

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2011**

Present:

Cllr Winney	Cllr Harwood	Cllr C Roberts
Cllr Cusack	Cllr Boulton	Cllr S Roberts
Cllr M Jones	Cllr Wardle	Cllr Hinton
Cllr Mumford	Cllr Hing	Cllr Sanford (part)

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), Laura Shack (Wilts & Glos Standard), 4 members of the public (part)

Prior to the meeting 2 candidates, Mrs Clare Muir and Ms. Jennifer Sanford were interviewed for the vacancy of Councillor.

The Clerk apologised and said that the number sequence for the Agenda had been altered as one item had been duplicated.

176 11/12 To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Jones.

177 11/12 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Declarations were received as follows:

Item 195 & 196 – Cllr Mumford – Prejudicial Interest

Item 195 & 197 – Cllr Wardle – No declaration of interest, but Cllr Wardle said that he would not take part in any discussion.

Item 195 – Cllr Roberts – Prejudicial Interest

178 11/12 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th October 2011 (pp082-086 11/12)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th October 2011 (pp082-086 11/12) as amended. Amendments include some small typo's and the inclusion of a question from Ms. Ferguson and the reply. Proposed Cllr Harwood, seconded Cllr S Roberts – 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

179 11/12 Matters arising

- Cllr C Roberts asked if there was any progress on obtaining information relating to Quality Status. The Clerk said that nothing had been received to date, but that she would chase this up – **ACTION: Clerk to chase up information re. Quality Status.**
- Cllr C Roberts asked if we could see a copy of Cllr S Jones' CWP report from 7th October. The Clerk said that she would chase this up – **ACTION: Clerk to speak to Cllr S Jones.**
- Cllr Wardle said that he had spoken to J. Stebbing regarding the payment of invoices and that he would be talking to him again the next FTC finance meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Finance meeting.**

Cllr Theodoulou arrived

180 11/12 To receive nominations from Councillors for the current vacancy of Councillor following presentations from prospective candidates and to elect a new Councillor.

Nominations were received for Clare Muir and Jennifer Sanford, by Cllr Wardle and Cllr Mumford. A vote was taken by secret ballot. Jennifer Sanford received 6 votes and Clare Muir 5 votes. Jennifer Sanford was declared co-opted by the Council.

- 181 11/12 To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office from newly elected Councillor.**
It was then **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders in order to elect a new Councillor due to clause 68 in FTC's Standing Orders. Proposed Cllr Wardle, seconded Cllr Hing – all in favour
- Cllr Jennifer Sanford signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Town Clerk as the Proper Officer.
- It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate Standing Orders. Proposed Cllr Cusack seconded Cllr Harwood – all in favour.
- 182 11/12 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Question Time – there is a 10 minute time limit.**
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for Public Question Time. Proposed Cllr Wardle seconded Cllr S Roberts – all in favour.
- No questions were received from the public.
- 183 11/12 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Question Time.**
It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following Public Question Time. Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Harwood – all in favour.
- 184 11/12 Chairman's Announcements**
Cllr Winney said that following comments made at the last Full Council meeting relating to visiting Mrs Kinnock, he had tried to contact her but had been unsuccessful. Cllrs Hing and Wardle said that they had been to visit her.
- 185 11/12 To consider invitations to meetings (e-mailed)**
No comments were received
- 186 11/12 To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed)**
No comments were received.
- 187 11/12 Correspondence requiring a reply**
Cllr Hing asked if a letter or reply e-mail could be sent to Mr & Mrs Bray's e-mail, relating to the comments about Flood Alleviation. **POST-MEETING NOTE:** An acknowledgement e-mail was sent to Mr & Mrs Bray upon receipt of their e-mail.
- 188 11/12 To receive reports on meetings attended**
- **Meeting (20th October 2011) with some members of the community and youths re. formation of a playground sub-committee – Cllr. Roberts** - Report sent to all Councillors on the 28th October
 - **GAPTC – AGM (13th October 2011) – Cllr. Harwood** – Report sent to all Councillors.
 - **FCC Ltd (17th October 2011) – Cllr Cusack and Cllr M Jones** – Cllr Cusack reported that FCC Ltd wanted to have some input to any FCC staff appraisals. Councillors agreed that whilst they felt that FCC Ltd members

should not be present at the appraisals they had no objection to receiving any input from them.

- **CDC & Parish Meeting – Cllr Harwood** – A report was e-mailed on 2/11/11/
- **Farmers Endowed Trust (3rd November 2011) – Cllr Hing** – Cllr Hing told the Council that the Trust had £4000 to distribute of which a majority had gone towards hardship funds for both Farmors School and the primary school and on 7 book grants. £200 has been spent on purchasing a sewing machine for a student to help with his course.

