

5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the MEETING of the COUNCIL held in the Community Meeting Room at the Fire Station, Kingshill Road, Castle, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Action Summary:

9943.3 The Clerk to respond to SDC re Cam Shaft Seat at Breakheart Quarry

### PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Mayor

Councillors: S Creswick, A Sheffield, W Thomas, M Stennett, A Stennett, J Burdge, S Abraham, B Cairns, L Patrick, W Paice and P Hayes.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk, Leah Wellings, Deputy Clerk, a Gazette reporter, Phil Littleford & Stewart (Cam, Dursley & Uley Greenway)

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 9935

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Woodward, M Nicholson, S Ackroyd & J Ball (all personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 9936

There were no declarations of interest.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 9937

There were no requests for dispensations.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS 9938

Cllr Patrick reported that footway resurfacing works had taken place at Tennyson Road with more planned at Henlow Drive. Cllr Patrick will be meeting Paul Helbrow, the new Local Highway Manager replacing Andrew Middlecote, this will include a site visit to Second Avenue. GCC have resurfaced 149 schemes in 2017 and are on course to complete the programme. All safety defects have been repaired on time, next day repairs – 99% and 2-hour repairs – 99%.

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GCC continue to react to Offsted report with Social Workers vacancies reduced to 10 posts. 10 new auditors trained and managers being based at locations with staff.

Cllr Patrick reported that the large potholes on Tinkley Lane, Nailsworth were to be repaired.

Cllr Patrick left the meeting.

CAM, DURSLEY & ULEY GREENWAY 9939

The mayor welcomed Stewart Angell and Phil Littleford who provided an update on the Greenway project including a detailed overview of the selected route including some “pinch points” and challenges faced.

The Town Clerk agreed to share with Councillors links to the Greenway Facebook page and other information.

The Town Council was thanked for their support in the project including making Jacobs House available for meetings.

The Councillors responded with queries about equestrian use and ways of making the route safe for walkers and cyclist to “co-exist”.

The Mayor thanked Phil and Stewart for attending and they left the meeting.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 9940

There were no representations from the public.

MINUTES 9941

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 9942

Council's Accounts for 2017/18

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments made to be authorised and signed by the Mayor. The Clerk confirmed that the VAT on the playground equipment would be reclaimed in January 2018.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (iii) The income received was noted and it was noted that the £1k payment form SDC was a successful grant towards new CCTV in the town.

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- (iv) The management/budget report was noted, it was recorded that the Car Park project had no budget as it was an “in-year” addition, expenditure would be recorded during the financial year and a budget would exist for 2018/19 onwards.

Cllr Paice joined the meeting.

GREEN SPACES

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Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Committee Chair reported that following feedback from the selling agent it had been decided to withdraw the Council’s interests from the sale of Hermitage Woodlands.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

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9944.1 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

9944.2 Festive Dursley 2017

The Town Clerk reported that the event had been very successful and well attended with mostly positive feedback received. The Festive Dursley Working Group were seeking feedback with feedback forms being available, the group would meet in January to consider feedback and prepare plans for the 2018 event.

Cllr Stennett requested that the use/sale of air horns be considered at future events due to the noise impact.

9944.3 Listers’ Cam Shaft Seat

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to unanimously support the proposal from Stroud District Council for the seat to be restored by and sited at Breakheart Quarry.

PLANNING

9945

9945.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 17th October 2017.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

9945.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair there was no report.

9946.1 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

9946.2 Councillors' Reports

- (i) **Youth Service Quarterly Review** (9/10/17) – The Town Clerk reported that the youth sessions were much more settled and that the Door Youth Project continued to provide an excellent service.
- (ii) **Dursley Business Inclusive** (9/11/17) – The Deputy Mayor reported that the final arrangements for the town leaflet were in place and the group had discussed the upcoming Festive Dursley event.
- (iii) **Road Safety Liaison Group** (14/11/17) – Cllr Hayes reported that a mobile phone campaign was ongoing and the annual drink/drive campaign commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Dursley Speedwatch group were congratulated on their efforts in 2017. A 20mph risk campaign in Forest Green was targeting young drivers. Overall the road safety statistics for Gloucestershire/Stroud District were encouraging.
- (iv) **Future Dursley** (15/11/17) – The “Regulation 14” Consultation was ongoing and the Project Officer was attending a consultation event today at Dursley Library
- (v) **Youth Centre Management Committee** (15/11/17) –The group were considering plans for the garden, with a low maintenance option favoured. It was agreed that to tie in with the third anniversary an appeal for materials, labour, funding etc for a garden project would take place in January 2018.
- (vi) **GL11 (AGM)** (22/11/17) – The Mayor reported that a review of the group activities was carried out, along with official appointments to the board etc. The wide range of activities, services provided by GL11 was highlighted to Councillors.
- (vii) **Car Parking with SDC** (29/11/17) – The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk met with representatives of SDC, who produced details and timeline for a consultation into car park charging in Dursley and other areas of the district. It is anticipated that charges will be introduced in October 2018.
- (viii) **Cluster Meeting** – Cllr Creswick attended the Local Plan Cluster meeting in Cam. It was an open event for the public to comment or enquire about the Local Plan review.
- (ix) **Vale Vision** – Cllr Stennett reported that he was unable to attend and provided apologies for the most recent meeting.
- (x) **Community Safety Panel (5/12/17)** – The Town Clerk reported that antisocial behaviour trends were down across Stroud District with measure introduced in Nailsworth being successful. The Police continue to struggle with resources and officers are taken from Stroud for Stow Fair, Cheltenham races etc. The planned move of the Stroud CCTV will be completed by the end of March 2018.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

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Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Committee Chair reported that the Council had received thirteen applications for the new Assistant Amenity Grounds Person post.

CAR PARK COMMITTEE

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9948.1 Report of the Chair of the Car Park Committee

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair there was no report.

9948.2 Reliance House, Long Street, Dursley

The Town Clerk reported that there had been unforeseen delays due to the availability of the solicitors and that simultaneously exchange and completion was planned for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

HIGHWAYS

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To receive a report from Council's Highways Representative

Councillor Hayes reported that ground seepage water continued to run on Kingshill Lane.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

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In the absence of the Community Safety representative, Cllr A Stennett reported that he had attended the last planned Speedwatch session of 2017 where another three drivers received speeding tickets from the Special Constables.

CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk's report was noted.

INSPECTIONS

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The inspections & audits for December and January were noted.

The meeting closed at 8:00p.m.

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Town Mayor

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Date