

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 453rd meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th August 2016**

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr J. Geldart
 Councillors C. Blades, J. Cook, C. Francis-Pester, A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, C. Starr, G. Watkins, J. West.
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs I Johnson,
 Members of the Public 10; Press 1,

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

Prayers: Voluntary Prayers were said by Rev. Donna Wilkie.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman allowed Councillors to question or comment on public participation items.

Mrs J. Fear & Mrs L Robinson on behalf of local residents

Spoke on the need to retain the South Clevedon Playing Field AKA Pennyfields after the penny donations made in 1929 to purchase the land. They reported that they had used the field as children and can remember their grandparents talking about playing on the land. The Council were requested to establish if there were any deeds for the land. It was explained that the land had been purchased by the Urban District Council and that no deeds had been found.

Councillors urged those present and their neighbours to submit individual statements with their Name, address, how long they have used the land and for what purpose. These would all form part of the evidence base needed should the Council apply for Town Green Status. If members of the public also had historic photographs or documents relating to the land the Town Council would be interested in obtaining a copy.

Chairman of Clevedon Coastal Community Team

Cllr Watkins as the Chairman of Clevedon CCT gave a potted history of formation of the team and also details of the membership. It was explained that the Economic Plan was on the Town Council's web site as well as on the Coastal Team's Website; the Clerk would circulate the link to all members.

Mr P Templeton Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Templeton introduced himself as the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group, giving a brief resume of his employment life. The plan which is designed to 2036 will cover all of Clevedon not just the historic centre. Members commented on the changes that have happened in Clevedon over the last 20 years and noted the possible changes that could be needed to meet central government demands for housing.

FORMAL BUSINESS**16/671 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Norton-Sealey (illness), N. Barton, T. Morgan & K. O'Brien (family commitment) C. Hall (another commitment)
RESOLVED: That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

Cllr Garner NS Councillor for South Ward sent his apologies via Cllr Francis-Pester. Members were reminded that apologies have to be made direct to the office.

16/672 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no formal declarations of interest on items on the agenda.
 Cllr Middleton declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 "acceptance of apologies re Cllr Norton-Sealey". Cllr West declared a personal interest in agenda item 18 "Neighbourhood Plan".

16/673 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd June 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16/674 THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the special Council meeting held on 2nd August 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16/675 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Chairman read a statement from PC Dave Hughes, the Community police officer, who retired this week. Members expressed their appreciation at his long and dedicated service to Clevedon.

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Alex Giles Townsend on his recent marriage.

16/676 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST**Newsletter and reports –**

The following newsletters and reports have been received and are available from the office.

NALC – LCR Summer 2016

Clerks & Council direct July 2016

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses 886, 887, 888, 889

DIARY DATES

2nd April 2017 – Civic Service, Christchurch.

6th September the AGM of NS Clinical Commissioning Group details circulated at the meeting.

16/677 REPORTS AND INFORMATION FROM CLEVEDON NORTH SOMERSET COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS OF URGENCY ONLY

There were no reports or information of an urgent nature raised by Clevedon North Somerset Councillors.

16/678 RECEIVE A MOTION FROM CLLR C. BLADES

“That Clevedon Town Council applies for Town Green Status for the South Clevedon Playing Fields AKA “Pennyfields” to enable this historic green field site to be retained for the people of Clevedon.

Cllr Blades presented the motion explaining this had come from residents within his ward concerned that one of the last pieces of recreational areas would be lost to the Town.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr D. Shopland *“that at the sometime as the Application for Town Green is made the Council also investigates the registration of the land as a WWI War Memorial”* the amendment was accepted.

The motion with amendment was **RESOLVED** by 14 votes to 0.

16/679 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**16/679.1 PLANNING 15TH JUNE 2016**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**.

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

16/679.2 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITY 22ND JUNE 2016

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenity Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Chairman of the Committee and **AGREED**.

16/679.3 PLANNING 22ND JUNE 2016

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**.

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

16/679.4 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 6TH JULY 2016

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**.

Part 1

TH/16/672 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE

RESOLVED: TO REFER THIS ITEM TO FULL COUNCIL and request that the NSC Director of Development & Environment be invited to a full Council meeting to discuss long term plans for the infrastructure in the light of these developments.

AGREED by 13 votes -0

672.2 SECTION 106 MONIES IN RESPECT OF ST MODWENS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

RESOLVED: TO ASK THAT CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL be consulted on any proposed works to the highways.

An amendment was proposed and seconded to add the word *“including any proposed expenditure arising from s106 monies”*.

AGREED by 14 votes to 0

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

16/689 Members commented on the recent action week organised by NSC new highways contractors. Several Councillors attended the events and were impressed by the work and attitude of the contractors.

16/679.5 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 13TH JULY 2016

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**.

Part 1

FGP 16/613 ALTERATION OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

*Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to COUNCIL** by 12 votes to 0 that the Council meeting held on the 12th of October be moved to Monday 17th October.*

AGREED 10 votes to 0.

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

16/679.6 PLANNING 20TH JULY 2016

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**.

Part 1

P/16/1254 TO CONSIDER PRE-APPLICATION 16/P/0448/PRE – LAND AT CHURCHILL AVENUE

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL 1) *continue to oppose the development of this land which the Town Council consider should be designated as a Local Green Space in the NSC Sites Allocations Plan.* 2) *To advise NSC that the Council is considering taking legal advice on the status of this land.* 3) *To reiterate the comments previously made about this land in respect of the NSC Sites Allocation Plan consultation earlier in the year which states;*

‘Clevedon Town Council requests that the land north of Churchill Avenue (now known as the South Clevedon Playing Fields) be included under Policy SA 7 Schedule 4 Local Green Space not under Policy SA 2 Housing Allocation Site.

The reason Clevedon Town Council feel so strongly that this is an issue is that on 2nd June 1930 the Urban District Council of Clevedon (a forerunner of Clevedon Town Council) purchased this land for the sum of £275 to hold this land for the purposes of a recreational ground under the powers of the Public Health Acts 1875 and 1925 Section 69. Therefore this is a commitment on all successive owners of the land.

NSC is reminded that this purchase in 1930 was assisted by the public contributions and even penny donations from local children towards the purchase of this land. Hence the local name Penny Fields has been attached to this land ever since.

The National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 77 states; ‘The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves’. This is clearly the case in this instance in that Penny Fields is surrounded by local housing including flats with no gardens housing young families and elderly persons bungalows as well as family homes that back onto this land. Furthermore paragraph 77 also states the designation should be used

‘ where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife’.

In summary the Town Council has further reasons for claiming this area as a Local Green Space;

- 1) recreational value for the residents of this community both those living adjacent and further away from this field;*
- 2) richness of wildlife – the River Land Yeo flows through the site and provides a very special wildlife habitat;*
- 3) historic significance in view of the history of how this site was originally purchased.*

All of these three points are extremely important to the town and the people of Clevedon.

Note: *The Town Council believe this is acknowledged by North Somerset Council as in the Council’s recent Life magazine issue 130 March-April 16 it clearly specifies this land as a recreational ground (ref second paragraph middle column page 25).’*

AGREED 14 votes – 0

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on part 2 items; there were none.

16/679.7 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 25TH JULY 016

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Committee Chairman and **AGREED** following confirmation from the Committee Chairman that the warning signs would be requested along the whole route and not just by the boat harbour.

16/679.8 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITY 27TH JULY 2016

Minutes of the Town Events & Amenity Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Chairman of the Committee and **AGREED**.

Part 1

TEA/16/578 MOTION FOR A YOUTH SHELTER ON SALTHOUSE FIELDS TEA/16/563

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a Broxap Tewkesbury Teen Shelter be purchased, subject to the relevant permissions being in place, at a cost of £6,512 to include delivery and installation to be funded from Council reserves.

Members discussed the recommendation and whilst supportive of the concept (by 14 votes - 0) it was felt the input by future users would be of benefit before the final design and costing was agreed. The recommendation was deferred until the next TEA Committee meeting when opinions as to the design and location could be canvased.

The Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items;

16/584 Town Map: A query was raised concerning the amendments to the map. The Chairman explained that the Town Council's map was a community use map and would have minor amendments. In response to a comment it was confirmed that the map would not show specific private businesses.

Cllr J. Cook left the meeting at 8.35pm.

