

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 437th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th October 2013**

PRESENT: Chairman – P McNeill
 Councillors C. Blades, C Bussey, A. Cotton, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, J Geldart, A Giles-Townsend, C. Hall, B. Hatch, G Hill, L. Knott, L. Little, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, J. Norton-Sealey, N. Pennycott, A. Shopland, D. Shopland
 G. Watkins, C. Wring
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath;
 Members of the public x23

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**Public Session**

Voluntary Prayers were said by Captain Michael Eden.

Herbert Gardens

3 Members of the public spoke on the issue of dogs fouling and uncontrolled dogs in Herbert Gardens. They explained that in the last 18 months the issue has become a lot worst reporting that although many owners are responsible a minority do not control their dogs allowing them to foul without the owners “picking up”, and allowing the dogs, often in larger groups, barking disturbing the surrounding residents. It was reported that many residents with young children do not use the park now because of the dogs and the state the some owners leave the park in.

Pay & Display in Hill Road

5 members of the public spoke on the proposal to install pay and display meters in Hill Road objecting to the proposal. A copy of a petition signed by business, residents and visitors organised by the Chamber of Trade with 87 signatories was presented to the Chairman. They expressed concern that the introduction of the paid meters would push the cars away from hill road into adjacent streets, would not improve custom and footfall in the area, and would be detrimental to the residents in Hill Road preventing them from parking near to their properties. Comment was made that currently residents have a good relationship with each other over parking but this would be lost if residents from Hill Road had to park in the adjacent streets. They felt that the enforcement of the Double Yellow lines and the 2 hour parking restriction would provide the turn over required by the business.

Presentation on the Marine Lake

Mr Ian Parking made a presentation to the Council on the HLF Funding Bid for the Marine Lake. This was following on from the detailed presentation made at Town Events & Amenity Meeting on 9th October. Copies of the presentation had been circulated at the meeting. The Council are being asked to provide a contribution of £175,000.

FORMAL BUSINESS**13/376 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

13/377 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

During the meeting the following declarations of interest were made

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DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION

13/378 – Cllr Knott declared a personal interest as family members live adjacent to the park

13/390 - Cllr Morgan declared a personal interest as his wife is in receipt of a pension from Avon and took no part in the discussion and vote

13/378 MOTION FROM CLLR KNOTT:

That an area in Herbert Gardens around the fallen Holm tree is fenced off to create a dog free area.

Cllr Knott presented her motion reiterating the comments made in the public session. Members discussed the creation of an area within the park which would be dog free. Members were concern at the increasing amount of fouling and disturbance caused by the dogs and non-attentive owners, appreciating that this was a wider problem than just Herbert Gardens.

An amendment was proposed, and seconded that the matter be deferred to the Environment & Property Committee to establish the details of the project and obtain costs to bring to the next Council Meeting **AGREED** by 14 votes to 6 and as the substantive motion as 13 votes to 4. A suggestion that the Town Clerk be given authority to obtain costs before the E & P Meeting was not included in the amendment by the proposer or seconder.

Members felt that Herbert Gardens should be designated as “dogs on leads” only area, this would be investigated by the E & P Committee.

13/379 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th September were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to a couple of typing error changes.

13/380 THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 7th October 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

13/381 THE CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

381.1 YEO MOOR JUNIOR COUNCILMEETING

The Chairman informed members of a special Junior Council Meeting with Yeo Moor School on 14th November; all councillors are invited to attend as spectators.

13/382 THE TOWN CLERKS REPORT AS PER THE ATTACHED LIST

382.1 Newsletter and reports –

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

Local Council Review – autumn 2013

382.2 DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses, 817, 818, 819, 820,

382.3 DIARY DATES

10th November 2013 – Remembrance Service in Queen Square

10th November 2013 – Royal British Legion parade and service

30th November 2013 – Switching on of the Christmas Lights

8th December 2013 Annual Festival of Carols & Christmas Music

382.4 CORRESPONDENCE

Members are asked to note the following correspondence

Email from D Brockington. – thanking the Town Council

382.5 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Town Clerk informed members that as a rugby supporter she had been invited by one of the Councils suppliers to be their guest at a game; members were happy for the Clerk to accept the invite.

13/383 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

13/383.1 PLANNING 28TH AUGUST 2013

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

There were no Part 1 items. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items.

13/611 in response to a question the Chairman of the Committee confirmed that the NSC Planning Policy re Sites and Policies DPD would include Queen Square and the Triangle.

13/383.2 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS – 24TH JULY 2013

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

Part 1

13/343 Pay & display Hill Road

RESOLVED: *RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that NSC be asked to install Pay and Display controlled parking for the shopping area of Hill Road and that this may not be for a trial period in view of the costs involved.*

Members discussed this recommendation at great length, noting the comments made in the public session. Points raised:-

- The Committee had discussed several options in detail before this recommendation had been made over many meetings; the minutes of which having been ratified by the Council.
- The Chairman of the Hill Road Traders plus several of those who had attended the meetings expressed support for the scheme.
- The Committees preference was to have the double yellow lines and the 2 hour limit enforced by the Police.
- The Police had stated that they would not enforce the parking regulations at Hill Road; this had been taken up by Committee and Chairman of the Council with several senior officers and the Police Commissioner on more than one occasion.
- There were differing and opposing views on how much an impact the parking had on free flow of traffic and access for buses, emergency services and delivery lorries.
- Could NSC put financial pressure on the police via funding for the PCSO'S?
- The introduction of controls in Weston –Super-Mare, according to business, had increased the footfall and not adversely effected businesses.

