

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL****Minutes of the 476th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council offices, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020****PRESENT:** Chairman – Cllr D. Shopland

**Councillors** N. Barton, C. Blades, B. Cherokoff, A. Everitt, C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, A. Goodliffe, B. Hatch, G. Hill, T. Morgan, K. O'Brien, A. Shopland, J. West, R. Westwood, H. Young.  
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk, Ms S. Howard  
 Members of the Public 5, Press 1.

**7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS****Prayers:** Prayers were said by Mrs Jean Balcombe the Chairman's Chaplain.**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A Resident from Brookfield Walk

Expressed concern about the proposed car parking charges and the effect it will have on the economic viability of the town and its residents. The resident questioned the cost benefit effect of the new charges against lost business.

A Resident of Cambridge Road

Reiterated the comments made previously about the effect the proposed charges would have on the towns business and trade. The Hill Road current parking order allows for a 2-hour limit and this has proved effective in generating a turnover of footfall in the area. The proposed charges in both the upper and lower parts of the town could drive customers away to areas with free parking.

The resident also raised considerable safety concerns in respect of the footpath at the rear of Wellington Terrace which is a section of the coastal path. The railings at one section are broken with rusty nails protruding dangerously into the footpath. The resident had reported it to North Somerset who erroneously reported it as being the responsibility of the Town Council.

A resident of Brookfield Walk

Spoke of the importance of the Town Council retaining the ownership of the Community Orchard to the rear of Brookfield walk, considering the current discussions on the location of the Baytree School expansion site.

**FORMAL BUSINESS****20/1174 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Councillors were present

**20/1175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr D Shopland declared as the Chairman of North Somerset Council and Clevedon Town Council he would be vacating the Chair for agenda item 11 (Village green Application) due to possible conflict of interest. Cllr Westwood as Vice chairman of North Somerset council declared his intention to abstain from voting on Agenda Item 11 reserving his right to consider the presented information when discussed at North Somerset Council.

**20/1176 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** by that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**20/1177 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS- FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chairman informed members that the Civic Service would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 2.30pm at the Community Centre; the location of the reception to be announced. The Chairman announced that he would be organising a VE day concert in October 2020

**20/1178 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

Highways England – Members were informed that the M5 would be closed between Jnct 19 and Jnct 20 on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February for work to Wynhol Viaduct. Members expressed concern that this was part of the 'Smart Motorway' which were of concern following the recent reports.

Parking Consultation – members were informed of the letter from Cllr Canniford of NSC in respect of the proposed parking charges. NSC were currently consulting on the format of the consultation and requested response by 7<sup>th</sup> February. There would be a formal consultation.

**20/1179 RECEIVE REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS, ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY, AND RELATING DIRECTLY TO CLEVEDON, AT THE AGREEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

There were no reports or information from Clevedon's North Somerset Councillors.

**20/1180 RECEIVE AND RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS****1180.1 ALLOTMENTS 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

These inquorate minutes were considered with the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**1180.2 ALLOTMENTS 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

**1180.3 PLANNING 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none.

**1180.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

There being no Part 1 items the Vice Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

**TH19/1034 Parking Review**

Members expressed concern at the way this had been presented without consultation although appreciating that following intervention at the NSC meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 there would now be a form of consultation; members queried the viability of this. Concern was expressed at the financial viability of the proposals and the impact assessment in respect of damage to trade and footfall within sections of the town, leading to possible business closures and loss of business rates. Concern was also expressed at the knock-on effect created by the installation of on-street parking meters on the sea front and the triangle. Members agreed that a formal consideration and response will be made by the Town Council and a special meeting was proposed if no suitable committee meeting is held within the consultation period.

**1180.5 PROPERTY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Property meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

There being no part 1 items, the Chairman invited questions or comments on the part 2 items; there were none.

**1180.6 PLANNING 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0**

There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none.

**1180.7 FINANCIAL & GENERAL POLICY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0**

Part 1 items with the agreement of the council each amendment to the standing order was discussed separately.

