



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2019, AT THE YOUTH CLUB CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: B Eddolls (Chairman), V Davies, S Clarke, J Davies, P Day, S Green, A White, J Scarsbrook, Mrs H Siphthorp, Clerk/RFO of council and 6 members of the public

Also in attendance: Ward County Cllr N Moor & Ward District Cllr D Neill

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs M Moseley, M Curtis & C Smalley
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
Members were reminded to declare any interests that may arise during the course of the meeting.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2019**
Subject to a minor amendment to page 157 item 17 (d) where the word “tipping” be changed to “posting” it was **RESOLVED** – Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Clarke that the minutes then be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **RECORD OF VOTING** – 5 in favour, 3 abstentions.
4. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
None.
5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**
A couple of members of the public said they wished to speak and were given the opportunity by the chairman at the appropriate time.
6. **CLERK’S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY 2019**
Annual Town Meeting is cancelled for 4th April 2019. Awaiting response from Stow Social Club in relation to having the meeting there and a revised date would then be announced.
Local elections on 2nd May 2019. Clerk thanked all the members of council, volunteers (including Stow’s Brethren) for helping to deliver a booklet to all households in the town. Nomination packs are now available to download from CDC website.
7. **POLICE REPORT**
Members had been given a copy of the 3 monthly report from November 2018 to January 2019. It showed a decrease in the number of incidents from 52 to 28 when compared to the same period last year. Clerk was requested to ask if PC Page could attend the March council meeting to talk about ANPR cameras.
8. **REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR NIGEL MOOR, COTSWOLD DIVISION - STOW ON THE WOLD**
Cllr Moor handed out an information sheet giving details of GCC’s budget of £428M which had been approved. This gave details of how the budget is broken down including some new initiatives. He went on to speak about the works that had taken place on Stow Hill in relation to widening the footpath etc. He said that he had received some comments in relation to this work as to whether the footpath could be widened further. He said this was possible and arrangements are being made but he confirmed that this work would not need any traffic signals. Comments were also made in relation to mud that had been left on a refuge in the highway and also as to whether the grass verge on Bretton House side would be reseeded. Cllr Clarke offered to take photographs which will be sent to Cllr Moor.
Cllr Moor then went on to speak about a meeting he had arranged in relation to pedestrian access to the new Doctors surgery. This council had been represented by Cllrs Eddolls and White. As a result GCC are investigating the possibility of installing dropped kerbs adjacent to bus stop in Park



Street over to the Bell Inn. They will also look into traffic movement for when the surgery opens and give consideration to blocking off Back Walls, maybe in the vicinity of the Baptist Church, as an idea.

He then went on to say that he along with representatives from GCC/Police and Cllrs Eddolls and White had met to discuss the police's objections to the 7.5 tonne weight limit on Sheep Street. The police's main objection was in relation to enforcement which would come under their remit. As a result Cllr Moor along with Mr Skillern will meet once again with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) to discuss rerouting of lorries as a result of Burford Bridge potential 7.5 tonne weight limit. At the same time they will also discuss how OCC are using Trading Standards to enforce speeding in the county.

Cllr Moor talked about the recent "What a load of rubbish" forum organised by Stow Civic Society. He said that Coleford were doing a similar thing and would try to see if he could get a speaker to come along to a forthcoming council meeting.

A member of public was given the opportunity to speak with regard to the 20 mph speed limit in the square. He said that vehicles were cutting through at the back of St Edward's Hall to overtake the cars going the normal route/speed limit through the square to Digbeth Street. Cllr Moor said he would look into this.

Cllr Eddolls thanked Cllr Moor for his report and continued work and support of the town.

9. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR DILYS NEILL

Cllr Neill said she attended the council meeting on Tuesday. She ran through a few topics that had been discussed including refuse collection and new vehicles that are coming on board from Ubico; Budget was approved and council tax will be increased by 2%; A change in policy for the grant given to every Ward Councillor; Free parking on Sundays in CDC owned car parks was debated; A new cabinet member for market towns after elections. A member of council expressed concern over the letter that Cllr Neill had sent out in conjunction with the Liberal Democratic party. There were several inaccuracies, one of which where the party were taking credit for the resurfacing works in the square which this council had delivered working in conjunction with GCC. Cllr Neill apologised and said she would look into it.

A member of public spoke saying that a contractor, on behalf of CDC, is using a spray which he believed had been banned. Cllr Neill said she would take this up with her council.

Cllr Eddolls thanked Cllr Neill for her report and efforts on behalf of the town.

10. TO COMMENT ON INDEPENDENT DOG FOUL CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY A FEW CONCERNED RESIDENTS IN THE TOWN

As already discussed by the Planning, traffic & parking committee the council fully support the aim of this group but totally disagree with the inappropriate and unacceptable language used which had caused upset to residents and visitors too. Council urge the group to contact the council so that they can work together. Clerk has put a notice in March 2019 issue of Stow Times to that effect.