The Recommendation was put to the vote and **failed** by 12 votes to 7

Members agreed that Transport & Highways Committee formally write to the Police Commissioner.

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

13/383.3 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 25th SEPTEMBER 2013

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

There being no Part 1 items the Committee Chairman invited questions on part 2

13/375 – Grants – in response to a question the Committee Chairman confirmed that the Lions & Rotary Grants would be discussed in detail at the next FGP Meeting.

13/373 – Web Site – the Committee Chairman confirmed that this had now gone live; a few small errors had been rectified as soon as they came to the office attention.

13/383.4 PLANNING 2ND OCTOBER 2013

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

Part 1

13/622 Hinckley Point

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL comments that as Clevedon is not geographically affected by the Connection Project the Town Council has no grounds for objections.

AGREED

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

13/383.5 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 9TH OCTOBER 2013

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

Part 1

13/275 Salthouse Field Tennis Courts

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the transfer of Salthouse Fields tennis courts to Clevedon Town Council from NSC by means of a long lease (similar to the MUGA). NSC Community Investment Fund monies to be used to replace the fencing of the courts.

AGREED without discussion by 17 votes to 0

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

13/280 Christmas Lights

Concern was expressed that the Town Councils contributions for the Christmas Lights was not being acknowledged; this would be raised at the joint switching on at the end of November.

13/383.6 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY 16TH OCTOBER 2013

Minutes of the Environment & Property Committee meeting were presented and **AGREED**.

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

13383.7 ALLOTMENTS – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013

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

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

13/384 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

384.1 NSC Invoice for Walton Ward

RESOLVED that the Council pays the invoice for NSC Walton Ward Election

13/385 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

13/386 TO DISCUSS THE PRESENTATION AND CONFIRM FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE HLF BID

Members noted the information provided in the presentation. As there is still some uncertainty whether the Council could legally obtain a loan for land not owned by the Town Council it was **AGREED** by 20 votes to 0 to defer discussion and a decision on the £175,000 Public Works Loan Board until this has been resolved; and to hold a special Council meeting to discuss the project and the funding once an answer has been obtained.

13/387 TO RECEIVE & RATIFY THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION WORKING GROUP DATED 10TH OCTOBER 2013

Copy of the recommendation had been circulated with the agenda.

Recommended to Council:-

1) *That the 5 wards as allocated are confirmed*

AGREED

2) *That the recommendation by the Boundary Commission that the Town Council increases its ward members from 3 to 4 thereby returning a Town Council of 20 members be accepted*

Members discussed at length whether the Council should be 20 members or 15 members as from the election in 2015. I

An amendment was Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 12 votes to 5 that the Town Council should continue with 3 members per ward as from 2015 making the Town Council Membership of 15 Councillors (3 x 5 wards).

3) *That the internal ward boundaries as per the maps are agreed except for a small alteration to the East Ward/ West Ward boundary as shown below.*

The Boundary Commission proposed line runs up Linden Road to Sixways roundabout, returns down Albert Road but going behind some of the properties. This puts all that section of Princes Road, west side of Linden Road, east side of that section of Albert Road (except where the boundary runs down the back garden of the properties) into East ward. It is suggested that the Albert Road Boundary is removed at that section thereby putting Princess Road North and Linden Road west into East Ward

Members discussed the recommendation and the effect it would have on the ward boundaries as proposed by the Boundary Commission as from 2015. Members **AGREED** the Recommendation.

A further alteration was proposed for an amendment on the East Ward/ Walton Ward boundary being to take 3 properties on Highdale Road which are indicated as being in Walton Ward and revert them back to East Ward the boundary line going up the woodland track from Highdale Road to Old Park Road then along the rear garden fences.

AGREED by 11 votes to 0

Having reached 9.30 Members **AGREED** to continue with the 15 minutes extension to complete the business on the agenda as per standing order 1bb

13/388 TO RECEIVE, DISCUSS AND MAKE AN AGREEMENT ON A REQUEST FROM CLEVEDON LIONS TO INSTALL A DEFIBRILLATOR ON THE WALL OF QUEEN SQUARE TOILETS.

The Town Clerk explained that the Lions Club although having a grant request in for defibrillators had already raised sufficient funds for the purchase of 1 unit which they would like to install on the Queens Square Toilet block. The installation and subsequent electrical point infrastructure and electricity would have to be paid for by the Town Council. The Lions Club has been informed that it would require a Council resolution to fund the initial infrastructure work and the on-going electric cost.

Members **AGREED** to defer to the Finance & General Policy Committee

13/390 TO CONFIRM THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT BETWEEN AVON PENSION FUND & THE TOWN COUNCIL WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN 2009

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to sign the service level agreement between Clevedon Town Council and Avon Pension fund in respect of the Council's staff pension, as circulated.

13/391 TO RECEIVE & NOTE THE NOTES ON THE STAFFING MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2013.

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** to accept the notes of the staff meeting held on 7th October 2013.

13/392 TO CONFIRM THE CALENDAR OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2014

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to accept the calendar of meeting dates as circulated with the agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....