189 11/12 To receive report from District Councillor

- Following the Flood Alleviation meeting arranged by Geoffrey Clifton Brown in July. Cllr Wardle said that he had been in contact with Thames Water and had received information relating to the capacity of the sewage system in Fairford. Off Watt's current standard recommend that the sewage system should be suitable for a 1:20 year flood event. Fairford's system has been rated as 1:15. Cllr Wardle said that he would keep the Council advised of any further meetings.
 - Pips Field – The application will be considered at the next CDC Planning meeting on December 14th 2011. A site visit has been scheduled.
 - Leisure Centre Management – A meeting has been arranged for the 15th November to discuss pricing in Cotswold Leisure Centres. County Cllr Theodoulou will also be attending this meeting.
 - Winter Waste Collections – schedule has been put together and if required collections will take place on Saturdays to catch up.
 - Community Resilience meetings – 12th October 2011 – Cllr Wardle was unable to attend this meeting, but other meetings have been arranged for 24th November and 8th December 2011.
 - Icelandic Court – CDC have been advised that following the Icelandic Banks crash some years ago, restitution will be made to investors in this country. It is hoped that approx £2 million will be reimbursed to CDC.
- Q: Cllr Harwood asked District Cllr Wardle if he would raise the issue of fairer sharing of Fairford Sports Centre facilities, between the general populace and the school, at the meeting to be held on the 15th November. He said that he felt that a lot of their time is given to the schools.**
- A: District Councillor Theodoulou said that it was not so easy now to do something about schools usage as many schools have Academy status and are no longer under the control of the County Council.**

190 11/12 To receive report from County Councillor

- Icelandic Court – County Cllr Theodoulou reiterated District Cllr Wardle's comments regarding the Icelandic Court. He explained that some of the banks have been liquidated providing sufficient assets to be able to repay investors. Glos. County Council have already been making provision which will go to repayment of debts.
- Budget consultations – will take place on the 21/11/11 in the Bingham Hall at 6.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.
The focus will once again be on vulnerable elderly and young people, roads.
- Incinerator project – Two public presentations are to take place on Friday 11th November on the proposed site. The next stage in the process will be for this to be considered at a GCC planning meeting.
- Waste – The cabinet will be considering a joint waste authority for Glos. They have received support from the Districts, except for Stroud. This is not a

unique system as Dorset and Somerset have this in place. The objective is to save money, approximately £3 million, and is supported by DEFRA.

- Judicial Reviews - Wilderness Centre - has failed and has found in favour of the County Council, plus costs. Another review dealing with Libraries is due to take place on 9th November 2011.

FINANCE

191 11/12 To receive Minutes of Finance meeting held on 20th September 2011 (pp073-074 11/12)

The minutes of the Finance meeting held on the 20th September 2011 was received with no comment.

192 11/12 To approve retrospectively cheque payments to end of October 2011.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve retrospectively cheque payment to the end of October 2011. Proposed Cllr Cusack seconded Cllr M Jones – all in favour.

193 11/12 To receive income & expenditure figures to end September 2011.

Cllr Hing raised a query relating to Rental Income. The Clerk said that she would check the amounts. **POST-MEETING NOTE:** The Clerk checked the amount, and has found that this is correct. The total amount YTD is not precise as the amounts are paid by BGC and sometimes two payments are received in one month that that October's payment will not be received until the beginning of November and is therefore not included in the figures shown.

PLANNING

194 11/12 To receive the Minutes of the Planning committee meetings held on 18th October 2011 (pp 087-088) and 1st November 2011 (pp 092-093)

The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 18th October and 1st November were received. Cllrs wanted to know if CDC had been contacted regarding assistance with the Neighbourhood Plan. **ACTION: Clerk to check.**

Cllr. C Roberts left the meeting.

195 11/12 To agree response to appeal by Coln Park re amendment of design to units 2.15, 2.17, 2.19 and 2.20 to include an additional floor (solarium) at Coln Park, London Road, Lechlade

Following a site visit, by several Cllrs. Cllr Harwood said that he had been very surprised at how unobtrusive the buildings were on site and that he would be in favour of changing his mind as to the decision made to object to the applications, Cllrs Boulton and M. Jones were also of a similar opinion. Cllr Hing was of the opposite opinion. Cllr Harwood also said that more footpaths were planned for the area. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to respond to the appeal. Proposed Cllr Cusack seconded Cllr Hing, 7 in favour, 3 abstentions. Cllr Wardle asked for it to be recorded that he had abstained.

Cllr C Roberts returned

- 196 11/12 To agree response to Archstone Land regarding their request for support for the proposals for West Fairford and agree what would be the preferred percentage of affordable homes in the scheme.**
Discussion took place regarding the response to Archstone Land.
Councillors all agreed that Archstone Land's conduct has been exemplary.

