

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

## DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Meeting Room at the Methodist Church, Castle Street, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.

### Action Summary:

9716	Award successful grant of £2,000 to Stepping Stones Pre-School	9720.1	Town Clerk to arrange meeting of Community Project Working Group.
9719	To respond to the Boundary Commission Consultation on MP constituencies	9720.2	To accept the quotation from Bruton Knowels

## PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Mayor

Councillors: S Abraham, M Nicholson, J Ball, B Cairns, A Sheffield, S Creswick, W Thomas, P Hayes, S Ackroyd, A Stennett & L Patrick.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk;

Absent: Councillor Firth

### TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 9712

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Burdge (personal), M Laybourne (personal) and C Nelmes (business).

### MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 9713

There were no declarations of interest.

### REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 9714

There were no requests for dispensations.

### REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 9715

There were no representations from the public.

### URGENT 2016/17 GRANT APPLICATION 9716

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award a grant of £2,000 to Stepping Stones Pre-School for their project to renovate the outside play area. Cllr Ball abstained.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

9717

9717.1 Council's Accounts 2016/2017

- (i) Income and expenditure for the financial year 2016/17 was noted.
- (ii) The Town Clerk confirmed that the annual Health & Safety inspection was programmed in December and was not funded from the reserves and that this had been a normal year for the transfer/use of reserves.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the use of reserves for 2016/17.

9717.2 To approve the Project Programme 2017 to 2020

The Town Clerk introduced the projects planned for 2017 to 2020. It was noted that a number of projects remained on the project planner that had no timescale indicated in 2017-20. The Town Clerk confirmed these were projects which had been completed in 2016/17 and would be omitted from future versions.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to provisionally agree the draft three-year project programme for 2017 to 2020.

9717.3 To approve the Draft Budget for 2017 to 2020.

The Policy and Finance Committee Chairman and Town Clerk introduced the draft budget proposals. It was noted that the estimates displayed options ranging from 0% to 10% increase in the precept required for 2017-18.

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to provisionally agree the draft budget and precept increase of 5% for 2017/18 and consider this budget at the Council meeting in January 2017.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to provisionally agree the draft budget for 2018 to 2020 and consider this budget at the Council meeting in January 2017.

PLANNING

9718

To consider the Sustainable Construction Checklist Supplementary Planning Document.

**IT WAS AGREED** that due to the technical content of this document it was not possible for the Town Council to provide a comment at this time. Cllr Alex Stennett offered to look at the document but couldn't commit to providing a response before the deadline.

To consider the initial proposals of the Boundary Commission' new Parliamentary Constituencies.

Councillors agreed that Dursley should remain part of the Stroud MP's constituency and any change would fracture the community, causing unnecessary confusion.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation by objecting to the proposals and supporting the alternative option drafted by Stroud District Council, with Dursley & Cam remaining within the Stroud MP Constituency.

CAPITAL PROJECT WORKING GROUP

9720

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to carry out the remainder of business in committee due to the confidential nature of the business. There were no members of the public or press present.

9720.1 To form and agree terms of reference for a Community Project Working Group.

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the working group would include the Committee Chairs; Cllrs Stennett (Green Spaces), Cllr Melbourne (Planning), Cllr Burdge (Town Improvements) and Cllr Patrick (Policy & Finance). Mayor Grecian and Cllrs Ackroyd, Creswick and Ball volunteered to join the group.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the term of reference for the committee would be to investigate projects to benefit the local community. The Group would report back to Council. The group would have no expenditure authority.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Town Clerk would email the working group members with suggestions for the date of the first meeting.

9720.2 To approve the use of reserves to obtain a valuation & planning report.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Bruton Knowles.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date