

4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## **DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the 'virtual' MEETING of the COUNCIL held online via the 'Zoom' platform at 7pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Action Summary:

10480.4 Award Urgent Grant to Dursley Music      10484      Submit proposal for Street Names at Littlecombe

### **PRESENT**

Cllr N Grecian (Mayor)

Councillors: M Woodward (Deputy Mayor), J Ball, P Hayes, A Stennett, M Stennett, S Ackroyd, S Creswick, W Thomas, J Rubin and T White, D Savvidou, D Horn, A Whitwell and J Smee.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk; Stroud District Councillor Doina Cornell.

### **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**      10471

Cllrs Sheffield (personal) and Patrick (business) provided their apologies for the meeting.

### **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**      10472

There were no declarations of interest.

### **REPRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**      10473

Cllr Cornell referred to the recent government announcement of a second national lockdown commencing on 5<sup>th</sup> November. This will include the closure of the Pulse Leisure Centre, but many other council services will continue. SDC will link closely with other Council's and volunteer organisations. Playgrounds will remain open. Businesses will be able to apply for grants and a discretionary fund similar to the previous lockdown.

In partnership with other Gloucestershire Council's Covid Protection Officers will provide a support role providing advice regarding the new restrictions. A Covid Compliance Officer will continue to visit and advise local businesses.

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The lockdown will affect Remembrance Services across the Country including Dursley, organisation are invited to lay a wreath prior to Remembrance Sunday but there will be no service or parade this year.

Horsley Recycling Centre will remain open to the public.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10474

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES 10475

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were agreed as true record and signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10476

Council's accounts for the financial year 2020/21:

- (i) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the schedule of payments since the last Council meeting be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (ii) **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation be authorised and signed by the Mayor.
- (iii) The income received since the last Council meeting was noted.
- (iv) The management/budget report was noted.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES 10477

10477.1 To receive the Minutes of the Town Improvements Committee Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meetings.

10477.2 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

PLANNING 10478

10478.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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

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10478.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10478.3 Street Naming Request – Littlecombe

The Council had been asked to provide options for two new streets on the Littlecombe development.

The Councillors provided several options: Connors, Pierce, Reliance, Piston, Engine, Foundry, Brunswick Green, Pedersen, Smallcreeps, Churn Works, Middle, Blackstone, Diesel, Fettling, Casting, Boundary, Petunia/Vernon, Ayliffe, Bailey and Frankau.

**IT WAS AGREED** a vote would be held at the end of the meeting.

GREEN SPACES

10479

10479.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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

10479.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

POLICY AND FINANCE

10480

10480.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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

10480.2 Report of the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10480.3 Regarding Littlecombe Community Interest Company

**IT WAS AGREED** to defer a decision till the December meeting of Council.

10480.4 Regarding Urgent Grants

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award the grant funding of £650 to Dursley Music on the condition that Covid-19 restrictions permit the planned event. Cllr A Stennett abstained.

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10480.5 To receive reports from previous meetings:

- (i) **Cam, Dursley & Uley Joint Woodlands Committee** – A few meetings have been held recently to discuss the future of the committee, review the terms of the committee structure, additional support from Stroud District Council. An urgent grant request being drafted due to emergency works in an area of Dursley woodland.
- (ii) **Festive Dursley** – Due to the upcoming lockdown, the planned events have been cancelled/postponed. The Christmas tree and lights will be switched on as planned on 27<sup>th</sup> November. The group will meet at the beginning of December to make decisions on what activities could take place prior to the Christmas.
- (iii) **Town Trust** – The Trust is considering the process and requirements of transferring the asset to Dursley Town Council. The Town Hall has been closed until further notice due to the lack of hires. No decision was made on the quotes received for the redecoration of the building.
- (iv) **Stinchcombe Hill Trust** – A social distanced meeting held to discuss the grant applications, grass cutting and ash tree removal costs/training. Rare species of plants had been recorded on the hill.

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10481

10481.1 To receive the Minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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

10481.2 Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

CLERK'S REPORT

10482

The Town Clerk confirmed that the aim was to keep the office open through the planned lockdown, all admin staff had expressed a desire to continue the split office/home working arrangements. No members of staff are required to “shield” in the proposed lockdown.

The playgrounds and gym equipment will remain open, but the tennis court will be required to close. At the current time it is not yet been confirmed if youth activities in The Vibe Youth Centre will be deemed “essential”.

INSPECTIONS

10483

The inspections for November were suspended, a decision on December inspections will be dependent on the restrictions in place at that time. The Internal Control checks can proceed as they are hosted online.

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STREET NAMING REQUEST - LITTLECOMBE

10484

A vote was held on the names previously suggested by Councillors. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to put forward Foundry (Way) and Smallcreep (Rise). The Councillors are content for SDC to select the most appropriate suffix.

Foundry was chosen due to the links to Dursley's engineering past.

Smallcreeps is the title of a satirical book written by a Listers employee in the 60's where the books namesake wandered about the factory seeking the meaning of life and human relationships.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

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Town Mayor

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Date