Cllr Mumford left the room

Cllr Cusack said that he had no problems with Archstone submitting their plans to CDC, but he would like to opt for the 36% option of affordable houses. It was **RESOLVED** to support **WITHOUT PREJUDICE**, Archstone Land's submission of plans to CDC with a preferred option of 36% affordable houses. Proposed Cllr Jusack, seconded Cllr C Roberts, 8 in favour, 2 abstentions. Cllrs Wardle & Winney requested that it be minuted that they had abstained.

Cllr Mumford returned.

- 197 11/12 To consider and agree support for the application by Fairford Preservation Trust for funding for tree planting in Fairford under the Big Tree Plant**
Discussion took place relating to areas in Fairford, where trees could be planted. Cllrs. recalled that a similar project was looked at a couple of years ago and the Clerk was asked to retrieve data compiled then. It was to support, in principle, the application that the Preservation Trust wishes to make under the 'Big Tree Plant' project. Proposed Cllr Cusack seconded Cllr Harwood – all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk to contact the Preservation Trust to advise.**

FACILITIES

- 198 11/12 To receive Minutes of Facilities meeting held on 1st November 2011 (pp094-096 11/12)**
Deferred to next meeting.
- 199 11/12 To agree final copy of Horizon 2016 publication**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree final copy of the Horizon 2016 publication subject to any minor amendments. Proposed Cllr Harwood seconded Cllr Hing, 11 in favour, 1 abstention. Cllr Harwood said that he felt that the Council had to ensure that the aims and outcomes relating to the publication, should be monitored on regular basis and that provision for funds should be considered in the budget setting process. **ACTION: Clerk to include this in the budget setting process, for discussion at the next Finance meeting in November.**
- 200 11/12 Update on Youth Provision**
Cllr Wardle said that the target start date for the youth clubs was the 23rd November. Young Gloucestershire had taken on an extra youth worker who will work alongside Lechlade's worker. The revised Service Level Agreement had been received and was awaiting a signature. The planned day that the club would operate would be a Wednesday evening, but because of other activities that take place in the Centre on a Wednesday, it was planned that the youth club would start in the Youth Room and then move into the Keble Room after the other events had finished. Firm details with times etc., to follow.

- 201 11/12 To agree to purchase more substantial cable covers (£497.50) for all events**
 It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the above covers. Proposed Cllr Cusack, seconded Cllr Boulton – all in favour. The Clerk said that the FLBC had agreed to contribute £100 towards this. **ACTION: Clerk to write to FLBC.**
POST-MEETING NOTE: Following the meeting a further contribution was received from the Fairford Charity for £400.

HIGHWAYS

- 202 11/12 To receive the Minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting held on the 25th October (pp 089-091 11/12)**
 Deferred to next meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

- 203 11/12 To consider and agree renewal of GAPTC membership for 2012/13 following receipt of information received from the GAPTC AGM.**
 Cllr Harwood, who had attended the recent GAPTC AGM, said that the subscription was set to rise again for 2012. After discussion as to the pro's and cons of renewal, Cllrs felt that they wanted to give this a miss for a year. It was **RESOLVED** not to renew the membership for 2012/13, but to review this next year. Proposed Cllr Mumford seconded Cllr S Roberts – 9 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention. **ACTION: Clerk to contact GAPTC to advise.**
- 204 11/12 To formally endorse Walkers are Welcome and to agree contribution of £50 for cost of membership**
 Cllr Harwood said that 400 people had signed the recent petition, to say that they were in support of this initiative. It was **RESOLVED** to formally endorse Walkers are Welcome and to agree a contribution of £50 for the cost of membership to the national group. Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Wardle – 11 in favour, 1 abstention.
- 205 11/12 To agree closure of office between Christmas and New Year each year.**
 Cllrs agreed that they did not wish to agree closures for more than the current year, but would prefer to agree this on an annual basis. It was **RESOLVED** to close the office between Christmas and New Year 2011 only. Proposed Cllr Cusack, seconded Cllr Boulton. It was **RESOLVED** to the proposal as amended. Proposed Cllr C Roberts seconded Cllr Wardle – all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk to publish Xmas Opening Times.**
- 206 11/12 Update on Police Point**
 The Clerk said handed out copies of the Lease for Councillors to check. As this document had only arrived a few days previous, it was too late to add this for approval. It was agreed that approval and signature should be delegated to Finance Committee and added to the agenda for their meeting next week. All in favour.
 The Clerk said that the office had now been furnished and that the police were awaiting confirmation regarding the lease.
- 207 11/12 Date of next meeting – 13th December**

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