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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, Dursley at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd April 2019.

Action Summary:

10208.3 To respond to the no waiting restriction consultation for Lister Road area. 10211.4 To appoint District Enforcement as our car park management company.

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian, Mayor

Councillors: A Sheffield, A Stennett, W Thomas, B Cairns, A Whitwell, M Stennett, P Hayes, S Abraham, S Creswick, L Patrick (From Minute Item 10200), J Burdge and S Ackroyd.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk; Cllr Doina Cornell, Stroud District Council, PC Peter Lay and a reporter from the Gazette.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10197

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Nicholson, T Arnold (business), J Ball & M Woodward (personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10198

Cllr Creswick declared a non-pecuniary interest as an employee of the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils (Agenda Item 13.2 Minute 10209.2).

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS 10199

There were no requests for dispensations.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10200

Cllr Patrick joined the meeting.

Cllr Cornell provided an update on Stroud District Council matters including; a new asset management strategy which may include assets in Dursley and invited the Town Council to take part in future conversations; a peer challenge review; 2019-24 Housing Strategy which is currently out to consultation; the Local Plan consultation; audit of green spaces; S106 Littlecombe funds, Brexit

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breakfasts and a request for the council to highlight potential sensitive planning application to the District Councillors for Dursley.

Cllr Patrick updated the councillors on an agreement to provide two real time passenger information boards at the May Lane bus station and the Cam & Dursley Railway Station. The new Highway contract commenced on 1st April with new contact details for emails and people are being encouraged to report defects via the website. Cllr Patrick requested location which need repairs for this year's Highways Local funds.

Cllr Patrick reported she and Cllr Woodward had attended the High Sheriff's awards where our previous PCSO, Oli Clarke received an award for his effort in Dursley. PC Lay added Oli was now a PC and had made a positive start to his new role in the police force.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY 10201

To receive a report from Dursley's Neighbourhood Police representative

PC Lay provided a report on recent crime activities, which remain low in the Dursley area and the recent investigation into the damage and antisocial behaviour at Highfields Play Area.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10202

There were no representations from the public.

REPRESENTATION FROM THE CAM & DURSLEY GREAT WESTERN AIR AMBUALANCE CHARITY SUPPORTERS GROUP 10203

It was noted that the representative had provided his apologies and the matter would be included in the agenda for the May meeting of Council.

MINUTES 10204

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th March 2019 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10205

Council's Accounts for 2018/19

10205.1 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the schedule of payments.

10205.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the bank reconciliation.

10205.3 The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.

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10205.4 The management/budget report was noted.

GREEN SPACES

10206

10206.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meetings held on 19th March 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10206.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10206.3 Damaged Zip Wire at Highfields Play Area

It was considered that this matter had been covered sufficiently in the report by Cllr PC Lay (Minute 10201)

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10207

Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

PLANNING

10208

10208.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 19th March 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10208.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10208.3 To consider proposals for no waiting restriction in the Lister Street area.

Councillors considered the new proposals and discussed the need for restrictions, parking displacement, congestion and road safety.

IT WAS RESOLVED to respond to the consultation that the proposals do not go far enough. The Council request that at no point along Lister Street/Victoria Close that parking is permitted on both sides of the carriageway. This is due to the lack of visibility, carriageway width, road geometry and increased usage with the new junction layout connecting to Long Street and Bymacks Lane. The proposal was passed with 10 votes for, Cllrs Ackroyd, Burdge & Whitwell voted against, there were no abstentions.

10209.1 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10209.2 To consider resolutions for the AGM of the Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Councils.

Cllr Creswick reported that Councils are asked to propose resolutions which GAPTC can then lobby with the National Association of Local Councils or another organisation. It was suggested Council may wish to consider resolutions for Parish/Town Councils being considered a “traffic authority” to allow them to run their own enforcement; schemes to improve dilapidated town centre buildings or encouraging the County Council to remove redundant street furniture.

IT WAS AGREED to consider proposals at next months meeting of Council.

10209.3 To receive reports from the following meetings:

- (i) **Youth Centre Management** (7/3/19) – Discussed equipment required, improved financial position, regular hirers & youth provision.
- (ii) **Chartered Parishes** (7/3/19) – The meeting included an update on the new highways contract.
- (iii) **Festive Dursley** (11/3/19) – A general meeting to discuss plan for 2019 event, including working with St James church for a winter garden and lighting. Plans include replacement tree lights at The Broadwell.
- (iv) **Dursley in Bloom** (11/3/19) – New hanging baskets in town centre, new committee members, planting ongoing for July judging.
- (v) **Tourism** (13/3/19) – Newsletter circulated, update on pub/restaurant map and the group now have a place on the LEP Visitor & Economy Group.
- (vi) **Summer Event** (14/3/19) – Located in town centre with stalls, classic cars, Rednock Swing Band and other attractions. Other events in the town on this weekend including open day at Town Hall/Heritage Centre/Jacobs House and a picnic event at Kingshill House.
- (vii) **Greenway** (16/3/19) – Reviewing what can be done to pinch points along the route, planning a survey from Fop Street, Uley to Dursley to assess most practical route.
- (viii) **SLCC** (21/3/19) – The AGM – officer appointments confirmed. Presentation by James Derounian, University of Gloucester on Community Engagement and networking opportunity.
- (ix) **Community Safety Partnership** (26/3/19) – Updates from Police, Community Alcohol Partnership, County Lines initiative and Neighbourhood Wardens.
- (x) **Heart of England Spring Seminar** (28/3/19) – Hosted by the Chantry centre, approximately 100 members of “in Bloom” groups attended annual launch event of the “in bloom” competition.

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- (xi) **Town Trust/Dursley TC (29/3/19)** – A meeting to discuss how DTC could help the Town Trustees with project work. DTC to investigate potential funding opportunities for small projects and a feasibility study for a lift project.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF 10210

Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

BUSINESS RELATING TO CAR PARK 10211

10211.1 To receive the Minutes of the Car Park Committee Meetings held on 19th March 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meetings.

10211.2 Report of the Chair of the Car Park Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10211.3 To receive a progress report.

The Town Clerk provided an update on the surfacing, lining and outstanding works. A site meeting to be arranged to discuss the “snagging” required and timescales for outstanding works. Dursley Town Council grounds staff to commence with landscaping, planting and general maintenance prior to the car park opening. The Town Clerk to investigate if any local garden centres or plant suppliers would be willing to sponsor some of the planting areas. The Town Clerk to meet with GCC Highways on 11th April to discuss car park signage for the town centre and tidying up the frontage of the car park in Long Street.

The Car Park committee agreed the car park to be called “Long Street Car Park”.

10211.4 Car Park Management.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Car Park Committee and appoint District Enforcement Ltd to manage the car park on our behalf.

HIGHWAYS 10212

To receive a report from Council’s Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes reported that parking on existing no waiting restrictions in Long Street continues to be an issue, with parking enforcement officer unable to enforce due to the faded condition of the double yellow markings.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

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To receive a report from Council's Police representative

In the absence of Cllr Nicholson, there was no report, but current police matters had been covered earlier in the meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk's report was noted.

INSPECTIONS

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The inspections for April & May were noted.

The meeting closed at 8:10p.m.

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Town Mayor

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