



**MINUTES of Cullompton Town Council meeting  
held on  
Thursday 26 March 2015 at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr Gordon Guest (in the chair)  
Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski,  
Jane Campbell and Jim Young

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk.

Also in attendance: Cllr John Berry (DCC), Cllr Linda Holloway (MDDC) and two members of the public.

**157. APOLOGIES** received and accepted from: Cllrs: Chaim Ebanks (work), Cllr Phil James (work) and Cllr Michael Speirs (personal).

**158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**159. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None

**160. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 26 February 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Jane Campbell, seconded Cllr Jim Young.

**161. RESIGNATION:** It was noted that Cllr Claire Francis had resigned as she has moved away from the local area.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council accepts Cllr Claire Francis's resignation and records its appreciation for her commitment and hard work during her term of office.

**162. REPORTS**

**(i) Police report:** The Police report was circulated and noted.

**NOTE:** Concern that, although crime figures are low in comparison to other areas, they do appear to be creeping up rather than levelling off. Ask Police if they will patrol the CCA Fields following report that all the daffodil heads had been removed by person or persons unknown.

- (ii) **Chairman's report and announcements:** The Chairman's report included the following:
- He had visited Clyst Hydon Primary School and provided information to Cullompton Community College with regard to the role of the Mayor.
  - Last phase of ramps for the skatepark have now been installed.
  - Play parks report has been prepared to be considered at an informal meeting to be held on 9 April.
  - The Twinning Ass are organising a trip to Bristol on 14 May, Councillors are invited to purchase a ticket for this trip.
- (iii) **District/County Councillor reports.**
- (a) **Devon County Councillor John Berry** discussed the problems associated with the introduction of new parking regulations in Willand Road, also consider extending the time period of loading/unloading restrictions in Fore Street to later in the evening to keep traffic flowing.
- (b) **Mid Devon District Councillor Linda Holloway's** report included:
- Harlequin Valet: asbestos found when carrying out remedial works, this has delayed progress, hope to restart on 2 April.
  - Manor House Hotel: A specification of the remedial work required to make the building safe is being drawn up. As it is a listed building planning consent will be required before any work can be carried out.
  - Cummings Nursery site: Planning application withdrawn for redesign of layout. Awaiting revised plans.
  - MDDC has updated its website to make it easier to use.
- (c) **Mid Devon District Councillor Eileen Andrews** report included:
- 6 new social housing homes have been completed in Willand with a further 22 completed in Crediton.
  - Kiosk installed at Phoenix House for payment of rents etc.
  - At the March meeting of the Decent & Affordable Homes Committee it was agreed to investigate the purchase of Orchard Lea, Charlton Lodge and Barnhaven residential homes for social housing.
- (iv) **John Tallack Centre (Town Clerk):** Report circulated and noted.

**163. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES: To accept the Minutes and approve the recommendations of the following:**

- (i) **General Purposes Committee** meeting held on 17 February 2015: Noted
- (ii) **Planning Committee** meeting held on 26 February and 12 March 2015: Noted
- (iii) **Policy & Resources Committee** meeting held on 3 March 2015

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 3 March 2015 are noted and the recommendation that the Council's Standing Orders Item 3(q) are amended to read as follows: "Voting on a question will usually be by a show of hands unless moved, seconded and approved by a majority of those present and voting then a paper ballot can be taken....". is approved. Proposed Cllr Jane Campbell, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair.

**164. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- (i) To approve the Financial Statements for February 2015

**RESOLVED:** That payments totalling £19945.12 for February 2015 are approved and the Financial Statements for February 2015 are approved. Proposed Cllr Jane Campbell, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair.

**165. COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT**

- (i) **To approve the response to the Local Plan Review consultation:** Draft response had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. This was discussed and a number of minor amendments agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the draft response, with minor revisions, is approved. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Rachel Sinclair.

**166. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (i) **Culm Vale Bowling Club:** Request letter of support for funding application to Viridor.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council supports Culm Vale Bowling Club's funding application to Viridor.

- (ii) **Corin Homes Ltd:** Refuse permission to site a bench on land in front of the Methodist Church. *Noted.*

- (iii) **Crediton Town Council:** Joining with other parish and town councils to effect change in the way in which Devon County Council consults on services.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council joins with Crediton Town Council and others to enter into discussions with Devon County Council about how town and parish councils are consulted on changes to services.

- 167. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS:** Informal meeting to be held on Thursday 9 April 2015 to discuss play and leisure matters.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_