



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 13 August 2015 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (in the chair), Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Chaim Ebanks and Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski, Camille Harrison, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Chris Stanford, Mark Stevens and Mike Thompson

Also in attendance: one member of the public.

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

- 53. APOLOGIES:** Deborah Christopher (work), Cllr Gordon Guest (personal), Cllr Phil James (work) and Cllr Martin Smith (unwell).
- 54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
- 55. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None
- 56. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held 23 July 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Camille Harrison.
- 57. CEMETERY GATES: To approve purchase of plaque for dedication ceremony**

RESOLVED: That a plaque is purchased, with details of who designed and made the new cemetery gates, to be erected in time for the dedication ceremony on 10 September. To cost no more than £500. Proposed Chaim Ebanks, seconded Eileen Andrews.

- 58. PLAY AREA CONSULTATION: To approve response:** A summary of a meeting held on 30 July to discuss play areas had been circulated with the agenda. Mid Devon District Council had provided cost breakdown of the play areas maintained by themselves, a copy of this spreadsheet was circulated to all those present. Discussion ensued with regard to the play areas which MDDC has suggested for closure as follows:
- (i) Headweir Road, Ash Drive and Conifer Close
 - (ii) Tufty Park
 - (iii) Clover Drive, Spindlebury, Siskin Chase, Starlings Roost, Chaffinch Drive, Dove Close, Crossparks and Bullfinch Close (any three of eight for reasons of over-provision).

Public consultation, carried out by MDDC, indicates that the public do not want the Tufty Park or Headweir Road play areas to close, but MDDC do not have the funding to replace the equipment which is in poor condition.

RESOLVED: That the Council responds to the play areas consultation stating as follows:

- No objections to the closure of play areas at Ash Drive and Conifer Close.
- Preference that Crossparks and Swallow Way remain open but no objections to and any three of the following being closed: Spindlebury, Siskin Chase, Starlings Roost, Chaffinch Drive, Dove Close or Bullfinch Close.
- That Tufty Park and Headweir Road are protected from closure and the Town Council will work with MDDC to upgrade these play areas using s.106 play areas and public open space monies and grant funding, with the proviso that MDDC keeps the Town Council informed of what it intends to do.

It was further

RESOLVED: To carry out a land registry search to verify the ownership of Tufty Park. Proposed Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Eileen Andrews.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: that, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, due to the confidential nature of the business to be conducted, the press and public are requested to leave at this point and the next section of the meeting is conducted in private. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski.

59. ST ANDREWS CAR PARK

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____