Standing order 3b

*I v Agree the agenda items before each meeting with the Chairman of the Council or relevant Committee Chairman, or by the relevant Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman*

**AGREED by 15 votes to 0.**

Standing order 4.i

*"Motions to Council be after ratification of Committee minutes to enable relevant information regarding business being pursued via the committee structure to inform any subsequent debate."*

**AGREED by 13 votes to 2**

Standing order 15b

*"The Chairman of each standing committee facilitates any correspondence sent to third parties in furtherance of the business of the committee on behalf of the respective*

*Committees and should liaise with the proper officer to ensure this is lawful and appropriately recorded"*

**Agreed by 14 votes to 0**

Typos at Standing order 7 c iii) 'unless dispensation has been sort' change to 'unless dispensation has been sought'. And standing order 31e 'If a member reasonably believes another member is in breach of the Code Conduct of Conduct' (remove additional 'Conduct'); were agreed and amended.

Financial regulations

Financial Regulation 11.1 k *The Council, or duly delegated committee, will establish for each contract awarded the appropriate mechanism for monitoring supplier performance in the delivery of that contract. This may be delegated to the RFO, or to a Committee, Sub-Committee or Working Party where there is a conflict of interest on the part of the RFO or significant public interest or risk to the Council.*

Following a discussion on the wording and explanation on the reasoning behind the change it was **AGREED by 14 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions**

the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

### **1180.8 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2020 PART 1 ITEMS ONLY**

As there were no part 1 items these minutes would be presented to the next Council meeting.

#### **20/1181 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

**RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0:** that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

#### **20/1182 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

**RESOLVED by 15 votes to 0:** that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list

#### **20/1183 RECEIVE COMMENTS ON NSC CORPORATE PLAN AND CONFIRM RESPONSE BY CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL.**

Members received, noted and **AGREED by 14 votes to 0** the response to the NS Corporate plan, which had been circulated with the agenda, and asked that their appreciation of the broad aims of the plan be expressed.

*Cllr D. Shopland vacated the Chair for the following Item; Vice Chairman Cllr J Geldart, chaired the following item.*

#### **20/1184 RECEIVE AND DISCUSS REPORT ON OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION FOR VILLAGE GREEN, AT LAND TO REAR OF BROOKFIELD WALK AND TO AGREE ANY RESPONSE OR COMMENTS FROM CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL.**

A summary of the objections had been circulated to all members with the agenda. members reiterated their support for the Village green application in respect of the Community Orchard. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED by 12 votes to 0 with 3 named abstentions, Cllr Westwood, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Everitt** that Clevedon Town Council remains supportive of retaining land as Village Green and believes that we (the Council) has demonstrated

support for this Village Green by virtue of number of residents indicating support for this proposal. And the definition of the land and use to which it has been put.

*Vice Chairman Cllr Geldart vacated the chair and Cllr D Shopland resumed as Chairman of the meeting.*

**20/1185 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CCTV WORKING GROUP**

The Town clerk updated members on the procurement process for the upgrade of the CCTV system and control room. Concern was expressed that the tender returns should be modular to enable the Council to choose where to allocate resources. It was noted that the Working Group would next meet once the return information was known. **Report noted by 15 votes to 0**

**20/1186 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON CCT**

Members were informed that at the recent meeting the CCT had been informed of a change in priority by government and the amalgamation of the Coastal Team at MHCLG into a wider department. **Report noted by 12 votes to 0**

**20/1187 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Members were informed that the amended document was being reviewed by NSC prior to the regulation 14 stage; it is hoped to go to referendum in the summer. The section in the NP relating to the master plan for the Town Centre would be independently facilitated by an outside consultant from all relevant stakeholders. **Report noted by 12 votes to 0**

**20/1188 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE ON CLEVEDON BID**

Members were informed that the Clevedon BID were still looking at the work to landscape around the tree despite concerns being expressed by NSC and Clevedon Town Council. They were also continuing with proposals to Dial Hill apparently without landowners' consent. The Clevedon Bid were holding a meeting with its members in respect of the proposed parking charges. **Report noted by 12 votes to 0**

**20/1189 RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**

Members discussed at great length the information from the Climate Emergency Working Group that NSC were allowing Transition Clevedon to plant 800 trees on land by the Blind Yeo. It was noted that this was in addition to and not in conjunction with NSC 'rewilding' schemes which had been discussed at TEA and been the subject of a recent consultation. The CEWG Chairman confirmed that the 800 trees were being planted in conjunction with Clevedon Lions and would be suitably protected and chosen for the location. Members expressed concern at the possible planting of trees on Marshalls Field as this was a well-used public open space that had been given, he believed, with a covenant protection. **Report noted by 12 votes to 0**

**20/1190 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
STANDING ORDER**

There were no questions in according to Standing Order no 8

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....