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**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 25 August 2016 commencing at 7pm in Cullompton Town Hall**

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

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Martin Smith and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Daniel Barnes, Chaim Ebanks*, Iain Emmett, Gordon Guest, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC), Cllr Terry Snow (MDDC), plus approximately eight members of the public

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

*In attendance for part only of the meeting

54. APOLOGIES received and accepted from: Cllr Anthony Buczkowski (unwell), Cllr Karl Busch (personal) and Cllr Chris Standford (personal).

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Camille Harrison declared a personal interest in respect of Item 63 (vi) Townscape Heritage Scheme as she owns a property within the scheme area.

56. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: To receive questions from member of the public present at the meeting

(i) Judy Smith: asked

- if the road priority at Kingfisher Reach can be reversed as buses are struggling to get round.
- If a public meeting can be arranged to consider the problems currently being experienced by residents of the new Kingfisher Reach development.
- If the construction compound could be moved to Knowle 2.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council arranges a public meeting to discuss the concerns of residents living on the Knowle development. Developers, press and representatives from Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council to be invited to attend. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair.

2. That the developers are requested to move their construction compound from its current location to the Knowle 2 development site to lessen the impact of dust, noise and general inconvenience on residents. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

(ii) **John Larkin** provided Council members with a list of concerns relating to the Knowle development. This included lack maintenance of attenuation ponds and vehicle movements between the development site and the construction compound.

RESOLVED: That as agenda item 11(ii) is related to the matters raised in Public Question Time that the item is moved to this section of the meeting.

57. MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS

(i) That the Council asks Mid Devon District Council to enforce the planning conditions relating to the attenuation ponds on the Kingfisher Reach development. (Cllr Martin Smith).

RESOLVED: That the Council asks Mid Devon District Council to enforce the planning conditions relating to the attenuation ponds on the Kingfisher Reach development. Copy of the letter to be sent to Neil Parish MP. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

It was suggested that our MP is requested to ask questions in Parliament about the matters raised by the residents of new development.

58. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (Part 2)

(iii) **Michele Phillips** explained her concerns about construction traffic passing her front door, lorries sometimes park up to 6 abreast making it impossible for another vehicle to pass. Unable to hear yourself speak inside your own home.

NOTE: Pictures of the heavy construction traffic were shown at the meeting.

It was suggested that she contacts MDDC Environmental Health to request that the noise levels are monitored.

RESOLVED: That the Council contacts Mid Devon District Council for confirmation of which planning conditions the developers are still in breach of. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.

59. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 28 July 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record after adding "paid to the charity of Cllr Thompson's choosing" to the end of Item 49 (ii). Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

60. COUNCIL VACANCIES: To consider applications for co-option: Two applicants, both of which made a short presentation to the Council. A paper vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED: That Daniel Barnes is co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacancy in South Ward.

Daniel Barnes signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council meeting.

61. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS: To approve co-option of new members.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Iain Emmett is co-opted onto the Community Wellbeing Committee, Planning & Licencing Committee and Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee. Proposed Cllr Rachel Sinclair, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

62. DEVON & SOMERSET METRO GROUP: To appoint a representative to attend meetings on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mike Thompson is appointed as the Council's representative on the Devon & Somerset Metro Group with Cllr Gordon Guest to act as substitute if Cllr Mike Thompson is not able to attend a meeting. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

63. REPORTS

(i) Town Mayor's Report: For personal reasons, she may not be available for the next few weeks. Deputy Town Mayor happy to step in if needed.

(ii) Police Report: None

Cllr Chaim Ebanks left the meeting.

(iii) County/District Councillor Reports.

(a) Devon County Councillor John Berry reported that:

- Meeting arranged between residents and developers to discuss highway matters relating to new development at Culm Lea.
- Swallow Way not fit for purpose as a bus route.
- Contributed to the project to install electricity for market stalls etc. in Higher Bullring.
- J27 Consultation at the Walronds. He suggested that the Council supports this proposal as it will improve employment opportunities in the local area.

