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## DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS at the 'virtual' MEETING of the COUNCIL held online via the 'Zoom' platform at 7pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

### Action Summary:

- 10527.5 To inform The Door Youth Project and Cam Parish Council of the 2-year extension to Youth Service contract

### PRESENT

Cllr N Grecian (Mayor)

Councillors: M Woodward, J Ball, P Hayes, A Stennett, M Stennett, S Creswick, W Thomas, J Rubin, T White, L Patrick, D Savvidou and S Ackroyd.

Also present: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Clerk; Stroud District Councillors Doina Cornell & Trevor Hall.

Absent: Cllrs A Sheffield, D Horn and J Smee.

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 10518

Apologies were received from Cllr Adrian Whitwell (business).

MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 10519

There were no declarations of interest.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS 10520

Cllr Patrick reported that the advisory markings to prevent parking on Whiteway Hill had not been respected by all drivers. Cllr Patrick would like to have enforceable double yellow markings to make this mandatory and had personally witnessed a "near miss" incident at this location. It was noted that the costs of such a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) scheme was in the region of £15k, double yellow lines had been mistakenly added to a section of Uley Road without a TRO and enforcement of the existing restrictions in the town was not satisfactory.

Cllr Cornell joined the meeting and reported that Stroud District Council's top priority remained the support to businesses and work places in the district as we look to reopen in the coming months. A market town forum will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> March as SDC consider the visitor economy across the district. A



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community lottery has commenced with 60p in the £1 being donated to local good causes. The 2021/22 budget was approved at last week's Council meeting.

Cllr Cornell noted that objections had been received from Dursley Town Council and residents in relation to the latest Littlecombe application and is willing to "call in" the application for the Development Control Committee to decide should the officer recommendation be to approve. The recent hedge/tree removal in this area was not covered by this application. Cllr Cornell also supported a path into town and/or Sainsbury's from this part of the proposed development.

Cllr Hall added that the Local Plan review was not able to progress due to the Covid-19 restrictions on the officers and that council house enquiries were increasing throughout the pandemic.

REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC 10521

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES 10522

Cllr White joined the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed as true record and signed by the Mayor.

BUSINESS RELATING TO COUNCIL FINANCE 10523

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

- (i) It was noted that the payment to Redhand was an annual charge for maintenance of the CCTV system which the coverage was currently being extended as agreed by the Town Improvements Committee. The Town Clerk could not confirm (at the time of the meeting) the agreement for the maintenance charge but would report back to the Town Improvements Committee.

**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.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENTS AND AMENITIES

10524

10524.1 Report of the Chair of the Town Improvements and Amenities Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10524.2 To consider removing the temporary suspension of waiting restrictions at Long Street Car Park

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to reintroduce the waiting restrictions when the non-essential retail businesses are permitted to open, as part of the national exit from lockdown. This is currently planned for 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021, but in the event of any change nationally, the date of the reintroduction of the restrictions will move accordingly.

PLANNING

10525

10525.1 To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

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

10525.2 Report of the Chair of the Planning Committee

The Chair had nothing to report.

GREEN SPACES

10526

10526.1 To receive the Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**IT WAS AGREED** to postpone receiving the minutes as they were not available to sign at the committee meeting.

10526.2 Report of the Chair of the Green Spaces Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10526.3 To approve the draft Legionella Control Policy

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Green Spaces Committee and approve the Legionella Control Policy.



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POLICY AND FINANCE

10527

10527.1 To receive the Minutes of the Policy & Finance Committee Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

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

10527.2 Report of the Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

The Chair had no matters to report.

10527.3 To approve the draft Climate Change & Environmental Mission Statement

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Policy & Finance Committee and approve the Climate Change & Environmental Mission Statement.

10527.4 To approve the draft Asset Register Policy

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Policy & Finance Committee and approve the Asset Register Policy.

10527.5 To approve the two year extension to the Youth Service contract.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation of the Policy & Finance Committee and extend the youth service contract with The Door Youth Project by two years (until August 2023).

BUSINESS RELATING TO STAFF

10528

10528.1 Report by the Chair of the Staff Committee

The Chair had no staff matters to report.

10528.2 Update by Town Clerk on Staffing Matters

The Town Clerk confirmed the office remained closed to visitors with a maximum of one member of staff working in the office at one time. Two members of the admin team are working from home and the two part time members are continuing to locate in the office. One member of the grounds staff continues to shield during this lockdown period.

The aim is to re-open the office in line with non-essential retail timescales (currently 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021) and to revise the staffing numbers in relation to the lifting of restrictions in April and beyond.



