



Cricklade Town Council

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FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2009 7PM at Ockwells

Cllr D Tetlow, Chairman
Cllr B Atfield
Cllr A Clements
Cllr M Hatton

Cllr B Beasley
Cllr P Colmer

Cllr Mrs M Boulton
Cllr M Dixon

Cllr G Chapman
Cllr Mrs L Forrester

+ Wiltshire Cllr Mrs H Dixon, 1 member of the press and 3 members of the public

Fire evacuation instructions were brought to the attention of the public

Public Question Time – Bob Jones chairman of the Thames Hall Management committee briefed members that the scheduled works had been completed. However other necessary works had been noted. Funding for the works was provided by grants from NWDC, CTC and the Management Committee. All members of the council were invited to pop down to see the completed work.

MINUTES

09.01. Apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs A Dentith and T Robertson

09.02. Declarations of Interest

None received

09.03 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman announced the following:

- The Personnel Sub Committee met earlier today to discuss applications received for the position of Town Clerk. 23 applications had been received and 4 were selected for interview
- The balance from the 08/09 Chairman's allowance budget is to be donated to the Open Door (Cricklade Day Centre)
- The Community Garden project has started at Waylands – a little slow to begin but on target for finishing. One of the hold-ups was that a BT cable had been hit and identifying ownership took some time.
- Plans for the Cricklade Town Festival were well underway and thanks had been received from the organisers for the £1,200 grant that the Town Council had given. The theme is to be 'Around the World in 80 Days' and some of the activities covered are – a World Showcase, Hot Air Balloon, and Steel Band. Food will be purchased from local traders.

09.04 Policing Issues

- Report from a member of the local police – No police present
- Community speed Watch information – This initiative has been introduced to this Council

by the local police. Local interested parties would be trained for use of hand held speed monitoring equipment by Road Policing Officers. Volunteers would need to be found and management of the programme would need to be established. The Town Council would need to purchase the camera for use costing £1,800. During a Suspension of Standing orders Bob Jones of the Business Association mentioned that the police precept was very high for this financial year and that the community should not be expected to cover the cost of this camera. Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** that evidence and information be found from other towns who have adopted this initiative before taking it any further.

- CCTV update – a report was circulated. Camera at Fire Station has now been agreed. Leisure Centre Camera has now been agreed and a £5000 donation received. Vale Camera – Planning application submitted. The Planning Officer of WC is of mind to refuse it due to the type of camera/bracket proposed on a listed building. The type that the Officer is recommending would cost an additional £1,942. At CTCs Planning Meeting held on the 6th April it was resolved that Helen Dixon be asked to call this application in. Bob Jones has offered to write a justification for support. Cllr Colmer felt that we could only call the application to committee if it was proven that the camera/bracket the Planning Officer is insisting on is not fit for purpose. A statement from the contractor quoting this fact to be requested. Once this statement is to hand it was **RESOLVED** to call the application to committee.
Tesco Camera – The Property Manager for Tesco is still protesting and requesting technical information that has now been forwarded to her via the Contractor A donation of £5000 received – **After note** – *permission to site this camera now received.*

09.05 Wiltshire Council Report

Councillor Mrs H Dixon reported on the following:

Since the 1st April and the move to a unitary council – all seems to have moved on well. The Open door issue is still being monitored and the standard of care for the elderly. Planning issues are still being chased and noted. Information on the LGA flooding conference was passed to Cllr Chapman. Information on the Vale CCTV camera to be forwarded to Cllr Dixon.

09.06 Minutes

The Minutes of the 2nd March 2009 were signed and adopted as a true record.

09.07 Clerk's Action Report

- 08.126 Resignation of Clerk – PSC meeting held 11th March Minutes attached another meeting arranged for 14th April
- 08.127 Police Matters – Clerk to advise complainant regarding the closure of the police surgery on 26th February through sickness. This could not be carried out as the complainant did not leave his name or contact details.
- 08.131 Action from previous minutes – Land Registration – Lemon & co have agreed to look into all deeds held with them and identify any that have not been registered.
- 08.119
- 08.131 Correspondence – Free energy Efficiency Audit – carried out at the Museum on Monday 23rd march – Results still not received.
- 08.135 Correspondence
Jenner Hall New Floor celebrations – Cllr Robertson agreed to attend.
Jenner Hall request to use logo – granted, Jenner Hall notified
NCAP questionnaire – copies distributed to all members and organisations and copies put in reception. Completed forms have been handed in therefore they will be forwarded back at the appropriate time.

A previous action relating to the Area 2 proposal to split Area 2 into two community areas separating Cricklade from Wootton Bassett. The recommendation at the Implementation Executive meeting 16th March was '*That the request to divide the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area into two separate community partnership areas be not accepted at this stage and that the Community Area Partnership be encouraged to adopt the approach set out in*

paragraph 6 below – (para 6 reads) That for representational and administrative purposes, each parish and town council be allocated a seat on the same Area Board as their elected unitary councillor.

09.08 Committee Minutes –

The following committee minutes were noted.

Planning Conservation & Transport 23rd February & 16 March

Community & Leisure 10th February & 10th March

Policy & Resources – 23rd March to be signed at next P & R meeting

Personnel Sub-Committee – 11th March

It was noted that Cllrs Clements and Hatton who serve on the Policy & Resources committee are no longer District Councillors. However they were both elected to serve on this committee therefore will remain until the Annual Meeting of the Town Council (11th May 2009) when the position may change.

09.09 Correspondence

- a) Invitation from the Royal International Air Tattoo to attend a briefing – Cllr Boulton agreed to attend
- b) Notes of the Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Pilot Area Board meeting – held in the Council offices - noted

09.10 Town Council Accounts

It was noted that members did not find the spreadsheet easy to understand. It was agreed that the possibility of a separate sheet showing all grant income and expenditure be explored.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt The Town Council receipts & payments & committee reports for month 11 as a true record.

09.11 Exclusion of Public & Press

Because of the special nature of the following item, the Chairman proposed the following resolution – That the following item is conducted under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 – therefore the public and press were excluded and left the room.

09.12 Town Council Vacancy

There was just one candidate for the Town Councillor vacancy Mrs Ruth Szybiak. Ruth spoke on the reasons why she wished to become a Town Councillor. She was then thanked and asked to leave. Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED** that Ruth Szybiak be co-opted onto the Town Council and be invited to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm