

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the 421st meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th MAY 2011**

PRESENT: Cllr C Blades – Chairman
Councillors,
Town Clerk - Ms P Heath; Deputy Town Clerk – Mrs Johnson

A minutes silence was held for Ms Hilda Baker a past Councillors who recently passed away.

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**PRAYERS**

No Prayers were said

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs D Jones (Longacre) and Mr G Moore (Cambridge Road) spoke about the pine trees to the rear of Longacre which were being considered under planning minutes 16th March 2011, repeating many of the points made at the meeting of the 16th at which they were present.

Mr R Westwood (St Johns Road) asked that the Council put pressure on NSC in respect of the state of St Johns Road, which was full of large and deep potholes. For one stretch of the road, drivers had only the centre of the road to drive on; this was an accident waiting to happen.

The Chairman asked that this be considered by The Transport & Highways Committee.

FORMAL BUSINESS**11/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

11/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

11/117 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd March 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

11/118 THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to remove the minutes from confidential status.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th April 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

11/119 THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information

11/120 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.

DIS – copies of which were emailed to Councillors – hard copy attached for those Councillors without email addresses, 755,756,757, 758

CORRESPONDENCE

Email – Avon Pension Fund – To decide if CTC wish to nominate a representative on Avon Pension Fund. No member wished to be nominated to act as a Town/Parish Council representative on the Avon Pension Fund board.

11/121 TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**11/121.1 PLANNING 16TH MARCH 2011**

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

Part 1

*(11/43 **RESOLVED**: TO RECOMMEND that Council agree with the request to fell four Monterey Pine Trees adjacent to Longacre as agreed by the Environment Agency and NSC.)*

Following a detailed discussion it was **AGREED** by 12 votes to 1

*(11/44 **RESOLVED**: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the path off Kenn Road is named 'River Path')*

AGREED

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

11/121.2 PLANNING – 30TH MARCH 2011

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

11/121.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 06TH APRIL 2011

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting were presented to the meeting, by the former Vice Chairman of the Committee Cllr Pennycott, and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to remove minute No 11/30 from the agreed minutes and return this to the committee for rewording.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to request the Committee to reconsider its decision on 11/28.2 concerning the grit bin at Hill Road.

11/121.4 FINANCE AND GENERAL POLICY – 13TH APRIL 2011

Minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. There being no Part 1 items The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items; there were none

11/121.5 PLANNING – 20TH APRIL 2011

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

Part 1 items

*(11/68 **RESOLVED**: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL agree to the purchase of a laptop and projector and the provision of wi fi in the Council House to enable Councillors to view planning applications at Planning Committee meetings and to enhance Council House facilities for the use of groups hiring the meeting rooms. To be funded Environment & Property Committee budget. Costings and comparisons to be provided for the full Council meeting on 18 May 2011.)*

Members discussed at great length the legal requirements concerning planning and the scaling of plans, which is not possible from the NSC web site.

An amendment proposed by Cllr Francis-Pester *"TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL agree to the purchase of a laptop and projector and the provision of wi fi in the Council House to enable Councillors to view planning applications at Planning Committee meetings and to enhance Council House facilities for the use of groups hiring the meeting rooms. That North Somerset Council is requested to fund the changes of system required by Clevedon Town Council to implement North Somerset Council's requirements"*

AGREED

Proposed seconded and **AGREED** to investigate the legal requirements under planning law to scale drawings.

Proposed seconded and **AGREED** to approve the provision of Laptop and infrastructure to support the displaying of plans from North Somerset Council web site up to a budget amount of £1300 to be funded from E & P Committee equipment budget and the Office equipment budget.

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

11/121.6 TOWN EVENTS & AMENITIES – 27TH APRIL 2011

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

Part 1

(35.1 RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the provision of Christmas Lights in the Triangle Area as detailed above TOTAL COST £3,000. This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2011/2012).

AGREED

It was noted that care would be taken with the roof and plaques on the Clock Tower.

(35.2 RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL OPTION 1 as detailed above to provide catenary wires and Christmas lights along Old Street as far as the Village Hall in 2011. TOTAL COST £3,000. This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2011/2012.)

AGREED

(35.3 RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL the erection, maintenance during switch on, dismantling and storage of the Christmas lights in Hill Road TOTAL COST £1,300. This sum to be allocated from the TEA Committee budget for 2011/2012.)

AGREED

The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items

11/38 Members discussed the financing of the CCTV camera's and a possible visit to the monitoring centre.

11/121.7 ALLOTMENTS – 18th April 2011

Minutes of the Allotment Committee meeting were presented to the meeting and **AGREED**. The Committee Chairman invited questions or comments on Part 2 items;.

11/06 In response to a question it was explained that trees were not allowed on Allotment site due to the problems associated with their removal at the end of the tenancy.

11/04 member queried the use of tar on the site as it may contain harmful substances; this would be investigated by the Committee.

11/122 TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

11/123 APPROVE RETROSPECTIVE ACCOUNTS PAID PER THE ATTACHED LIST

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

11/124 RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR END 2011 SUBJECT TO EXTERNAL AUDIT

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts to 31st March 2011 subject to external audit and rectifying of a typing error in the notes to the accounts; as circulated with the agenda

11/125 RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to accept the Internal Auditors report for the accounts ended 31st March 2011 as circulated with the agenda.

11/126 RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual return for the accounts ended 31st March 2011 as circulated with the agenda.

11/127 RECEIVE MOTION BY CLLR SHOPLAND

“That this Council opposes the “Turning Off”, of any Street Lighting during the hours of darkness in Clevedon and asks the District Council to reconsider it’s proposal to do so.”

Members discussed the motion and the extent to which Clevedon Town Council can influence the decision already taken by NSC following a trial period.

The Motion being seconded by Cllr Morgan was put to the vote and lost by 12 votes to 5

11/128 CO-OPT 3 MEMBERS 2 FOR SOUTH WARD, 1 FOR WALTON WARD, UNDER REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1985 S21 (2.A)

Members discussed at length the legal requirement and restriction of co opting councillors immediately following a normal election, as per 1985 act which is procedurally different to the filling of a casual vacancy.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** by 11 votes to 6, to co opt Mrs A Walker to the Council as the only one on the list of co-optee’s to have stood and lost in the normal election.

Mrs Walker thanked the Members and asked to represent Walton Ward.

Members by way of ballot paper indicated their preference for the South Ward.

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** That Mr Graham Hill and Mr Martin Hime be co-opted for the South Ward.

Meeting closed at 10.17pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....