on loud speaker and Councillors could ask questions directly to the Associate Director which covered:

- the importance of the 28/2/2022 date
- financial viability for 3 financial years
- work on site covering levels, attenuation and drainage works
- Severn Trent Water and creating a holding space for a culvert
- NHS assistance with Maverick and MUGA
- planning permission, highways and site access risks
- Implications of not agreeing to 28/02/2022 date and risk to project
- Importance of the Skate park delivery
- Weather implications
- Sport England views

The Chair and Councillors thanked the Associate Director for answering their questions.

Councillors discussed the risks from jeopardising the hospital, finances, reputation, communication, Covid implications, hospital needs for the Forest and expectations of the skatepark users.

Councillors discussed signing the documentation and requesting additional wording to enable Council to agree. Cllr Morgan proposed signing of the document with the wording added "that The Buyer shall ensure that access to the skate park on the Property is maintained until at least 28/02/2022." This was seconded by Cllr L Sterry. Councillors voted: 2 against, 1 abstained, 9 Councilors were in favour.

A Councillor highlighted concerns regarding the Dockham Road site and Councils previous plans to commit to a green site around the area. The Councillor highlighted issues with losing green spaces. The Chair suggested this was discussed initially at Estates and Playing Fields Committee and that information, costings and timelines were then brought to the 1/2/2022 meeting to consider plans for Dockham Road.

- b. To receive the DAC Beachcroft letter and note and approve the served notice on the Playing Field, Steam Mills Road




Covered in discussions above.

- c. To approve any recommendations from the Playing Fields Committee meeting on 24.11.2021

Councillors who had not attended the meeting were updated on the discussion with the skate park users and Mavericks. The latest drawings were circulated which the Playing Fields Committee recommended Councillors approve for ordering.

Councils considered the Playing Fields Committee recommendation and agreed the final drawings, for the ordering of the skatepark and plans to be submitted to FODDC for planning approval. Proposed Cllr Turner, Seconded Cllr Mason Colborn. All in favour. .

7. Date of next Meeting – 14th December 2021

Signed: 

Date: 10/01/2022