

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the War Memorial Hall, Tutshill.

Present: Councillors: Birch, Bollen, Duff, Evans, Gregory, Koning, Lewis, Molyneux, O'Toole and Powell.
Officers: Clerk (Carol Hinton), Admin Assistant (Kevin Duffin)
Also present: PC Nick Assirati and District and County Councillor Patrick Molyneux.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a)) Apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend were received from Councillors Bullivant and Tullett.
- b) **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Bullivant and Tullett.

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 19th July 2017
- b) **The Council considered** matters arising from those minutes – Councillor Evans reported that SARA have yet to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There were no members of the public present.

5. COMMITTEES

Resolved to receive reports, minutes and recommendations from committees

- i) Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 26th July 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the Committee. Cllrs Evans and O'Toole requested alteration of wording at items 13 a) and b) – admin assistant to note for next meeting. Cllr Molyneux updated Councillors on item 9
- ii) Extraordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee held on 26th July 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the meeting
- iii) Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee meeting held on 23rd August 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Powell, Chair of the Committee
- iv) Finance and Probity Committee meeting held on 6th September 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Bollen, Chair of the Committee
- v) Mopla Cottages Committee meeting held on 6th September 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Bollen, Chair of the Committee
- vi) Amenities Committee meeting held on 13th September 2017
There were no questions to Councillor Powell Chair of the Meeting. Cllr Powell informed Councillors that the issue of the fence in Shirley's Grove is being referred for legal advice. Cllr Evans requested an alteration to wording at item 4b. v. and item 12a. The Admin Assistant confirmed that the draft circulated had yet to be finally checked prior to publication and that he would review the wording.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive and note any announcements from the Chairman of the meeting.
There were none

7. POLICING IN THE PARISH

Resolved to receive report in person from PC Nick Assirati who gave an overview of the crime statistics for the year to 17th September 2017. The figures appear to have increased but PC Assirati's feeling was that the change in reporting and recording of crimes has caused this apparent rise and that the crime rate is roughly the same as the previous year.

Cllr Birch asked about the recording of the crime of 'housebreaking' – this now recorded as dwelling burglary and which tends to have more severe sentences imposed.

Cllr Evans asked if there were clusters of crime incidents throughout the Parish – PC Assirati confirmed that some crimes were more prevalent in certain areas, but that overall crimes are spread over the diverse parish which includes rural, residential, social housing and army barracks areas within its boundaries.

Cllr Evans asked if the map showing crime incidents, accessible to the public, promised by the Assistant Chief Constable, was available yet. PC Assirati has seen the map, which he felt will not be available to the public due to data protection issues, but is not comfortable with its accuracy.

The Clerk was asked to write to PC Assirati to thank him for his hard work and support during his time working in the Parish.

8. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

Resolved to receive and note the Parish Clerk's Report

9. FINANCE

a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for August 2017

b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for August 2017

c) **Resolved to note** Receipts and Payments sheet as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee on 6th September 2017

d) **Resolved to note** Budget Monitoring sheet as presented to the Finance and Probity Committee on 6th September 2017

e) **Resolved to note** receipt of £13,141.01 VAT refund from 2016/2017 financial year.

f) **Resolved to approve** deposit of £13,000 to Monmouthshire Building Society

g) **Resolved to consider** future allocation of VAT refunds when the budget is set

10. WOODED QUARRY – ROSEMARY LANE

Resolved to note advice being sought from Weller Hedley Solicitors regarding next steps.

11. FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL WARD REVIEW

Councillor Patrick Molyneux gave an overview of the proposals and options available.

Resolved to approve 3 member one ward proposed option by the Local Boundary Commission, which will incorporate Woolaston and to suggest name of 'Tidenham and Woolaston Ward'

12. INSURANCE

a) **Resolved to approve adequacy** of level of cover provided under proposed renewal Schedule of Insurance with Aviva

b) **Resolved to approve renewal** of insurance under year 3 of 3 year Long Term Agreement with Aviva and payment of premium of £2238.04

13. NEWSLETTER

Resolved Councillors Birch, Evans, Lewis and Powell to co-ordinate articles for next newsletter.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved to note any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report. Also request for repair to listed water pump Tidenham – Clerk to advise English Heritage. Clerk advised that the Annual Return had been received back from auditor and would be displayed on website as soon as possible. Clerk had been informed of vacant allotments and awaiting reply from S&DLGA.

15. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Resolved to note the following raised by Councillors:

Cllr Birch asked for information on long standing planning applications where permission has been given but where development has not started

Cllr O'Toole reported that the turning for contractors' vehicles into the new 49 house development just off of the A48 is poorly signed and dangerous

Cllr Duff reported that the centre line on the road from the A48 to the roundabout has worn away

Cllr Evans reported that he has resigned forthwith from the Tidenham War Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Trust and has informed the Trust of his decision.

16. FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the dates of future Council and Committee meetings:

Wednesday 27th September 2017 - Planning, Development Control and Highways Committee

Wednesday 18th October 2017 – Full Council Meeting

The meeting concluded at 20.42hrs