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**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on**

Thursday 11 February 2016 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (in the chair)

Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski*, Gordon Guest, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Martin Smith, Chris Standford* and Mike Thompson*.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC) and three members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

*In attendance for part only of the meeting.

NOTE: Prior to the start of the meeting the Town Mayor led a one minutes' silence in memory of past Councillor Ray Weinstein who had recently passed away.

138. APOLOGIES were accepted from: Cllrs: Chaim Ebanks (personal) and Phil James (work).

139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- (i) **Cllr Mike Thompson** declared a personal interest in respect of St Andrews car park as he has objected to a recent planning application for an ANPR camera in the car park.
- (ii) **Cllrs: Kate Haslett and Camille Harrison** declared a personal interest in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan presentation as they are members of the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign.
- (iii) **Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Gordon Guest and Martin Smith** declared a personal interest in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan presentation as they are members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

140. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None.

Cllr Chris Standford joined the meeting

Cllrs Anthony Buczkowski and Mike Thompson left the meeting

NOTE: Cllrs Anthony Buczkowski and Mike Thompson made comment with regard to Minute Items No's 134 (c) and 136 (v)a as they disagreed with the wording. No proposal was made to change the Minutes and they left the meeting prior to the approval of the Minutes.

141. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 28 January 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

142. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP: Micheal Speirs explained the progress of the Plan and discussed some of the issues that the Plan will address. The Group hope to carry out the final consultation in September 2016 with a view to getting it published by January 2017. They hope to involve more people and engender public interest during the final consultation stage.

Discussion ensued with regard to allocation of land for sports facilities. A spatial plan will be carried out to look at the most appropriate site for playing fields etc. e.g. flat ground. If the town is going to double in size then a transport hub is required. The Neighbourhood Plan will show that the town is serious about wanting these things to happen.

RESOLVED: That a vote of thanks is recorded to Michael Speirs, Cllr Gordon Guest and all the members of the Steering Group plus the Neighbourhood Plan consultant Paul Weston and the Administrator Lou Maddocks for their hard work and the excellent document that the Group has produced. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.

The Chairman thanked Micheal Speirs for the presentation and he left the meeting along with the two other members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

143. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

(i) **Willand Road: To consider whether to request changes to the current traffic order:** Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the current situation was dangerous and that a revised scheme was required. A scheme that would resolve the danger, the parking and the visibility issues. It was accepted that removing all the parking would lead to an increase in speeds.

Discussion included:

- Building a chicane so that vehicles are forced to stop, priority passing.
- Preventing parking opposite the entrance to Hillcrest.
- "Give Way to Oncoming Traffic" and warning signs beyond the bend (opposite Helmore Villa) to make drivers aware of the dangers of meeting oncoming traffic as they go around the corner.
- "Halberton" style chicane system with some parking.
- 20mph speed limit.
- When the NW Extension takes place the road priorities will be changed and, maybe a pavement will be constructed to the integrated centre for health.

RESOLVED:

1. That, in order to resolve the existing dangers, parking and visibility issues in Willand Road, the following changes form the basis of negotiation with Devon County Council for amendment to the current Traffic Order:

- extend the parking restrictions (No Waiting Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm) along to the corner of St Georges Well and on the opposite side of the road extend to the corner of St Georges View with 2 no. breaks for parked vehicles but ensuring that no parking is permitted opposite the junction with Hillcrest.
- Speed limit to be reduced to 20 mph.
- Flashing warning signs “Give way to oncoming vehicles” to be erected opposite Hellmore Villa (before the bend).

2. That, in the long term, when the changes in Willand Road are made as a result of the NW Extension explore installing a chicane traffic management system similar to Halberton and, where possible, construct pavements where there are none.

RESOLVED: That, as the time was 8.50pm, the meeting is extended until 9.15pm to complete all the business on the agenda. Proposed Cllr Rachel Sinclair, seconded Cllr Chris Standford.

(ii) Fore Street: To consider whether to request any changes to the current traffic order. The current loading and unloading restrictions are Monday to Saturday 8am-9.30am and 4pm-6pm. It was considered that the peak time in the evening for commuter traffic was between 5pm and, 8pm. As shops close at about 5pm it would make deliveries to shops easier if the loading and unloading times in the evening were changed from 4pm to 5pm and extended until 8pm. This will enable the free flow of traffic at peak times.

RESOLVED: That Devon County Council is requested to amend the current Traffic Order so that Loading and Unloading in Fore Street is not permitted between 8am and 9.30am and 5pm and 8pm Monday to Saturday. Proposed Cllr Janet Johns, seconded Cllr Camille Harrison.

(iii) St Andrews car park: To consider proposal for changes to the charging regime: At present vehicles can park for up to three hours free of charge between 8am and 6pm and there is a charge of £1 for parking between 6pm and 8am. Since February 2015, when this new charging regime was introduced, the Council has received complaints from people that have received Parking Charge Notices (PCNs). The primary complaints are:

- That people didn't see the signs and consider that they are not conspicuous enough.
- That local businesses are open in the evenings and early mornings e.g. hairdressers, beauty salon, slimming club, ante-natal classes and the current charging regime is not helping those businesses.
- They don't like the “pay by phone or text” system of paying for car parking as they don't always have a phone with them.

If the Council decides on a daytime charging option then the car park management company will supply and install a pay and display meter and share the any revenue on a 50/50 basis once the cost of the machine has been met.

It was stated that the car park is often empty during the evening as the £1 charge is deterring people from parking after 6pm. Free overnight parking would encourage people to park in the car park rather than on the street and also help the night time economy. Various options were considered and it was

RESOLVED: That the charging regime for St Andrews car park is amended as follows:

1. Between 8am and 6pm vehicles are able to park for up to two hours free of charge and then for up to an additional two hours at a cost of 50p per hour (maximum stay of four hours).
2. Free parking between 6pm and 8am.
3. Installation of a pay and display meter with provision to pay in cash, by credit card or by phone.

144. CORRESPONDENCE: None

145. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 25 February 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____