

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 7.00pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.

Present: Councillors: Bollen, Bullivant, Duff, Evans, Gregory, O'Toole and Powell.
Officers: Clerk (Carol Hinton), Admin Assistant (Kevin Duffin)
Also present: Three members of the public

1. **ATTENDANCE**

- a)) Apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend were received from Councillor Molyneux.
- b) **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillor Molyneux.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) **Resolved 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.
- b). **Resolved to consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2017 subject to amendment to item 5 iv) to read 'There were no questions to Councillor Gregory, Chair of the meeting' .
- b) **The Council considered** matters arising from those minutes. There were none.

4. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

There were 3 members of the public present as observers.

5. **COMMITTEES**

Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees

- i) Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 22nd March 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the Committee
Councillor Evans had also been present at the meeting – minutes to be amended.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Resolved to receive and note that a reply had been received from Welsh Water asking for details of costs of grass cutting. Admin Assistant to calculate cost of cutting the Welsh Water area. Also Clerk to investigate the possibility of all Councillors being members of each Committee, some as reserves, to ensure all meetings can be quorate.

7. **POLICING IN THE PARISH**

Resolved to Note no report received. Full report had been given by PC Assirati at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th April 2017.

8. **PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

Resolved to receive and note the Parish Clerk's Report.

Councillor Bollen to discuss dedication of the Steve Ford Commemorative bench with his family – Revd Treharne on sabbatical until July so he would not be able to conduct ceremony until then. If they would prefer an earlier date Councillor Bullivant will liaise with Church Wardens.

9. **FINANCE**

- a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for March 2017
- b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for March 2017

10. **NEWSLETTER**

Resolved to approve draft of Spring Newsletter subject to amendments, proof reading and additional article on speeding to be submitted by Councillor Evans

11. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

a) **Resolved to answer 'yes'** to the questions on the Annual Governance Statement having considered each statement in detail.

b) **Resolved to sign** Statement which was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk

12. **BURIAL GROUND**

Resolved to note predicted requirement for additional burial ground in approximately 5 years. Clerk and Admin Assistant to produce initial detailed report for July meeting.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolved to note any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report.

Also noted correspondence from Local Government Boundary Commission – to be included in May meeting.

14. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Resolved to note the following raised by Councillors:

Councillor Evans - reported back from the Police and Crime Commissioner meeting he attended in March which comprised mostly a presentation on the current situation. Cllr Evans spoke with the Chief Superintendent for neighbourhood policing, Joanna Smallwood, about the need for more easily accessible local crime reports.

Councillor Duff – reported on an article in the Sun newspaper suggesting that a charge would be introduced to enter Chepstow. Cllr Evans reported that although Hardwicke Hill is the second most polluted road in the Country, charges could not be introduced on a trunk road which the A48 is in Chepstow.

Councillor Powell – raised the Parliamentary Boundary Review which will not be completed in time for the 8th June general election.

15. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Resolved to note the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 26th April - Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee

Wednesday 10th May 2017 – Amenities Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17th May 2017 – **Annual Council Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 20.18