16/581 Salthouse Field Tennis Court: in response to a question it was confirmed that NSC had been chased to cut back the hedge between the Tennis Court and Elton Road.

16/586 Reports from Outside bodies: Cllr Watkins reported that Land Yeo Friends had not met prior to that meeting. Cllr Hatch reported that she was no longer programme manager for the Tides Festival.

16/679.9 ALLOTMENTS 18TH JULY 2016

Minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting were presented by the Committee Chairman, and **AGREED**.

As there were no part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

CEM152 – The Councillor Representative for Cemetery chased the meeting.

697.1.2 Tyres- following a query the Committee Chairman explained that all tenants with tyres sign an agreement to remove at their expense once their tenancy ended.

692.1.2 Weeds outside of the wall – in response to a query the Committee Chairman explained that the weeds were on highway land and the responsibility of NSC.

16/680 RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES FOR SUBCOMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL

16/680.1 PUBLIC TOILETS WORKING GROUP DATED 19TH JULY 2016

The Chairman of the working group refused to present the minutes claiming that part one status wasn't indicated. Members were reminded that as this committee reports directly to Council all items are classed as part 1 and therefore no indication is required on the minutes. Historically this has been accepted for all Public Toilet Working Group minutes.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 11 votes to 0 to accept and **AGREE** the recommendation under PTWG 16/56.

PTWG 16/56

RECOMMENDATION to Clevedon Town Council that: the Council supports the planning application when it is made by the Pier Trust Ltd for the toilets. That the Council undertakes no further work in respect of the Pier Copse Toilets (Ladies or Gents) unless a decision is made by the Pier Trust that they will no longer continue to operate the toilets.

16/680.2 PUBLIC TOILETS WORKING GROUP DATED 12TH AUGUST 2016

Members were informed that these minutes would be presented to 17th October meeting.

16/681 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED: that the Council approves the accounts for payment, as per the attached lists.

16/682 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

RESOLVED: that the Council approves the retrospective accounts for payment, as per the attached list.

16/683 CONFIRM CLLR STARR APPLICATION TO JOIN THE COMMITTEES

Members **AGREED** the request for Cllr Starr to join the following committees Transport & Highways, Planning, Finance & General Policy, Allotments & Salhouse Field Tennis Courts subcommittee.

16/684 AGREE THE CONTINUED ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FROM CLLR JOHN NORTON SEALEY.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 13 votes to 0 that Clevedon Town Council would continue to accept apologies from Cllr John Norton-Sealey for a further 3 months while he recovers from ill health.

Cllr Middleton took no part in the discussion or vote. After the vote he gave an update on Cllr Norton-Sealey recovery, Members asked for their best wishes to be recorded.

16/685 MAKE A RESPONSE TO AVON & SOMERSET POLICE PRIORITIES CONSULTATION

Members discussed the consultation and a proposed method of response. Members did not feel that the consultation was a suitable way to respond.

Members raised concern over 1) the number or lack of policing on the streets; 2) The lack of signs indicating the police station at Castlewood both as directional and at the building. Members also felt the priority “Avon and Somerset constabulary’s workforce will be effective, efficient, treat people fairly and be representative of the community” should be expanded to explain how this would be accounted for in a modern transparent police force.

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 11 votes to 1 that the Council invite PCC Sue Mountstevens to a future meeting.

16/686 AGREE ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF NALC OF CLLR BRYN HATCH

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to confirm Cllr Hatch’s attendance at the NALC conference and a budget up to £250 to cover the conference fee, travel and hotel accommodation.

16/687 RECEIVE REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON CLEVEDON CCT

Members noted the information received under the Informal session. This item was to bring members up to date on the work of the Coastal Community Team. The Economic Plan which had been compiled was available from the office and also on line. It was agreed the Town Clerk would send the link to all Councillors.

16/688 RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

Members noted the information received in the informal session. Cllr West as the Town Council liaison with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group answered member’s questions on the report that had been circulated with the agenda.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 11 votes to 1 to provide a budget of £300 towards the consultation set up needed before grant funding from DCLG could be applied for and obtained.

16/689 RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8

There were no questions under standing order no 8.

Meeting closed at 9.17 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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