11. TO DISCUSS GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW FINANCIAL YEAR FOR COTSWOLD FESTIVAL FOR £2,000 AND WHETHER COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER MAKING A PARTIAL PAYMENT IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR?

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Day that £1,000 be paid immediately towards this grant. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

12. TO DISCUSS WHETHER COUNCIL SUPPORT THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S WISH FOR A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNANCE OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE (GFRS) TO COME UNDER HIS REMIT OR WHETHER COUNCIL THINK THAT GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SHOULD RETAIN UNDER THEIR AUSPICES?



RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Clarke that the clerk should write to Mr Peter Bungard, Chief Executive of GCC to give full support to them retaining governance of GFRS.

RECORD OF VOTING – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

13. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:-

a) Burial Board

Cllr Scarsbrook said that the Board had met earlier in the day. She gave an overview of what had been discussed and draft minutes will be circulated in due course.

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) To approve bank reconciliation to 31st January 2019

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Eddolls, seconded Cllr Scarsbrook that bank reconciliation for current account is approved for an amount of £45,692.73 when all cheques have been drawn. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

ii) To approve expenditure to date for February 2019

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Day that expenditure is approved for an amount including VAT of £19,379.47 see Appendix 1 on page 162 for details. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

iii) To report balances in Lloyds Fixed Bond & CCLA account as at 31st January 2019

In absence of chairman the clerk reported that there is £52,995.67 in the Lloyds Fixed Bond and £41,131.31 in the CCLA account.

c) Parks & Square Committee

Cllr J Davies said no meeting had taken place. Clerk to organise for the CPT to retrieve the builders bags from rubbish pile on QEII field and return to the container. Clerk also reported that the dry stone wall adjacent to Talbot Square was in need of repair and will get an estimate for the work.

d) Planning, Traffic & Parking Committee

Cllr Day said committee had met on Tuesday and draft minutes had been circulated to all members. He gave an overview of what had been discussed.

e) Neighbourhood Development Plan Group

Cllr Day said that the group are due to meet in a couple of weeks.

14. REPORT BY ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A MEETING OR ATTENDED ANY EVENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

Cllr Eddolls had attended the “What a load or rubbish” forum which Stow Civic Society had organised. He had also attended the “Topping Out” ceremony at the Brio Retirement development site earlier in the day.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING

A member of public expressed concern about the many straw lorries that pass through the town and drop straw which in turn blocks the drains. He thought it was against the law not to cover the straw in transit. Clerk to check out with GCC.

16. MEETING CLOSED: 8.20 pm.

17. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 28th March 2019 at 7.00 pm.



Appendix 1

CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS FEBRUARY 2019

Number	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
3270	Cottage Garden Services	Trimming yews in cemetery & play park inspections	£1,195.00	£239.00	£1,434.00
3271	C J Cook	Resurfacing cemetery overflow car park	£9,990.00	£1,998.00	£11,988.00
3272	Mr J Wise	Litter pick at playparks for February	£35.00		£35.00
3273	Came & Company	Extra insurance cover for assets	£94.18		£94.18
3274	Paperstation Limited	Stationery	£25.75	£5.15	£30.90
3275	Rotary Club of North Cotswold	Grant to run drama workshop for year 6 pupils Stow primary school	£250.00		£250.00
3276	Cotswold Times	Page in March 2019 issue	£287.50	£57.50	£345.00
3277	Paperstation Limited	Stationery	£25.90	£5.18	£31.08
3278	Cotswold District Council	VIC noticeboard poster	£36.44	£7.29	£43.73
3279	GAPTC	Digital mapping training	£10.00		£10.00
3280	Mr R Sharpe	Overpayment on purchasing EROB	£173.00		£173.00
3281	Mr J Wise	Litter pick at playparks for March	£35.00		£35.00
3282	Richard Cogan Limited	Photocopying for January 2019	£194.11	£38.82	£232.93
3283/84	Administration	Staff costs	£3,020.75		£3,020.75
3285	Ms E Sajewicz	Expenses for refreshments	£38.61		£38.61
3286	Mr A Ferrige	Electric supply for xmas lights	£20.00		£20.00
3287	Cancelled		£0.00		£0.00
3288	Mrs G James	Electric supply for xmas lights	£74.00		£74.00
3289	Old Stocks Hotel	Electric supply for xmas lights	£20.00		£20.00
3290	Lucy's Tearooms	Electric supply for xmas lights	£10.00		£10.00
3291	Rialtas Business Solutions Limited	Training session for clerk	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00
3292	GPFA	Annual subscription	£50.00		£50.00
DD522019	Lloyds Charge Card	Cherry picker hire & subscription to SLCC	£506.95	£51.34	£558.29
DD532019	Grundon Waste	Cemetery refuse collection	£42.15	£8.43	£50.58



DD532019	Grundon Waste	Office refuse collection	£646.15	£9.23	£655.38
DD542019	Sirus Limited	December internet/phone costs	£54.33	£10.87	£65.20
TOTALS			£16,930.66	£2,448.81	£19,379.47

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____

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