

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JULY 2015**

Present: Cllr Sanford Cllr Boulton Cllr Dallow Cllr Harrison Cllr Fenby
Cllr Dudley Cllr Roberts Cllr Hing, Cllr Rao Cllr Bowen

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Capps, Cllr Sue Coakley, Cllr Stephen Andrews, Cllr Abigail Beccle, County Cllr Theodoulou (part)

- 065 15/16 To note apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Winney
- 066 15/16 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda**
None
- 067 15/16 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2015**
Amendments were made. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the amended Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 9th June 2015 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Dallow – 8 in favour, 1 abstention.
- 068 15/16 Matters arising**
- **Grant to Fairford Library** - It was agreed at the Finance Committee meeting on 7th July that a grant of £200 will be made to Fairford Library for the craft sessions and events held at the library.
 - **Update on meeting with Surgery re: Kensington & Edinburgh Estates** – a meeting has been organised on 31st July at 10am at the surgery. Cllrs Fenby, Dallow & Roberts are attending.
- 069 15/16 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public participation – (there is a 10 minute time limit) – no public in attendance.**
- 070 15/16 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public participation – no public in attendance.**
- 071 15/16 Chairman’s Announcements**
- Cllr Sanford asked if the Council would agree in principle to purchasing badges for Councillors to wear at external meetings. Cllrs were in favour of the idea.
ACTION: Clerk to source badges and costs and report back to Council.
 - Mr Mike Matthews is retiring from the Royal British Legion. Mr Mark Smith is taking over from him.
- 072 15/16 To receive report from County Councillor – to be taken when Cllr Theodoulou arrives. (See below)**
- 073 15/16 To receive report from District Councillor**
Cllr Coakley gave the following report:
- Cabinet has agreed the Local Plan timetable. There was hope that central government was going to simplify the process, but unfortunately that didn’t happen.
 - Cllr Stowe is retaining a 5 member cabinet, so Cllr Coakley’s portfolio has expanded to encompass Health and Well Being, Public Protection and Food Safety.
 - Cllr Beccle’s hard work had resulted in the Fayre Court application being refused. It has already gone to appeal, and although CDC officers will prepare a robust defence of the refusal on impact on conservation grounds, the decision rests with the Planning Inspector.

- Work on the 2020 Vision programme which looks for opportunities for partnership working with CDC; Forest of Dean; Cheltenham Borough, Tewkesbury and West Oxfordshire Councils, has now reached public consultation stage. Details of the consultation can be found on the CDC website.
- Street cleaning details were requested – all main streets are cleaned on a Friday, and litter is collected daily.
- A walk around Lake 103, 103a and 104 is planned for later this month.
- Cllrs Theodoulou and Coakley met with George Taylor (Thames Water) to discuss the potential for partnership working and joint funding for investigative work in and around Fairford. Discussions will continue, however, George is leaving Thames Water but has agreed to participate on a voluntary basis. Once his replacement is in place, the next step will be for Thames Water to draft an outline agreement for approval by FTC. However, Cllr Coakley advised that discussions are at an early stage.
- Cllr Coakley advised that Bloor Homes have given Thames Water funding to address off site sewage works in Siddington, where they are building a new development.
- All ward Councillors have been allocated £2k to spend on street cleaning in their ward. FTC is urged to request funding for particular projects.

RH: Did George Taylor make any comments regarding the response to the Fairford Drainage Strategy document sent in by FTC?

SC: Yes, he was very impressed with the detailed and constructive response received. It both reinforced issues that they were aware of, and highlighted issues that TW were not aware of.

TH: Does the street cleaning include pavements?

SC: Yes, and UBICO have an additional litter pick planned for 27th July once the Tattoo has finished.

074 15/16 To receive reports from meetings/events attended

Cllrs Sanford & Fenby met with the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT) on 1st July. The following items were discussed:

- Land for a burial ground - ECT are not able to give us any land
- Land for allotments - ECT are not able to give us any land
- Resurfacing Lovers Walk – ECT are happy for FTC to pay for the path to be resurfaced, with type 2.
- Lighting along Mill Lane Footpath – ECT will not permit lights along Mill Lane due to light pollution.
- Public toilet in the WTF – ECT agree in principle to a permanent structure being built. ECT will need to approve the plans.
- NDP – Cllr Fenby introduced the notion of the NDP and Nicholas Ford was keen to receive regular updates.

ACTION: Plans and quotes for public toilets to be compiled for the next FTC/ECT meeting in October.

Cllr Dudley attended a Tree Preservation workshop.

ACTION: Cllr Dudley to prepare an article for inclusion in the next newsletter [Facebook page?] regarding does and don't for residents and maintaining trees on their property.

Cllr Roberts met with Matthew Evans, Head at Farmor's Academy, to discuss the ongoing parking and school traffic issues. The following issues were discussed:

- No changes will be made to the school finishing times.
- School buses arriving at the school after 3.00pm causes problems for traffic trying to leave the school site. Mr Evans has agreed to contact the bus companies and request that all school buses are on site before 3.00pm.
- Cllr Roberts will meet with the school again in September.

Cllr Fenby attended the GMTF meeting – unfortunately the agenda on that day was not particularly relevant for Fairford, however he will attend the next meeting.

