



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE YOUTH CLUB CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM

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

Also in attendance: County Cllr N Moor, Cotswold Division – Stow on the Wold & Ward District Cllr D Neill

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs M Curtis & M Moseley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Members were reminded to declare any interests that may arise during the course of the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Eddolls said that a meeting is being arranged with members of Moreton in Marsh Town Council and Bourton on the Water Parish Council. There was much common ground in terms of issues and thought it would be a good idea to have a meeting with all three councils to discuss.

4. MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30TH JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Davies that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

6. TO CONFIRM THE RESIGNATION OF MR HUGO CHESTON FROM COUNCIL

Members noted and Chairman gave thanks to Mr Cheston.

7. TO CONFIRM THAT CDC HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE ABOVE CASUAL VACANCY

Members noted. Clerk advised that if a request from 10 local government electors is received within 14 days of the notice – 12th March 2020 – then the vacancy will be filled by an election. If no call for an election then the council will be given the go ahead to co opt a new member.

8. TO ELECT A MEMBER OF COUNCIL TO SIT ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP TO REPLACE FORMER CLLR CHESTON

Clerk said that Cllr Curtis had expressed an interest in taking up this seat. Unanimously agreed this would be deferred to the next meeting.

9. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:-

- (i) **Toffs & Totties Charity Bike Ride – Saturday 4th July 2020 and to ask if council will support this event as in previous years by getting volunteers to commit to help on the morning in preparation for the bikes arriving**

Chairman pulled this item forward on the agenda to allow the two representatives to speak and then leave the meeting. They thanked the council for their continued support and said they had raised £5,192 last year. They asked if the council would help once again, cordoning off some of the parking bays in advance of their arrival. Unanimously agreed that council will help and support once again. One member came forward and it was also suggested that perhaps some of the Stow Motor Show volunteers may be able to help.



10. CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30TH JANUARY 2020

Police Pubwatch Scheme is progressing well and the first meeting should be arranged shortly with all licensed premises in the town.

Lloyds Fixed Bond for 1 year for an amount of £35,000 is in place and the 1.05% interest will return £369.51.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLR NIGEL MOOR, COTSWOLD DIVISION, STOW ON THE WOLD

Cllr Moor reported that GCC had submitted a bid to the Department of Transport's pinch point fund and this included improvements to the Unicorn Junction.

The budget for community transport is £100,000 and funding would be given to the Villager Bus, Cotswold Friends, Hedgehog etc.

He then went on to say how pleased he was that Cabinet had agreed that the Parking Reviews for Stow on the Wold and Moreton in Marsh had been given the go ahead. Work will commence in July 2020 with implementation in September 2021.

He said that a grant had been given to Stow Almshouse Charity.

He then took questions from members of council and the public. One of the complaints was the blocked gullies from Back Walls down to the bottom of Stow Hill. He asked the clerk to contact GCC's Local Highways Manager to ask him to get the jetter to the town as soon as possible.

12. REPORT FROM WARD DISTRICT CLLR DILYS NEILL

Cllr Neill began her report talking about CDC's budget and the results of the recent public consultation. She said that response from residents was much better this year and it was evident that the residents put climate change and waste services as their priorities.

As reported before Cllr Neill said that the Local Plan is commencing its first review and that extensive changes will be made to ensure compliance to CDC's commitment to climate change. She said for the first time CDC will be borrowing money to help fund a "Commercialisation Strategy" with emphasis on social housing and employment.

The cash machine in the Mangersbury Road car park had been stolen. As a result the car park would become cashless and users will have to pay using their mobile phone.

She ended her report saying that it has been confirmed that Bromford Housing are definitely going to redevelop Chamberlayne House but no details are available at the moment.

13. POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

14. TO DISCUSS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members had been circulated the report. Cllr White congratulated the clerk as there were no recommendations to council.

15. TO CONFIRM AND DISCUSS THE FACT THAT THE LEASE BETWEEN COUNCIL AND STOW CRICKET CLUB ENDS IN AUGUST 2020 AND TO DECIDE THE WAY FORWARD IN TERMS OF DRAFTING NEW LEASE AND WHETHER IT SHOULD BE DELEGATED TO A COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO DEAL AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL

Unanimously agreed that all members of council should be involved and the clerk will set up a meeting in due course.

16. TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR, MRS B BOWEN, FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021 AT A COST OF £630 BASED ON TWO MID YEAR AND YEAR END VISITS RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Deacon, seconded Cllr Rixon that Mrs Bowen is appointed and expenditure is approved. RECORD OF VOTING – All in favour. Motion carried.



17. TO DISCUSS AND MAKE DECISION ON STOW ALMSHOUSE CHARITY'S APPLICATION FOR £1,000 TOWARDS REFURBISHMENT OF A YARD AT REAR OF PROPERTIES

Cllr Deacon declared an interest as a council representative trustee on this charity. **RESOLVED** – Proposed Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Rixon that the grant requested is paid in full. **RECORD OF VOTING** – 7 in favour, 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

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

a) Burial Board

Cllr Scarsbrook said no meeting had taken place. There were ongoing discussions with Brio Retirement in relation to the dry stone wall which has once again collapsed this week. Clerk reported that the new Access database had been built and a few issues need ironing out but in the longer term is a much more user friendly format than the previous version.

b) Finance & General Purpose Committee

Cllr White said the committee had met on 20th February 2020 and that the draft minutes had been circulated.

i) To approve bank reconciliation to 31st January 2020

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Deacon approved for an amount of £96,761.28 when all unrepresented cheques had cleared and was signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

ii) To report balances in Lloyds Fixed Bond and Public Sector Deposit Fund (CCLA) account as at 31st January 2020

He reported that there is £35,000 in Lloyds fixed bond and in the CCLA Public Sector Fund an amount of £21,393.03.

iii) To approve expenditure for February 2020

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Deacon that gross expenditure of £42,177.09 is approved – see Appendix 1 for details on page 222. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

c) Parks & Square Committee

Cllr Rixon said the committee had not met since the last council meeting. She gave a brief update on some of the projects in hand.

Members noted that the VIC footfall for the month of January 2020 in comparison to the previous year is up by 588 and for counter enquiries for the same period also up by 221.

d) Planning, Traffic & Parking Committee

Cllr Day said that the committee had met twice on 4th & 24th February 2020 and that draft minutes had been circulated.

e) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Deacon said that the questionnaire and covering letter should be posted out in the next couple of days. The public consultation days have been organised and the events will be promoted throughout the town. She asked members to encourage the residents to come along and if they had difficulty in completing the questionnaire then help would be on hand. She is currently recruiting new members for the Steering group from within the community. She ended saying that the Steering group are now looking at specific draft policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. Chairman thanked Cllr Deacon for all the hard work she has put in on the plan.

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

Cllr Rixon had attended a St Edward's Hall Management Committee meeting.



Cllr Deacon had attended a Stow Almshouse Charity meeting.
 Cllr Davies (& the clerk) had attended a meeting with CDC/GCC for the annual appraisal meeting in relation to the grant given by CDC to council for the VIC.
 Cllr Eddolls had attended the relaunch of The Porch House and he said he had also attended the funeral for the late Mr Rob Hathaway.

20. MEETING CLOSED at 8.18 pm.

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Appendix 1

Cheque/ Direct Debit No	Name	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
3460	Blachere Illuminations UK Limited	Accessories for xmas tree lights on Stocks Green	£8.57	£1.71	£10.28
3461	G Force Fireworks Limited	Deposit for 2020 display	£250.00		£250.00
3462	Centre 67 Stow Youth Club	Q4 rent and cleaning	£2,828.00		£2,828.00
3463	GAPTC	Being a Good Councillor training for Cllr J Scarsbrook	£95.00		£95.00
3464	Mrs H Siphthorp	Mileage expenses	£64.80		£64.80
3465/66	Administration		£2,895.48		£2,895.48
3467	GPFA	Annual membership renewal	£50.00		£50.00
DD582020	Lloyds chargecard	SLCC membership, cherry picker hire for xmas lights, display board for NP public consultations & new meeting room table	£687.27	£86.65	£773.92
DD592020	Lloyds Bank	1 year fixed interest bond	£35,000.00		£35,000.00
Direct Debit	Sirus Limited	Internet/phone charges for January 2020	£51.85	£10.37	£62.22
Direct Debit	Richard Coglan Limited	January copier charges	£49.07	£9.81	£58.88
Direct Debit	Grundon Waste Management Limited	Office refuse collection	£30.01	£6.00	£36.01
Direct Debit	Grundon Waste Management Limited	Cemetery refuse collection	£43.75	£8.75	£52.50
TOTALS			£42,053.80	£123.29	£42,177.09



Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____

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