



Cricklade Town Council

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EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Monday 22nd June 2009 7pm at Ockwells

Present: Cllr D Tetlow, Chairman
Cllr B Atfield Cllr Mrs D Avenell Cllr B Beasley Cllr Mrs M Boulton
Cllr G Chapman Cllr A Clements Cllr M Dixon Cllr M Hatton
Cllr Mrs R Szybiak + 1 member of the public

Notice to public regarding fire instruction on entrance door were brought to the attention of the public.

Public Question Time – there were no questions asked.

MINUTES

09.23. Apologies for absence.

Received from Cllrs: Mrs L Forrester, Mrs T Robertson, Mrs A Dentith, P Colmer & R Case

09.24. Declarations of Interest

None received

09.25. Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Tetlow mentioned the following:

- Town Clerk's retirement – Our Thanks go to Sue Webb for her service as Town Clerk to Cricklade. Sue has been with us for some four years and her enthusiasm for the role has been apparent from the very start. Our thanks also for her contribution to Cricklade.
- Police meeting – At his request, Shelly Parker and myself met with Police Sergeant Martin Alvis. Martin was keen to ensure we maintain good working relationships and find ways of working together where possible. Shelly will be writing up a report on agreed key action points ready for the next meeting of this Council.
- Wilts & Berks Canal Partnership meeting – On the 11th June cllr B Atfield and myself on behalf of Council attended this meeting. Nothing significant to report as far as the Cricklade Country Way Scheme is concerned – Work continues on further environmental work for the next few months to try and address concerns from the EA and others over the previous planning application. It was also mentioned that invoices should be coming out to all partners in the near future.
- Area boards – First meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th July. Karen Scott will be joining us at our FTC meeting on Monday 6th July to explain how the Area boards will work and how we go about getting something on the Agenda. This meeting will commence at 6.30pm. – We need to be clear on what the local issues are for us and their priorities. It is now several years since we last held a public meeting to discuss Cricklade's priorities but we know many of the issues – they haven't changed i.e. HGVs, Flooding, Affordable Housing, Care for the elderly, etc. Our new Unitary

Councillor is keen for us to pursue our top priorities through the new Area Boards and so, with this in mind, Shelly, Peter and I got together last week to try and identify those issues that we are aware of. Shelley will write this up and circulate to everyone so that we can make sure that none have been missed and also so that we can begin to think of priorities.

- Cricklade Festival – Our thanks go to the organisers for delivering another great event for our residents – It continues to go from strength to strength as an event and more importantly a tourist attraction.

09.26. Town Council Accounts

External Audit

It was proposed by cllr Atfield, seconded by cllr Chapman and unanimously carried to approve the Balance Sheet prepared for the External Auditor for year end 31st March 2009 and therefore was signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by cllr Chapman, seconded by cllr Dixon and unanimously carried to approve Section 1 of the Annual Return, the Statement of Accounts for year end 31st March 2009 therefore was signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk itemised the Annual Governance Statement, Section 2 of the Annual Return for year end 31st March 2009. It was then proposed by cllr Beasley, seconded by cllr Chapman and unanimously carried to approve this section and therefore was signed by the Chairman.

The Internal Auditor's letter of assurance that the Accounts for year end 31st March 2008/09 were in good order was noted.

Congratulations were relayed to the Clerk and her team for excellent accounting throughout the past financial year.

Meeting closed at 7.12pm