Cllr Fenby reported on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Two meetings have been held. Terms of Reference have been agreed. A timetable has been agreed. The next step is to agree the visions and objectives.

Cllr Boulton reported that following a meeting with Greenfields, the Milton farm end of the Mill Lane footpath will be regraded and tarmacked once again.

Cllr Theodoulou arrived. It was agreed to take item 072.

072 15/16 To receive report from County Councillor

Cllr Theodoulou gave the following report:

- The incinerator at Javelin Park has been given the go ahead. Stroud District Council will not be raising any further objections. The County is now in discussions with the contractors.
- The Central Gov't budget proposal regarding minimum wage and living wage increases will have an effect on GCC budgets, particularly health and social care and schools.
- GCC is discussing the possibility of devolution. Papers are being written, but are at an early stage.
- A meeting with Highways England (HE) took place. HE have particular concerns regarding highways noise, however there are no plans to resurface the concrete section of the A417, as, although noisy, it is in a good state of repair.
- Every District Councillor has an allocation of £1400 to spend on youth activities.
- The Active Together grant fund of £5000 will be available again. Interest groups should contact Cllr Theodoulou.

TH: The issue of underfunding for school places in Gloucestershire in comparison with the rest of the country needs addressing. There has been a top-up from County in previous years – will this happen again?

RT: Discussions are ongoing with Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP and the Dept. of Education.

TH: Please can Coln House School be included in the discussion?

RT: Aware that the whole issue of funding for CHS needs addressing.

075 15/16 To consider invitations received

- Introduction to planning training course, Wednesday 26th August 6.00-8.00pm, at CDC offices.

Cllrs Bowen, Hing, Dallow, Rao, Boulton, Harrison, Fenby and the clerks to attend.

- Meeting with Martin Surl PCC on 9th September in Gloucester.
- GAPTC AGM Saturday 18th July. Cllr Harrison to attend.

ACTION: Cllr Harrison to circulate comments regarding the NPPF motion.

076 15/16 To consider correspondence received (for information only)

Cllr Fenby reported that he had received a notice from CDC regarding the reserved matters application on land south of Home Farm. He was unsure why he had received the notice.

ACTION: Cllr Coakley will investigate and report back.

077 15/16 To consider correspondence requiring a reply - none

FINANCE

078 15/16 To receive Minutes from Finance meeting held on the 7th July 2015

The Minutes were received without comment.

079 15/16 To approve retrospectively payments to end of previous month (June)

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments. Proposed Cllr Boulton, Seconded Cllr Dallow. All in favour.

- 080 15/16 To receive most recent income & expenditure figures**
Cllr Boulton remarked that the training budget is almost spent. Cllr Hing responded that it was due to the CiLCA training and that it was not an issue that the Finance Committee were concerned with.
- 081 15/16 To consider agree to purchase a new zip wire rather than repair current equipment (quotes e-mailed).**
It was RESOLVED to accept the lowest quote, (LR Engineering), and subject to approval from ECT, to place the order for the zip wire.
Proposed Cllr Dudley, seconded Cllr Hing. All in favour.
ACTION: Clerk to seek approval from ECT
ACTION: Once approval has been given, Clerk to place the order.

WORKS & COMMUNITY

- 082 15/16 To receive Minutes of the Works & Community meeting held on 23rd June 2015**
The Minutes were received without comment.

PLANNING

- 083 15/16 To receive Minutes of Planning meetings held on the 16th June and the 7th July 2015**
The Minutes were received without comment.

OTHER MATTERS

- 084 15/16 To agree to join the Allotment Society £55 + VAT, per annum**
It was RESOLVED to join the Allotment Society.
Proposed Cllr Dallow, seconded Cllr Bowen, 9 in favour, 1 abstention.
- 085 15/16 To consider and agree to set up a FTC Facebook page for general information.**
Discussion took place along with a brief presentation.
Whether or not to accept comments on posts was discussed. Including the potential pitfalls and how controversy could be handled. Council agreed that comments would not be allowed on posts. **POST MEETING NOTE: The page has been launched and comments are allowed, until the Clerk can find out how to disable them!**
It was RESOLVED to launch the Facebook page as a 6 month trial, the Clerks to have editorial control and subject to it being a success, to consider financial resources.
ACTION: Clerk to publish the page and link it to the FTC website.
- 086 15/16 To consider and agree writing to our MP regarding the City Devolution Bill and other matters.**
It was agreed that a letter was not necessary at the moment in time, as some of the issues that FTC would like addressed can be done through other forums, such as the GAPTC AGM.
ACTION: Cllr Harrison to bring the item back to the Agenda as required.
- 087 15/16 To consider and agree employment of casual labourer.**
Albert Alder is considering retiring in September and a replacement needs to be found. Albert is self-employed and invoices the Council for the work he does. It was agreed that a replacement should be sought on a similar basis, and not to employ an individual.
It was proposed that the W & C Committee together with the Finance Committee draft a tender document and look at ways of advertising the opportunity.
Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Boulton. All in favour.
ACTION: Clerk to add to W & C Agenda in July
- 088 15/16 Any other Items the Chair considers urgent**

Cllr Sanford reported that the gas supplier to the building is OPUS and the electricity supplier is Scottish Hydro, and that smart meters are being installed in September.

089 15/16 Date of next meeting – 11th August 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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