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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 3rd March 2020.

Action Summary:

10376.3 The Town Clerk to progress the WW2
Plaque project and report back to Council

PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian (Mayor)

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), P Hayes, A Stennett, M Stennett (from Minute 10373), A Sheffield, S Ackroyd, J. Ball, J Smee, J Rubin, L Patrick (from Minute 10374), W Thomas, S Creswick and J Burdge.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk; SDC Cllr Doina Cornell and one member of the public.

Absent: Cllrs D Thirlwell and K Reynolds.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10367

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Whitwell (personal).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10368

There were no interests declared.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10369

At this point in the meeting there were no County or District Councillors present and no reports had been provided prior to the meeting.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY 10370

There were no members of the local neighbourhood police team present. The Town Clerk had shared with Councillors the crime comparison statistics for February/March 2019 with February/March 2020 which had been made available prior to the meeting by PCSO Lifton.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10371

There were no representations from the members of public present.

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MINUTES

10372

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st January 2020 were signed by the Mayor.

Cllr M Stennett joined the meeting.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE

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Council's Accounts for 2019/20

10373 (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the schedule of payments.

10373 (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Mayor would sign the bank reconciliation.

10373 (iii) The Town Clerk confirmed the S106 funding was drawn from funding allocated for "recreation activities" and was used toward the pentanque court scheme which met the S106 criteria.

10373 (iv) The management/budget report was noted.

SDC Councillor Doina Cornell arrived.

IT WAS RESOLVED to suspend Standing Order's to allow Cllr Cornell to provide her report.

REPORTS FROM COUNTY OR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

10374

IT WAS RESOLVED to suspend Standing Order's to allow Cllr Cornell to provide her report.

Cllr Cornell confirmed that the 2020/21 budget had been approved by Stroud District Council in January as indicated at the previous meeting of Council. Cllr Cornell noted that Dursley Town Council had provided advice on the Corona virus and requested that all advice issued by local authorities be consistent and supported by Public Health England.

Cllr Patrick joined the meeting.

Cllr Cornell continued her report stating that all the business units at Littlecombe were now all sold, let or under offer, but there had been an attempted theft recently. Cllr Cornell hopes to be able to provide an update on when the new road will open through the Littlecombe estate soon.

The potential impact on local elections by the Corona Virus situation is being considered should the virus escalate at the time of the election. Cllr A Stennett

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suggest a 100% postal vote could negate any potential postponement or cancellation of election.

Despite the upcoming elections Stroud District Council are preparing the Local Plan following the recent consultation, talks continuing with all political parties with the aim to an all-party agreement to be taken forward post-election.

Gloucestershire County Councillor Loraine Patrick provided an update on the plans to resurface Tait's Hill Road, Cam later in 2020. In the meantime she advised all drivers to drive slowly and sensible over the potholed area.

Standing Orders were reinstalled.

GREEN SPACES

10375

10375.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 18th February 2020.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10375.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10376

10376.1 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10376.2 2020 Pancake Race

There were approximately 12 participants with three races being held including Cllr Doina Cornell who won the best fancy-dress prize.

10376.3 To consider a new plaque with WW2 names to be added to the war memorial gates.

The Councillors considered the proposal. It was confirmed that there is only one available side of the pillar which the memorial would be visible. The Councillors queries whether the quote received would be the same as the existing WW1 plaques.

IT WAS AGREED that the Town Clerk should confirm that the proposed plaque will indeed be an identical visual style to the two existing WW1 plaques with the supplier.

If confirmed and there being no increase in costs, then the Town Clerk can progress the listed building consent application and inform the Rector of St

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James' Church of the proposal. If there are any significant changes or increased costs, then the revised proposal to be reconsidered at a future meeting of Council.

PLANNING

10377

10377.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 11th February 2020.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10377.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10378

10378.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 11th February 2020.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the meeting.

10378.2 Report by the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

10378.3 To receive reports from the following meetings:

- (i) **Vale Vision** – The update website was now live, volunteers required for the maintenance of the sculpture trail, the suitable materials had been revised for future sculptures. A new edition of “What’s On” had been published. The next meeting takes place on 9th March 2020.
- (ii) **Dursley Welcomes Walkers** – The event takes place on the 2nd weekend of October this year, preparation ongoing. The Gateway project is still ongoing with Cotswold Board
- (iii) **Youth Centre Management** – Further discussions with our main hirer and impact on the centre and centre management issues.
- (iv) **Greenway** – The group continue to make progress, new signage and investigating land ownership in Cam.
- (v) **Festive Dursley** – The group are holding an open evening on 18th March at the Community Centre.
- (vi) **Stroud Road Safety Group** – Speeding remains the greatest concern for the group, Cllr Hayes provided a summary of statistics on speeding traffic and accidents/injuries across the county.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10379

Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

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HIGHWAYS

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To receive a report from Council's Highways Representative

Cllr Hayes reported that some works has been postponed (Uley Road – resurfacing) but planned works upcoming in Rosebery Road, Stanthill Road, Cambridge Avenue and St David's Crescent. Continuing drainage issues in the town following the recent storms including a failed repair in Silver Street.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

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To receive a report from Council's Police representative

Cllr Hayes reported he was surprised at the number of incidents reported to the police in the recent statistics supplied by PCSO Lifton

CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk's report was noted.

INSPECTIONS

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The inspections for March & April were noted.

The meeting closed at 19:45pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date