Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held Thursday 11 June 2020 commencing at 19:00 hrs. Meeting held with remote attendance

Present:
Chair: Councillor L Knight
*for part of the meeting only.

In attendance:
J Norris (Town Clerk,), S Reardon (Assistant Town Clerk) and M Weston (Deputy Town Clerk)

3 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

20. Public Participation
The public participation agenda item enables members of the public present at the meeting to raise matters which are relevant to Cullompton;

Speaker 1:
The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2020, record that Councillor Guest has, despite an unresolved Code of Conduct complaint, been nominated to resume his position as Chair of the Planning and Licensing Committee; he asked if this was appropriate.

Councillor J Buczkowski responded that Councillor Guest resigned from the Planning and Licensing Committee of his own free will for his own reasons and not as any form or sanction by the council; the council subsequently reappointed him to the Chairmanship of the Planning and Licensing Committee and this decision should not be construed in any way other than Councillor Guest taking a position commensurate with his in-depth knowledge of matters associated with Planning and Licensing and the Neighbourhood Plan.

Speaker 2:
The speaker asked if, in accordance with Standing Orders, the council make it possible for the public to record council meetings in the remote meeting software without having to first request to do so?

Councillor J Buczkowski responded, that as the meeting is public the public has a right to record it but that the council is under no obligation to facilitate this.

The speaker objected to the response and requested that the record facility is made available as a right of the public.
21. Apologies for Absence
There were no apologies for absence.
Councillor M Smith stated that he would be leaving the meeting at 1925hrs due to a diary conflict.

22. Declarations of Interests
The following declarations of interest were made:
- Councillor E Andrews declared a personal interest in Minute 26 Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy as she is a member of the Cullompton Community Association Committee.
- Councillor G Guest declared a personal interest in Minute 26 Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy as she is a member of the Cullompton Community Association Committee and of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
- Councillor M Rowe declared a personal interest in Minute 26 Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy as she is a member of the Cullompton Community Association Committee.

23. Minutes:
**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

24. Resolutions / Action List
Previous resolutions made by the Council and the action taken to implement those decisions were noted.

25. Nomination of Councillor to the Policy, Finance & Personnel Committee
The nomination, by Councillor Buczkowski, of Councillor Rowe to sit on the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee was considered.
**Resolved** that Councillor M Rowe is appointed to sit on the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee.

26. Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy
Consideration was given to the Town Council’s response to the consultation on the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy.
There was discussion on this agenda item.

*Note: 19:25hrs Councillor M Smith left the meeting*

**RESOLVED**

(i) that Section 2i of the Playing Pitch Strategy is amended to read “Upcott Field – this land is held in trust with the Council as sole trustee. The field is used by St Andrews primary school and has been form many years, possibly since the 1930s as it has no other green outside space. There is an oral agreement…..”

(ii) Section 3 is to state that Cullompton Town Council is not responsible for the booking of any of these spaces removing the words “…except the Upcott Field.”

(iii) that with the amendments in (i) and (ii) above the Town Council’s response to the consultation on the Playing Pitch Strategy is submitted to Mid Devon District Council

*Note: Councillors Andrews, Guest and Rowe declared personal interests in this agenda item (see Minute 22 for details)*

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1 Amended in accordance with Council Resolution 07.07.20, Minute 50 (i)
27. **Covid 19 Response Working Group - Terms of Reference**
Consideration was given to changing the Terms of Reference of the Working Group to reflect an updated remit regarding the current emergency situation and how it may be used for future emergency situations.

**RESOLVED** that the amended Terms of Reference for the COVID19 Response Working Group, attached to these minutes as Appendix 1 are adopted with immediate effect.

28. **The Queen's Birthday Honours**
The Queen's Birthday Honours have been delayed to the Autumn this year, to allow for nominations to be made recognising contributions made during the Coronavirus crisis during last few months.

There was a short discussion surrounding the need for the meeting to move the meeting into Part II and it was

**RESOLVED** that the public and press are excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item9 The Queen's Birthday Honours, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature (personal information)

Following further discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**

(i) To nominate a number of named individuals for honours

(ii) To repeat the agenda item at the next Town Council meeting for consideration of any potential additional nominees

The meeting closed at 20:10hrs