

MINUTES OF FULL MEETING of COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Tetbury on Monday 16th March 2015 at 7pm

PRESENT: Cllrs S Ball (Chair), A Walsh, I Maslin, K Painter, L Brown, E Farnham, M Lea, C Pearce, J Henderson, T Stevenson, S Hirst, D Hicks, C Morgan Town Clerk Natalie Haines & Administrator T Niblett, Public District Cllr B Gibbs and 3 members of public.

TC1. 03/15 Apologies: Noted from Cllrs Bergius and Steedman

TC2. 03/15 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in addition to those declared on Register: None

TC3. 03/15 Public Consultation: None

TC4. 03/15 Adoption of Minutes held 16th February 2015: It was proposed by Cllr Lea, seconded Cllr Maslin to adopt the minutes – voted 13 in favour, 1 abstention. **Agreed**

TC5. 03/15 Progress Reports – Annual Street Licence Renewal – meeting took place this evening and agreed to renew. Request CDC advertise the 0345 number for APCOA – this has been carried out, thanks to District Cllr Hicks. Town Crier Event will take place 19th September 2015, date to be confirmed when the Working Group for the Town Crier event will take place.

TC6. 03/15 Mayor and Town Clerk Reports for February: Mayors Report circulated in advance. TTC Tea Dance will be taking place on Saturday 2nd May. Town Crier competition will be taking place on Saturday 19th September. Twinning Society has a party from Zwingenburg visiting Tetbury on Saturday 30th May. Clerks Report circulated in advance. Flat lease agreement has been drafted and signed with the new tenant moving in on Friday 20th March 2015. Damp proofing work in the cellar will commence on Wednesday 18th March 2015. Audit has been carried out and we are awaiting report. Campaign for woolsack bunting going well, £395 in donations have been received.

TC7. 03/15 Police Report for February: There were 11 crimes between 1st February & 28th February 2015 compared to 18 for the same period of 2014. Year to date crime at 108 compared to 113 at the same point in the previous year.

TC8. 03/15 To consider Cllr Bergius request to join Finance & Scrutiny Committee: It was proposed by Cllr Walsh, seconded Cllr Painter for Cllr Bergius to become a member of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee – voted all in favour. **Agreed**

TC9. 03/15 To receive and note burial ground report and agree Council's next steps: Report circulated in advance with the Town Clerk providing an overview. Following a recent article in the local newspaper which was factually incorrect it was requested that the Town Clerk contacts the paper and asks for the statement to be corrected. TTC has a moral and not a legal obligation to provide burial ground for the town which TTC have been trying to achieve over a number of years. Following a heated debate it was proposed by Cllr Farnham, seconded Cllr Henderson that we adopt F&S recommendations to arrange a meeting with 3 Councillors and 3 Dolphins Hall Trustees to discuss a possible way forward. Recorded vote requested Cllrs voting for Farnham, Henderson, Stevenson, Hirst, Hicks, Maslin, Walsh and Ball, Cllrs Against Painter, Brown, Lea, Cllrs Abstentions Morgan and Pearce – vote carried forward. **Agreed** Town Clerk was thanked for work on this matter.

TC10. 03/15 To approve proposed budget for 2015/2016: Report circulated in advance. With the increase in precept TTC have identified investment opportunities within the town by supporting a Youth Worker, grant funding has been increased. Advised that Glos CC only pay TTC for grass cutting twice a year but more cuts are carried out at a cost to TTC and TTC have to pay for traffic orders. Although the precept has been increased the actual Council Tax for Tetbury has been reduced. It was proposed by Cllr Hirst, seconded Cllr Walsh to accept the budget – voted 13 in favour, 1 against. **Agreed**

TC11. 03/15 To note Council's handover document for next Council: Following minor amendments the handover document was approved. The Town Clerk, Cllrs Henderson and Hirst were thanked for their hard work in producing this document.

TC12. 03/15 To receive report from the Buildings Working Group: Report circulated in advance. Original members of the working group were Cllrs Maslin, Pearce, Hirst, Henderson, Ball, Walsh and the Town Clerk. Invite Will Cook from the Rail Lands Regeneration Trust to the next meeting, date to be arranged. Look at Option One in more detail to move the Council offices into a purpose built building at the rail lands.

TC13. 03/15 To receive an update concerning health provision in the town: Cllr Henderson informed the Council that as of today's date she had not heard if the recent bid has been successful. If successful this would mean extra GP hours in the Cotswolds and additional nursing would be provided at the weekends and after hours. Cllr Henderson to keep TTC updated. Information was requested about complaints regarding local GPs, advised that this information could be obtained through the surgery under the Freedom of Information Act. A heated debate followed and councillors were advised that the Neighbourhood Development Plan are looking at health facilities within the town and any Councillor who had issues regarding the health provision would be more than welcome to join this group.

TC14. 03/15 Brief updates from Feoffees/Dolphins Hall/TRLRT:

Feoffees - Advised Feoffees may be able to assist with grant funding for the Malt House. Management meeting on the Malthouse to take place on 14th April with Cllr Painter being TTC representative and a public meeting arranged for 17th June.