RESOLVED: That the Council finds out from MDDC how the implications of including the J27 proposals will impact on the adoption of the Local Plan, particularly in terms of time scales. Also verify whether there are any additional costs to the Council if the proposals are included. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

(b) Mid Devon District Councillor Terry Snow's report included:

- Pleased that the re-opening of the railway station is back on the agenda.
- Look at ways to fund a Town Bus. He suggested that conditions for a financial contribution should be included in s.106 Agreements.
- Meeting with MP to discuss rents of social housing/private sector. MDDC need to enforce conditions that tenants keep their gardens tidy.
- MDDC currently only has one enforcement officer, struggling to cope.

(iv) Traffic meeting report: A written report of the meeting had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Iain Emmett reported that a number of solutions had been raised at the meeting and these would be followed up.

RESOLVED: That the results of the traffic meeting are considered by the Traffic & Environment

Working Group at its next meeting. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair.

- (v) **Any other meeting reports:** Cllr Janet Johns reported that a working group had been set up to help Cullompton become a dementia friendly community. Item to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

64. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

(i) To approve the Financial Statements for July 2016.

RESOLVED: That payments totalling £28752.76 for July 2016 are approved and the Financial Statements are approved. Proposed Cllr Camille Harrison, seconded Cllr Gordon Guest.

NOTE: Cllr Mike Thompson requested a breakdown of the credit card expenditure.

- (ii) Kentisbeare Parish Council TAP Fund application:** To consider support for £5k towards new windows and doors for Kentisbeare Village Hall.

RESOLVED: That the Council supports Kentisbeare Parish Council's TAP Fund application for £5k towards new windows and doors for Kentisbeare Village Hall. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.

65. COMMITTEES: To receive the Minutes of the following Committee meetings and approve the recommendations contained therein:

- (i) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meetings held on 28 July and 11 August: *Noted*
- (ii) **General Purposes Committee** meeting held on 5 July 2016: *Noted*
- (iii) **Public Convenience Working Group** meeting held on 26 July 2016: *Noted*
- (iv) **Market Committee** meeting held on 3 August 2016: *Noted*
- (v) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meeting held on 9 August 2016: *Noted*
- (vi) **Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee** meetings held on 19 July and 16 August 2016.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee meetings held on 19 July and 16 August 2016 are noted and the following recommendations are approved:

- 19 July 2016: to approve the revised Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Mike Thompson.
- 16 August 2016: *"That, in principle, the Town Council supports the Townscape Heritage Scheme and commits £1k from its 2015/16 budget towards development costs and includes £12.5k in its 2017/18 budget and a further £12.5k in its 2018/19 budget as a contribution to match funding for the Townscape Heritage Scheme"*. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

66. MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS

- (i) That the Council asks the owners of the Hayridge car park if they will provide free car parking in the car park between 19:00 and 08:00. (Cllr Eileen Andrews).

RESOLVED: That the Council asks the owners of the Hayridge car park if they would be willing to discuss options for providing some free car parking in the car park. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair. (2 for, 1 against with 6 abstentions).

67. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) **Local resident:** Maintenance of footpaths from Stoneyford to Tesco. *Noted, agenda for the next meeting of the Traffic & Environment Working Group*
- (ii) **Cullompton Allotment Association:** Concern about speeding traffic in Tiverton Road. *Noted, waiting for results of speed checks being carried out by the Police. Find out what is happening re speed check training.*
- (iii) **Local resident:** Compensation for new housing. *Noted*
- (iv) **Fire Service:** Services for those feeling vulnerable. *Noted*
- (v) **Devon County Council:** Grass cutting. *Noted*
- (vi) **Local resident:** Concerns about traffic delays caused by the traffic lights at the M5 junction. *Noted, agenda item for Traffic & Environment Working group, send copy to Cllr John Berry.*

RECOMMENDATION: That due to the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be discussed the following item is dealt with as Part 2 business and, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public are requested to leave at this point and the next section of the meeting is conducted in private. Proposed Cllr Rachel Sinclair, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

68. TUFTY PARK AND HEAD WEIR ROAD PLAY AREAS: To approve signing of leases.

The leases were discussed and it was

RESOLVED: To query clause 3.4 as this could mean the Council having to obtain permission from Mid Devon District Council whenever it wanted to install new play equipment and also remove any additional structures at the end of the term of the lease. To be deferred to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

69. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 22 September at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____