

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th October 2016 at 7.00pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.

Present: Councillors: Birch, Bollen, Bullivant, Duff, Evans, Gregory, Molyneux, O'Toole and Powell.
Officers: Clerk (Carol Hinton) Admin Assistant (Kevin Duffin)

The Council stood and observed a minute's silence to remember and pay its respects to Council Chairman Steve Ford who died suddenly on 26th September 2016.

1. CHAIRMAN

a) **To elect** a Chairman

Councillor Powell was proposed and with no other proposals was elected unopposed.

b) **Chairman to sign** the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Declaration to be signed November

2. VICE CHAIRMAN

a) **To elect** a Vice Chairman

Councillor Duff was proposed and with no other proposals agreed to stand until May and was elected unopposed

b) **Vice Chairman to sign** the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Declaration to be signed November

3. ATTENDANCE

a) **To receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend.

b) **To consider for acceptance** those apologies received with reasons for absence.

All Councillors present – County Councillor Patrick Molyneux had sent his apologies.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.

Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.

b) **To consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2016

b) **To consider any questions** – Clerk to check age limit for Councillor cover.

6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

7. COMMITTEES

Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees.

i) Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 28th September 2016

Questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the Committee – Councillor Molyneux reported that FoDDC had received complaints about item 7(g). Councillor Powell commented that the application had been shown on the Planning Committee agenda which had been posted on the website and noticeboards for the required notice period. Members of the public were able to attend the Committee meeting. Councillor Molyneux reported that the application will now be considered by Committee at District level and that more hedging along the field fence will be planted.

Item 6 should read 'refuse'

8. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman showed Councillors the painted logo for the headed paper which the Clerk will work with to reproduce as a letterhead.

9. **POLICING IN THE PARISH**

Resolved to note no report received.

10. **PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

To receive and consider the Parish Clerk's Report

Resolved to note the Parish Clerk's Report

11. **FINANCE**

a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for Sept 2016

b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for Sept 2016

c) **Resolved to note** external auditor report. Councillors noted that a Financial Risk Assessment had been introduced during the year and that a partial Risk Assessment exists – they do not consider the External Auditor's comments correctly reflect the situation.

12. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

a) **Resolved to appoint** Councillor Gregory to Amenities Committee

b) **Resolved to appoint** Councillor Evans to Amenities Committee

c) **Resolved to appoint** Councillor Evans to Finance and Probity and Mopla Cottages Committees

13. **PUBLIC AND CHARITABLE BODIES**

a) **Resolved to appoint** Councillor Bullivant as Tidenham Parish Council Sedbury Space representative.

b) **Resolved to appoint** Councillor Evans as Tidenham Parish Council SARA representative.

14. **COMMEMORATION OF STEVE FORD**

a) **Resolved to approve** donation to Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall in lieu of flowers. Clerk and Chair to find amount paid for flowers for Gerald Blunt and arrange payment for November accordingly

b) **Resolved to approve** commemorative bench in memory of Steve at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall. Clerk to obtain quotes for suitable benches.

15. **BUILDING ON CORNER ORMEROD ROAD**

Resolved to postpone sending letter as Amenities Committee have already agreed to write – Admin Assistant to report response to November meeting

16. **TIDENHAM WAR MEMORIAL HALL AND RECREATION TRUST AGREEMENT**

Resolved to revert to the original Agreement with the Trust, subject to changing the date to 1st December 2016 and the wording at paragraph 7.

17. **ELM ROAD DEVELOPMENT**

Resolved to send letter to District and County Councils, with press release, requesting a review of services now that 250 new dwellings are expected. After much discussion content of letter to be agreed between Chair, Councillor Evans and the Clerk.

18. **MOPLA COTTAGES**

Resolved to note letter sent to Charity Commission regarding legal status of the Trust, awaiting response for consideration at Mopla Cottages meeting November 30th.

19. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Resolved to approve Being a Better Councillor course for Councillor Evans with GAPTC total cost £95.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report. Also received:
Complaints about organisation and notification of Beachley Road closure
Letter from FoDDC regarding withdrawal of the Local Council Tax Support Grant for 2017/2018
Email from Lawrence Hanson regarding police response to a theft at his home – Clerk to advise letter to Police and Crime Commissioner.

21. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Resolved to note the following raised by Councillors:
Councillor Gregory – reported theft of mower from Sedbury Park and disinterested attitude of police.
Councillor O'Toole – reported that the road signs coming into Tutshill from the A48 are obscured. Also following reports of a small village near Bisley having had fast broadband installed, why is this not widely available locally?
Councillor Bullivant – reminder to councillors of the Remembrance day service on the Recreation Ground at 10.30am (there being no councillors available to attend the service on Sunday 13th Clerk to ask scouts to present the wreath as last year)
Councillor Duff – to improve communications should a monthly newsletter be considered. Also should FoDDC be asking for a change of postcodes locally to 'GL' following announcement of electoral boundary changes.
Councillor Evans – Also reported road signs in to Tutshill. Also Glos Police running survey on what makes Gloucestershire great – could Councillors participate and a request sent for results of the survey.

22. FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the dates of future council and committee meetings:
Wednesday 26th October - Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee
Wednesday 9th November – Amenities Committee Meeting
Wednesday 16th November – Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm