

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL****Minutes of the 450th meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chairman – Cllr G. Watkins  
 Councillors C. Francis-Pester, J. Geldart, S. Hale, C. Hall, M. Harriott, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, J. Middleton, T. Morgan, A. Shopland, D Shopland J. West.  
 Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs I Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk & Sue Howard

Members of the Public 7; Press 0, District Councillor – Cllr Garner

**7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

**Prayers:** Voluntary Prayers were said by Rev Noel Hector

**Public Session****Mr L Hurley – Pier Copse Toilets**

Expressed concern at the recent newspaper article detailing the request by a local businessman to purchase the toilets at Pier Copse and turn them into a Fish & Chip shop and Ice Cream kiosk. Mr Hurley reiterated that toilets are still very much needed.

**Mr G Moore – Public Toilets/ Footpaths/ Communication**

Mr Moore commented on the 3 issues raised at the last meeting. The footpaths are still in a bad state also the fencing on the footpath to school has been damaged and in his opinion is in a dangerous state. His enquiry at the Walton Park Hotel had not confirmed if they had been contacted by NSC. He reiterated his request to have a feedback from the Council on the issues raised and asked if the public session mechanism could be changed to allow members of the public to debate with councillors the issues raised.

A comment was made by a Councillor expressing that the District Councillors should take on the issues raised by the public that relate to NSC responsibilities.

**FORMAL BUSINESS****15/594 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors N. Barton (work commitment), C. Blades (illness), J. Cook (work commitment), D Flint (work commitment), A. Giles-Townsend (work commitment), J. Norton-Sealey (other commitment), K. O'Brien (illness)  
**RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

**15/595 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of disclosable or personal interests on items on the agenda at this point

**15/596 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Cllr Geldart queried the note within the boxed brackets on page 3342 under public session. The note was an explanation that the areas raised by the member of the public were the financial responsibility of NSC and not Clevedon Town Council. Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED by 7 votes to 4**, to remove the section on page 3342 [note: all these are NSC responsibilities and budget]

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the above amendment and correction of the spelling of Ladye Bay.

Minutes of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were deferred to the next Council meeting as not all members had received copies of the Minutes.

**15/597 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY****Civic Night**

The Chairman reminded members that the Civic Night was on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Clevedon Gilbert & Sullivan Society production of the Mikado.

He asked if any members were interested in forming a Council group to attend a performance of 'Christmas Carol' by the theatre company Living Spit on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> January; there were no takers.

**15/598 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.

LCR Winter 2015

**DIS** – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses, 871, 872, 873

**DIARY DATES**

Advance Notice

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 Civic Night – Gilbert & Sullivan the Mikado

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 Civic Service at St Mary's Church Walton St. Mary

Members were informed that a copy of the Airport newsletter was available in the office

**15/599 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

**15/600 TO RECEIVE MOTION FROM CLLR D SHOPLAND.**

*That to satisfy a growing need for a general and non-structured environment meeting place for youth in the town this Council investigates the provision of a Youth shelter on Salthouse Field in the vicinity of the MUGA and Skateboard Park*

Following a discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED by 14 votes to 0** To accept the motion and request that full costs and agree location adjacent to the Skate park & Multi Use Games Area on Salthouse Field be investigated.

It was **AGREED** by 8 votes to 1 that this should be investigated and brought to Council by TEA Committee.

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**15/601 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS****15/601.1 PLANNING 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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

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

**15/601.2 PLANNING 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

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

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

**15/601.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

Part 1

**TH/15/589.1 RESOLVED:** *To ask NSC to undertake the extension of the 30 mph town speed limit from its junction with Walton Road to Woodlands View as this is the change from “town” to “country”. The cost £4,000.00 to be funded from the Transport & Highways Committee budget 2015/16*

**AGREED**

**TH15/589.2 RESOLVED: VOTE: 7 for 0 against** *1.To provide funding to NSC for this school crossing patrol for the remainder of the financial year 2015/16 from the Transport & Highways Committee contingency sum provided that the Council agrees to contribute towards this school crossing patrol for the life of this Council up to the end of the financial year 2019. 2. To investigate the possibility of grants, sponsorship, donations from the PTA towards this post.*

An amendment was proposed to amend the motion to “agrees to contribute towards this school crossing for the current academic year to September 2016”.

The amendment was agreed by a vote of 12 to 0 and as the substantive motion by 12 votes to 0.

Members noted the recent newspaper article outlining the proposal by NSC to remove funding for all school crossing patrols from September 2016. Cllr Hall as North Somerset Councillor explained the rationale behind this and the work being done with schools to obtain funding and sponsorship for the crossing patrols. Members agreed for the Transport & Highways Committee to look at how Clevedon schools are going to manage the crossing patrols once the funding is withdrawn in September 2015.

