

21st January 2020

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 21st January 2020.

Action Summary:

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| 10357.2 | To submit the 2020/21 precept request to Stroud District Council | 10360.3 | To submit the response to the Local Plan Consultation (deadline 22/1/20) |
| 10361.5 | To offer to meet existing Dursley Town Trust trustees. | | |

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian (Mayor)

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), P Hayes, A Stennett, A Whitwell, M Stennett, A Sheffield, S Ackroyd, J. Ball, J Smee, J Rubin and D Thirlwell.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk and two members of the public.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10352

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Patrick, J Burdge, K Reynolds, S Creswick, W Thomas (all personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10353

Cllr Ball declared a pecuniary interest as a landowner of site PS29 North of Ganzell Lane (Agenda Item 10.3, Minute 10360.3)

Cllr Ackroyd declared a pecuniary interest as the recipient of payment No. 539 for travelling expenses. (Agenda Item 7.1 (i), Minute 10357.1 (i))

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10354

Cllr Patrick wasn't able to attend the meeting but had informed the Town Clerk that she was continuing discussions with the Local Neighbourhood Police team regarding hazardous parking at the bottom of Whiteway hill.

Cllr Cornell's report was shared with Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Cornell updated Council on the recent Street Trading consultation and ongoing discussions with the Littlecombe housing developer regarding S106 funding for community facilities.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY 10355

There were no members of the local neighbourhood police team present. The Deputy Mayor informed Council that PC Lay had now taken up a new role within the Gloucestershire Constabulary. His replacement has not yet been confirmed.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10355

There were no representations from the members of public present.

MINUTES 10356

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd December 2019 were signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10357

Council's Accounts for 2019/20

10357.1 (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the schedule of payments. Cllr Ackroyd abstained.

10357.1 (ii) The Town Clerk confirmed that petty cash records were included within the list of payments and not itemised independently on the bank reconciliation. **IT WAS AGREED** for the Policy & Finance Committee to consider this at their next meeting.

The Town Clerk agreed that the list of unrepresented cheques/receipts would be made available at future meetings of Council.

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

10357.1 (iii) The Town Clerk confirmed the code for voucher 110 was an administration error. The donation (voucher 119) was towards the Festive Dursley event.

10357.1 (iv) The overspend for budget code 385 was due to the level of urgent maintenance on the play equipment, which is ageing, and repairs are becoming more frequent.

Council's Accounts for 2019/20

10357.2 **IT WAS RESOLVED** to confirm the draft budget and work programme for 2020-23 and to increase the precept by 2% for 2020/21 to allow for inflation and increase in staff costs.

GREEN SPACES

10358

10358.1 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair reported that there had been some recent vandalism and anti-social behaviour in Kingshill Play Area. This has been reported to the local Neighbourhood Police Team.

10358.2 Schedule of Fees and Charges 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the Committees recommendation to a 3% increase for 2020/21.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10359

10359.1 To receive the Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee Meeting held on the 7th January 2020.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10359.2 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chair there was no report.

10359.3 2020 Pancake Race

IT WAS AGREED that funds raised would be donated to Festive Dursley. The Town Clerk was to confirm the costs of applying for a charity collection license on the day. The race would take place at approximately 12pm on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Councillors were invited to attend as marshals are required on the day.

PLANNING

10360

10360.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 10th December 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10360.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair reported that at the last two planning meetings there had been over 60 members of the public in attendance in relation to the Local Plan Consultation.

10360.3 Stroud District Council's Local Plan Consultation

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve and submit the Town Council's response to the current Local Plan Consultation. Cllr Ball Abstained.

10361.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 10th December 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10361.2 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

In the absence of the Chair there was no report.

10361.3 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the committee and add the amendment for ballot to be used in the co-option process.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the committee and approve the new draft regulations.

10361.4 Direct Debits & Standing Orders

IT WAS RESOLVED that the list of direct debits and standing order payments was appropriate and correct.

10361.5 Dursley Town Trust

IT WAS AGREED to offer the existing non-council appointed trustees the opportunity to discuss support for the Trust by Dursley Town Council.

10361.6 To receive reports from the following meetings:

- (i) **Youth Centre Management** – The group met to discuss the ongoing issues relating to the hirers of the youth centre.
- (ii) **Festive Dursley** – The group reviewed the 2019 event; the lack of volunteers is the main issue coming from feedback. The group confirmed the dates of the Summer Festival (11th July) and Switch On event (27th Nov) for 2020. The Summer Festival theme is “Best of British”
- (iii) **Town & Parish Seminar** – The Mayor provided an overview of the meeting including introduction from Chief Executive, planning workshop, climate change, public space protection orders, access issues for fire engines, highway flooding.
- (iv) **Joint Woodlands Committee** – Cllr M Stennett provided an overview of the meeting including new clerk, grant funding, works ongoing/required and tree planting .

Cllr Thirwell left the meeting.

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BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF 10362

Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

HIGHWAYS 10363

To receive a report from Council's Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes reported that Kingshill Lane had a few potholes. Encouraged councillors to continue to report highways issues.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY 10364

To receive a report from Council's Police representative

There was nothing further to report.

CLERK'S REPORT 10365

The Clerk's report was noted.

INSPECTIONS 10366

The inspections for February & March were noted.

The meeting closed at 20:05pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date