Dolphins Hall Report circulated in advance. Chair of the Dolphins Hall was upset about the misleading comments that had appeared in the Wilts and Glos regarding the burial ground and he advised that the trustees would not be bullied by the tactics in evidence this evening. Bookings for the hall are on the increase. The new front car park is in place, one of the conditions from CDC is the surface needs to be porous, unfortunately, this has become an issue and will be discussed at the next Dolphins Hall meeting. The planning application for the new build has gone into CDC this week following the completed traffic survey which was requested by County Highways.

TRLRT Will Cook provided an overview. Recent art exhibition raised £1,000 in fundraising with £4,000 of paintings sold. Local photographer is using the Goods Shed as a backdrop for a calendar and involving local shops all proceeds to the Goods Shed. Recent Car Boot raised £280. A range of fundraising events have been arranged for the next couple of months in the Goods Shed. An events website has been set up and tickets can be purchased on line. The Mayor thanked Will and his team for their hard work and enthusiasm.

TC15. 03/15 Working Group Reports:

Highways Meeting will be taking place on 18th March 2015.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Report circulated in advance. Extremely useful meeting took place with the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Planning team when 5 Cllrs shared their experiences. We now have all the returns on the business survey and will shortly be able to publish these.

TC16. 03/15 Committee Reports:

Planning

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| <p>15/00525/FUL Location: Garage Off Fox Hill, Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a single dwelling plus car parking. Amendment to permission 13/05355/FUL, Decision: <i>No objections</i></p> | <p>15/00523/FUL Ward: Grumbolds Ash Location: Ashworth House, Bowldown Road, Westonbirt, Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension <i>Not considered out of TTC area.</i></p> |
| <p>Tree Works</p> | |

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| <p>Decision: No objection (County) Location: 20 Close Gardens, Proposal: T.1 - Maple - Crown reduce back to previous reduction points; T.2 - Plum - fell</p> | <p>Decision: No objection (County) Location: The Close Hotel , 8 Long Street, Proposal: Lime tree - rear garden - fell</p> |
| <p>15/01004/TCONR Location: Avon House, Chantry Court, Proposal: 3 x Rowans - remove the annual growth, remove one damaged branch; 2 x Gladitsias - fell the tree close to the lamp post, reduce the other trees by 1.5 metres; Beech - remove two crossing branches toward Flat No.4, replace one cable in the upper crown; Cherry at the rear of the property close to the seating area - reduce the crown height and spread by 2 metres</p> | <p>15/01022/TPO Location: Southdown, Charlton Road, Proposal: Apple (T4) - fell due to overgrown and low amenity value. Replant with 3 fruit trees adjacent, TP1, TP2, TP3., Sycamore (T6) - fell due to crowding of adjacent Horse Chestnut and Hawthorn, each of which have higher amenity value and more proportionate spacing., Willow (T8) - Pollard to 6 metres., Horse Chestnut (T7) - Crown Raise to 3 metres., Poplar (T11) - Fell due to low amenity value., Hawthorn (T9) - Fell 3 stems only, leaving T10 to flourish., Nothofagus (T2) - Reduce crown by 20% and shape. Crown raise to 3 metres., Ash (T3) - Crown raise to 3 metres.</p> |
| <p>Decisions</p> | |
| <p>Application: 14/05618/COMPLY Ward: Grumbolds Ash Decision: Application Permit Location: Land Parcel Quercus Park, Quercus Road, Proposal: Residential development of 50 Dwellings - compliance with condition 5 (levels)</p> | |

F&S Report circulated in advance. All the repairs to the flat have been carried out and ready to be offered to prospective tenants. The Partnership agreement with CDC was agreed and signed. The Clerk's burial report was discussed, the draft budget was discussed, Council's handover document was discussed and agreed following minor alterations. The list of Council Policies was discussed and adopted with an amendment to the review date of our Financial Regulations.

H&R Report circulated earlier today. It was agreed to carry forward funds not spent from Open Spaces, Playground Inspections and Repair projects from 2014/15 to the 2015/16. Agreed to purchase a new mower, agreed to purchase a bench and dedicate it to Alderman Harry Smith Tetbury Town and Cotswold District Councillor and to add his name to the list of new road names. Tea dance will now go ahead under the name of Tetbury Town Council. Town Crier event will be taking place on 19th September.

TC17. 03/15 Correspondence received to date: None received.

TC18. 03/15 District and Councillors Reports:

District Cllr Gibbs Report circulated in advance. A 5% reduction in council tax was agreed resulting in a 13% reduction over the last 3 years. £2000 will be allocated to each Councillor to fund local environmental issues. Building control fees are to be reduced by 10%.

District Cllr Hirst An issue has occurred at Tesco regarding the recycling of plastic and tins where there are not enough bins in the area.

Cllr Lea British Council is looking at the Tetbury Twinning Society proposal to twin with a town in France and will keep

TTC updated.

Cllr Farnham Informed Council that this would be her last Council meeting as a Town Councillor. Thanked everybody for their support over the years. TTC thanked Cllr Farnham for all her support and commitment.

Cllr Walsh Cottons Lane is still an issue with a site visit arranged for Monday, scaffolding had been removed but builders had built the wall on the scaffolding. Do we have any planning delegate powers? Cllr Walsh to report back on this issue.

TC19 03/15 Items for April Agenda: Burial Ground, Media Policy

TC20. 03/15 Next Full Council Meeting Monday 27th April 2015 at 7pm.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

Chairman Date