**TH15/589.3RESOLVED:** *Not to proceed with the refuge.*

**AGREED** by 14 votes – 0. In response to a question the Committee Chairman explained that as there had been no requests or complaints from the public it was not felt to be a viable use of the Councils budget.

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

15/595 – Members were asked to note that the bollards had in fact been removed over 30 years ago and not 15 as quoted at the meeting. The Committee Chairman reported on a response received from Highways Officer at NSC, this would be reported in full at the Committee meeting for discussion.

**15/601.4 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

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

**15/601.5 PLANNING 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

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

**15/601.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

The Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items;

15/500 – The Committee Chairman thanked all Staff, Councillors and local groups involved with the Christmas lights for their hard work. He asked members to note that the expenditure under 499.1 is not part of the Christmas Lights budget but a separate expenditure relating to the uplighters in the Queen Square tree.

A Councillor thanked the Committee Chairman and others for the Christmas lights commenting that no complaints had been heard and asked that the budget for 2016/2017 is sufficient to continue to build on this year's display.

15/509 – Strode Road User Group. Members discussed the state of the building and its management following continuing complaints; there had been no success in setting up a user's group meeting.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive at NSC, with a copy to Mr Curry, asking 1) when the user's group meeting scheduled. 2) What are the current maintenance plans for the building? 3) What are the future maintenance and operational plans for the building 4) what plans are in place for the future renewal/replacement of the building.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to have a special Town Council meeting requesting the relevant officers from NSC to attend towards the end of January 2016.

15/506 in response to a question the Town Clerk explained that the planters in Queen Square put out by Jenny's was without permission, as they are on Highway and NSC owned land, they had been requested to remove as they were causing an obstruction to pedestrians. This was being dealt with by the Licencing and Highways officers. The office had received several complaints from residents.

**15/601.7 PROPERTY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015**

Minutes of the Property Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Chairman of the Committee and **AGREED**

The Committee Chairman invited questions on Part 2 items;

The Committee Chairman to respond to points raised in the public session stated that there had been movement in respect of the toilets at Pier Copse but he reserved the right to inform the Committee first before providing a report to Council.

15/47 The Committee Chairman asked that Cllr Geldart makes a report to the Committee first before reporting to the Council.

**15/601.8 ALLOTMENTS 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

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

Part 1

*AL/15/592* The Chairman advised that Cllr Barton had requested to become a member of the Allotment Committee. All members **AGREED** to Cllr Barton's request.

**AGREED**

*AL/15/593* The Committee Chairman asked Committee members for any projects on the Allotment sites for 2016/17.

**Moor Lane & Church Hill** – Weed spraying twice a year on boundary areas. - £300.00

**Moor Lane** – Dip tank base only. - £ 100.00. **Total approx. costs - £400.00**

**Westbourne Avenue** – Repairs to allotment door - £100.00, tap box - £50.00, repairs to boundary fence - £150.00 **Total approx. costs - £300.00**

**Church Hill** – Black entrance gate needs replacing – £500.00. Replace all dip tanks on site with larger tanks – 2/3 tanks - £800.00. **Total approx. costs - £1300.00**

Total budget for 2016/17 projects = £2,000.00.

The Committee asked members to defer agreeing this as it should go to FGP Committee for the 2016/2017 budget

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

**15/602 RECEIVE MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTING DIRECT TO COUNCIL**

For the clarification of Members as these are sub committees reporting direct to council all items are part 1.

**15/602.1 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE DATED 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

Minutes of the Community Resilience subcommittee meeting were presented by Cllr Watkins in the absence of the Committee Chairman and **AGREED**

**15/602.2 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DATED 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan subcommittee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the Chairman of the Committee and **AGREED**

Councillors had been requested to provide feedback by 11<sup>th</sup> December, only 4 Councillors had responded by the 16<sup>th</sup> December; a one page summary of the responses was circulated prior to the meeting. Members were informed that copies of the full submissions were available from the office.

Additional items raised to go into the Neighbourhood Plans discussions include additional allotments land and the removal of the bushes in Queen Square raised by the Children at St Nicholas Chantry School.

**15/603 AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

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

**15/604 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST**

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

**15/605 TO RECEIVE THE RESPONSE FROM NSC RE THE NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN**

Members noted the response from North Somerset Council

**15/606 RECEIVE THE REPORT AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL TO PLACE SOLAR PANELS ON THE COUNCIL OFFICES. – CLLR WATKINS**

The Chairman reported on his discussions with Low Carbon Gordano re placing of solar panels on the council roof. He reported that the savings to the Council would be low. Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** not to continue, at this time, with the proposal.

**15/607 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 8**

There were no questions asked under Standing Order No 8

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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