



**MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 29 September 2016 commencing at 7pm in Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Martin Smith (in the chair)
Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Daniel Barnes, Karl Busch*, Iain Emmett, Gordon Guest, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: PC Adrian Legg* and colleague*.

*In attendance for part only of the meeting.

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

- 81. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from: Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (personal) and Cllr Chaim Ebanks (health).
- 82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
- 83. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None
- 84. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**
 - (i) *To consider response from Devon County Council that they don't accept the Town Council's view that the new section of Swallow Way is not fit for purpose and agree way forward.***

Discussion/comment included:

- Swallow Way changes from being a small residential road to a major route whenever the M5 is closed. Devon County Council does not appear to be aware of the impact an M5 closure has on the town.
- The road was built to the current design despite the objections of both Mid Devon District Council and Cullompton Town Council as Devon County Council were of the opinion that if the design was not approved then the developer would have appealed to the Secretary of State and won that appeal as it accords with the Manual for Streets.
- The Manual for Streets, on which the design of the road is based, doesn't define the radius of the road.
- Road is not child friendly due to high volume of vehicles using it.

- Concern that, in places, the road is not wide enough to allow two buses or large vehicles to pass so how can it become a bus route.
- New development at Culm Lea includes the construction of a concrete bollard to stop vehicles going onto the pavement, why not Kingfisher Reach?

(ii) To consider commissioning a road survey report: Consultant has estimated that a basic report will cost £350 plus VAT and expenses. Contributions towards this cost have been offered by Councillors and members of the public.

It was thought that an independent report will provide evidence that there is another view about the fitness of the road. It can then be used to start a dialogue with Devon County Council and Mid Devon District Council about how best to address the current problems.

It was suggested that other experts are asked to provide an opinion e.g. road safety police officer. It was agreed that the Council needs to concentrate on what it can do something about e.g. getting the Kingfisher Reach/Swallow Way reconfigured so that the first section of Swallow Way links into Langlands Road (as previously).

Cllr Karl Busch joined the meeting.

Discussion about whether it would be possible to measure noise and air quality. Clerk to make enquiries.

(iii) To consider response from Mid Devon District Council with regard to the design of the distributor road to be constructed through the proposed North West Urban Extension; Still waiting for plans to be submitted, it is understood that the road will be 6.5 metres wide with parallel parking. Concern that a meeting requested with Mid Devon sometime ago has still not been confirmed. Clerk to chase.

PC Adrian Legg joined the meeting with a colleague: He was granted permission to speak and offered to ask police advisors to take a look at the new section of Swallow Way and give their opinion. He stated that it was his personal view that the link should be changed back to its original route through Langlands Road.

(iv) To consider any other matters relating to the Knowle and Knowle 2 developments and the North West Urban Extension. Public meeting has been arranged in the Town Hall on 20 October to discuss a number of different issues impacting on the residents living on the new development. Discussion/Comment included:

- Ensure the press are invited to the public meeting.
- Meeting should be recorded.
- It was suggested that an external facilitator is used for the meeting. Clerk to find out the view of the Town Mayor about this.

RESOLVED

1. That the Clerk contacts MDDC to ask that the meeting requested sometime ago to discuss the s.106 Agreement for the NW Extension and the width of the distributor road through the development are arranged as a matter of urgency and before the Council's next

meeting on 27 October. All Councillors to be copied into the email correspondence. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.

2. That a report of the fitness for purpose of the second section of Swallow Way is commissioned. Cost to the Town Council to be no more than £500.00. It is understood that some of this cost will be made up from personal contributions. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Gordon Guest.
3. Also invite other experts to give written opinions about the fitness of the second section of Swallow Way, through the Kingfisher Reach estate. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Eileen Andrews.
4. Write to the bus companies to ask for their views about the use of this second section of Swallow Way as a bus route, when compared to the current route along Langlands Road. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

RESOLVED: 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 Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Daniel Barnes.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council approves the signing of the leases for Tufty Park and Head Weir Road play areas with the proviso that the following wording (or a clause that means the same) is added. Proposed Cllr Martin Smith, seconded Cllr Janet Johns.

“ If at the end of the term the lease is being renewed this Council would not require the equipment to be removed. Nor would it be likely to require removal of the equipment if the play areas are being returned to this Council in circumstances where it is in usable condition and this Council is intending to operate the play areas itself. If however the leases are not being renewed and the play equipment is obsolete and/or in poor condition, my instructing officer would expect it to be removed on expiry of the leases”.

2. That the Council requests information about the condition of the oak tree in Headweir Road play area.
3. That MDDC is asked for a contribution towards the cost of the legal fees for the negotiation and registration of the leases.
4. That MDDC is asked to confirm what equipment will be removed from Tufty Park before it is handed over and also whether they will provide inspection reports for the play equipment in both play areas.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____