



**MINUTES of a Meeting of Cullompton Town Council
held on
Thursday 10 December 2015 commencing at 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall**

PRESENT: Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Chaim Ebanks (in the chair)

Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Brett Lewis, Martin Smith, and Mike Thompson.

Also in attendance: approximately 40 members of the public.

Mrs Judy Morris: Clerk

114. APOLOGIES were accepted from: Town Mayor Cllr Rachel Sinclair (unwell), and Cllrs: Camille Harrison (personal), Phil James (work) and Mark Stevens (unwell).

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- (i) Cllrs: Eileen Andrews, Anthony Buczkowski and Mike Thompson declared a personal interest in respect of question relating to Shortlands Lane to be asked by Mr Macllroy as Cllrs Eileen Andrews and Mike Thompson have had previous discussions with Mr Macllroy about this matter and Cllr Anthony Buczkowski lives adjacent to Shortlands Lane.
- (ii) Cllrs Janet Johns declared a personal interest in respect of item 122 (iv) as she has friends that live in St Georges View.
- (iii) Cllr Kate Haslett declared a personal interest in respect of Item 122 (iv) as her husband is Chairman of the Cullompton Swimming Pool Campaign who are hoping that land will be allocated for a swimming pool within the NW urban development site.

116. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

- (i) **Mr M Macllroy** asked the Council about the proposed meeting with Devon County Council which is being arranged by the local MP and also stated his concerns about the safety of pedestrians, including school children, using Shortlands Lane.
- (ii) **Sandra Lewis:** How are the Council justified in removing the preservation order on the old oak tree at the end of St Georges View?
- (iii) **Alan Lewis:** Have any other alternative routes been seriously considered other than St Georges View, if not then why not?
- (iv) **Peter Splatt:** Consider bringing forward Phase 2 of the Tiverton Road work into Phase 1 of Tiverton Road work. Compensation for St Georges View residents?

- (v) **Paul Allaway:** With the yellow lines in Willand Road moving the parked cars to St Georges View and replacing the entrance to a single track how will parking be controlled, what happens if Mid Devon have no money to complete the road and St Georges View is left open.
- (vi) **David Tinley:** Would Councillors confirm that they have received and read the copy letters from the residents of St Georges View.
- (vii) **Haydn & Joy Davies:**
 - (a) Are you supporting the destroying of the oak tree at St Georges View?
 - (b) Temporary car park for the site staff where?
 - (c) Mid Devon Planning Officer stated temporary access from St Georges View would be closed in two years, agenda states 300 dwellings occupied, which is correct?
 - (d) Truck control access how? Trucks are 2-4 m wide less mirrors, St Georges View road is 4.9m wide and there is a 18ton weight limit on Millennium Way

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their questions and explained that the Council was not able to answer the questions straight way at the meeting but would get back to all enquirers with an answer as soon as possible.

117. MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous Full Council meetings held on 26 November 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Mike Thompson, seconded Cllr Gordon Guest.

118. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM CULLOMPTON RUGBY CLUB

Cullompton Rugby Football Club Chairman Phil Shere stated that the Club supports the proposed North West Extension. He explained the history of the Club, its successes and current facilities. They currently have three senior men's teams, a ladies team and 2 colt teams with the biggest junior section in the county. The Club no longer has access to, what was, the Club's third playing pitch as the land is in probate.

They need more pitches in order to meet the needs of all their members and the provision of land on the North West Extension for playing pitches, as one of the conditions of any planning permission, will be a great help.

The Chairman thanked Phil Shere and also Debbie Whiteway, Cullompton RFC Development Manager, for attending the meeting and they left.

119. REPORTS

- (i) **Chairman's Report:** None
- (ii) **Police Report:** None
- (iii) **County/District Councillor Reports:** Mid Devon District Councillor Eileen Andrews reported on a meeting of the Mid Devon Community Partnership that she recently attended along with Cllrs Martin Smith and Mike Thompson. Childrens' Centre to close by September 2018 and the building to be handed over the St Andrews Primary School. The Childrens' Centre will continue to provide services from other premises in the town.

It was noted that concerns had been raised at the meeting about the layout of the second section of Swallow Way. The Police have agreed to raise this. Project to get people back into employment is underway.

Cllr Mike Thompson expressed disappointment that Cllr Eileen Andrews was the only County or District Councillor in attendance at the meeting.

- (iv) **Meeting with Westwood Eden on 3 December to discuss proposals for development at J27:** Written report circulated to all Councillors present, broad range of opinions about the proposal which has changed significantly since the original proposal.

RESOLVED: That Westwood Eden are asked to carry out a consultation with Cullompton residents to obtain everyone's views about their proposals for J27. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski.

- (v) **Any other reports:** Reports summarising Devon County Council Tough Choices meeting held at the Hayridge on 8 December and a meeting with Mid Devon District Council Officers and Councillors to discuss play areas, cutting of grass verges and public toilets were circulated as written reports.

120. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- (i) **To approve the Financial Statements for November 2015.**

RESOLVED: That payments totalling £23,218.27 for November 2015 are approved and the Financial Statements for November 2015 are approved. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

- (ii) **To receive feedback on meeting held with Mid Devon District Council and agree any action required with regard to:**

- (a) Public Toilets
- (b) Cutting of grass verges within the urban area
- (c) Tufty Park and Headweir Road play areas

RESOLVED: That, as more information is required from Mid Devon District Council, this item is deferred until a future meeting. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

121. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:

- (i) **Willand Road: to receive letter from DCC Head of Highways and consider measures to improve highway safety:** Discussion about safety issues and whether double yellow lines on both sides of Willand Road may make the situation worse i.e. speeding traffic.

RESOLVED: That this matter is deferred for discussion at a meeting to be arranged with Devon County Council Highway Officers.

- (ii) To consider adopting the Leisure Facilities document as council policy and To consider adopting the Cycle Paths Plan document as council policy

RESOLVED: That the Leisure Facilities document and the Cycle Paths Plan document are adopted as the policies of Cullompton Town Council with the proviso that both will be reviewed and revised in the near future. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

122. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS: To receive the Minutes of the following Committees and Working Groups and approve the recommendations contained therein:

- (i) **Community Wellbeing Committee** meeting held on 1 December - Noted
- (ii) **Policy, Finance and Resources Committee** meeting held on 1 December including the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee meeting are noted and the recommendations contained therein are approved as follows:

- (a) That the 2016/17 precept request is £298,177.22 plus £6395.78 Council Tax Reduction Grant making a total of £304,573.00. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

NOTE: A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Brett Lewis and Martin Smith.

Against: Cllrs: Anthony Buczkowski and Eileen Andrews.

Abstained: Cllr Mike Thompson

- (b) That the 2016/17 budget at Appendix A is approved. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Gordon Guest.

NOTE: A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Eileen Andrews, Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, Brett Lewis and Martin Smith.

Against: Cllrs: Anthony Buczkowski and Mike Thompson.

- (iii) **General Purposes Committee** meeting held on 17 November: Noted
- (iv) **Planning & Licensing Committee** meeting held on 26 November including the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meeting held on 26 November 2015 are noted and the recommendations contained therein are approved as follows:

- (a) That the Council supports the accelerated delivery of the proposed road linking Tiverton Road with Willand Road. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Martin Smith.

NOTE: A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns and Martin Smith.

Against: Cllrs: Anthony Buczkowski, Eileen Andrews, Brett Lewis and Mike Thompson

- (b) That the Council supports the sale of land equating to 500 dwellings with the proviso that the emphasis is "on the sale of land equating to 500 dwellings" NOT "the occupation of 500 dwellings" i.e. sell the land for 500 dwellings but only permit 300 dwellings to be occupied before the road is completed. A maximum of 40 dwellings to be permitted to be built from

the St Georges View access the remaining 260 dwellings to be divided between the Willand Road access and the Tiverton Road access. Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

NOTES:

1. An amendment was made to this motion to add “*A maximum of 40 dwellings to be permitted to be built from the St Georges View access the remaining 260 dwellings to be divided between the Willand Road access and the Tiverton Road access*”. Proposed Cllr Anthony Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Martin Smith

2. A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Martin Smith.

Against: Cllrs: Brett Lewis and Mike Thompson.

Abstained: Cllrs Eileen Andrews and Anthony Buczkowski.

(c) That the Council supports a temporary access from St Georges View in order to build housing towards the southern part of the North West Extension site as a means of achieving earlier delivery of the through road with the proviso that conditions are put in place that include the following:

- Restrictions on parking in Willand Road.
- Time restrictions on the building site e.g. Monday to Friday 8am-5pm.
- Temporary car park created for site workers who cannot be permitted to park in St Georges View.
- Controlled access for HGVs.
- Regular cleaning of the public highway and footways. (Proposed Cllr Gordon Guest, seconded Cllr Janet Johns)

NOTE: A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Martin Smith.

Abstained: Cllrs Eileen Andrews and Anthony Buczkowski, Brett Lewis and Mike Thompson.

(d) That the Council supports the phasing proposals and infrastructure triggers as set out within section 5 of the draft masterplan with the exception of Gypsy and Traveller site which should be deleted. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski.

NOTES:

(a) An amendment was made to this motion to add “*with the exception of Gypsy and Traveller site which should be deleted*”. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Anthony Buczkowski.

1. A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Chaim Ebanks, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns, and Martin Smith.

Abstained: Cllrs Eileen Andrews and Anthony Buczkowski, Brett Lewis and Mike Thompson.

123. MEETING DATES: To confirm the meeting dates for the remainder of the civic year and the date for the Annual Parish Meeting 2016.

RESOLVED: That the meeting dates for the remainder of the civic year and the date for the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting are approved. Proposed Cllr Chaim Ebanks, seconded Cllr Mike Thompson.

124. COLLECTIONS DEVELOPMENT POLICY: To approve the policy

RESOLVED: That the Collections Development Policy, as attached to these Minutes at Appendix B is adopted as the policy of the Council. Proposed Cllr Eileen Andrews, seconded Cllr Chaim Ebanks.

125. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Devon County Council:** Tough Choices consultation, school crossing patrols
- (ii) Mrs & Mrs Davies:** NW Extension temporary access through St Georges View
- (iii) Mr Locke:** Parking St Georges View and Willand Road

126. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 28 January 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____