

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TETBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Held in the Council Chamber, Tetbury on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Councillor S Ball (Mayor)

Councillors: P Burrell, D Creed, J Easterbrook, S Hirst, N Ind, I Maslin, R McCorkell, S Mitchell, C Morgan, K Painter (Deputy Mayor), J Turton and A Walsh

Officers: Town Clerk – Stephen Holley, Deputy Clerk – Tara Niblett

Public: Three members of the public

**Announcements by the Mayor/Chairman:**

(i) The Council noted with sorrow that Mr Tony Stowell had recently passed away. Mr Stowell had been a Town Councillor for several years and had served as Mayor for two years from 2001 to 2003. A minute's silence was observed.

(ii) The Mayor thanked all members for their service during the present Council's four year term, which was coming to an end with the Elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**TC01. 04/19 Apologies for Absence:**

Received from Councillors Monks and Williams.

**TC02. 04/19 Declarations of Interest:**

None

**TC03. 04/19 Public Consultation:**

There were no questions from the Public Gallery.

**TC04. 04/19 Minutes of the Council held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were APPROVED as a correct record.  
Record of Voting: For - 11, Against – 0, Abstention – 2, Absent/Apologies – 2.

**TC05. 04/19 Progress Reports:**

The Council noted the progress recorded in the circulated report. The Town Clerk would contact the new Solicitor acting for the Landlord of the Visitor Information Centre and request prompt completion of the lease. It was understood that the Police were well aware of the drug issues in the town.

**TC06. 04/19 Reports from the Mayor and the Town Clerk:**

Noted.

**TC07. 04/19 Reports from the Council's Committees and Working Groups:**

Noted.

**TC08. 04/19 Police Report for April 2019:**

A report was tabled. Some concerns were expressed, principally with regard to the accuracy of the statistics presented. The Clerk would discuss this with the local team. The Council's request for a senior officer to speak on the drug issues in Tetbury had been discussed and a date would be arranged with the new Council to be elected on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

**TC09. 04/19 Update from Feoffees, Dolphins Hall, Rail Lands Trust:**

(i) Feoffees – Mr Will Cook reported that the re-painting of the Market House was proceeding according to schedule. The Feoffees were well-aware that the temporary traffic lights caused disruption but they had made efforts to minimise the problems having discussed their proposals with the Police and the County Council's Highways Department. They had also sent letters to premises in the Town Centre. Mr Cook was advised that the Council had been advised of a small number of objections, principally from businesses on Long Street concerned about the impact on their trade and takings. One had said that his takings had decreased by 50% since the work had started. Some felt that the letter was lacking in detail, and it was difficult for the public to contact the Feoffees direct. Mr. Cook offered to

undertake personal visits to the businesses. A member reported that some health and safety precautions appeared not to have been observed by the contractor and Mr Cook promised to attend to this as a matter of urgency.

(ii) Dolphins Hall Management Committee – Mrs Burrell stated that the Committee would need access across the newly extended Burial Ground by contractors' lorries during the construction work. It was explained to Mrs Burrell that the plan had always been to allow access onto or across the extended Burial Ground for funeral service and maintenance vehicles only. It was AGREED to request the Town Clerk to write to the Committee confirming that the Council's project to extend the Burial Ground would now be in a single phase, following agreement with the Football Club and the Rugby Club.

(iii) Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust – Mr Cook explained that the activities and events at the Goods Shed were attracting more attendees and the Trust was now targeting younger people.

#### **TC10. 04/19 Tetbury Spring Clean:**

Councillor Turton explained that he had invited leaders from the Scouts, the Air Cadets and Army Cadets to a meeting to discuss their possible co-operation.

#### **TC11. 04/19 D-Day Event:**

Councillor McCorkell provided an update report on the activities being planned for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at little or no cost to the Council Taxpayer. A dinner with music and entertainment was being arranged by a commercial operator/re-enactor and tickets would soon be on sale. Noted.

#### **TC12. 04/19 Progress Against the Council's Action Plan for 2018/19 and the Five Year Business Plan for 2015-20:**

The Council reviewed its progress against two key documents used to identify the Council's priorities and noted that many items had been achieved or were in the process of being delivered. It was agreed to RECOMMEND to the new Council that it initiate an Action Plan of its own for the Council Year 2019/20 at the earliest opportunity, and to update the priorities for the Five Year Business Plan for 2015-20. Unanimous.

#### **TC13. 04/19 Goods Shed Play Area:**

Subsequent to the supportive comments by members of the Heritage and Regeneration Committee during a site visit held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at which the proposed play area could be seen pegged out on the ground, Mr Will Cook asked for the Council's agreement to start public fund-raising. It was confirmed that the proposal was Mr Cook's own, rather than one of Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust, albeit that the Trust had no objection. If the installation was successful, the new play area would be the Town Council's. The Council RESOLVED to accept the proposal and to be responsible financial authority in order to reclaim the VAT. It would accept future ownership on condition that the public fund-raising generated a sum sufficient for future repairs and maintenance. Unanimous.

#### **TC14. 04/19 Annual Town Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019:**

There were no actions for the Town Council arising from the Annual Town Meeting. It was felt that the Meeting had gone well and attendance had been reasonable, despite the date clashing with a Community Choir activity at the Goods Shed.

#### **TC15. 04/19 Correspondence:**

The Council noted the following correspondence:

- (i) Invitation from the CPRE to a presentation proposing that the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty be upgraded to a National Park.
- (ii) Update on the Government's 'Future High Streets Fund' from the Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum

- (iii) Copy complaint to Gloucestershire Highways from a resident about unsightly signage at the entrance to the Priory Park Industrial Estate. Officers were requested to contact the relevant authorities on this signage, which had the potential to be a distraction to drivers.
- (iv) Email from a resident to all members on six Agenda items.

**TC16. 04/19 Reports from County, District and Town Councillors:**

Councillor Ind – Reported having advised Gloucestershire Highways about problems with the drains at the junction of Cirencester Road and Northfield Road. Work was also required to the drains at the bottom of Love Lane, near the former Priory Nursing Home.

Councillor McCorkell – Advised that he had nearly completed his investigations into the Council’s Reserves and finances. Reported that around 50 people had visited the Police Museum when he had opened it for visitors on Easter Saturday.

Councillor Painter – Advised that the Tetbury Air Training Corps was training for a walk from Weston-Super-Mare to Gloucester on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Councillor Turton – Would talk with the Visitor Information Centre Manager and Team about using the VIC as a base for electric bike tours.

Councillor Walsh – Reported that he was continuing work on the Emergency Plan team’s scenario exercise.

All members – Expressed their thanks to members not standing for re-election, expressed their best wishes to those standing for re-election and to Councillor Sandra Ball, for her service as Mayor for the Council Year 2019/20.

**TC18. 04/19 Date of next meeting of the Council – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7pm**

Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chair ..... Dated .....