

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH January 2016**

Present: **Cllr Sanford** **Cllr Bowen** **Cllr Winney**
 Cllr Dallow **Cllr McKinley** **Cllr Boulton**
 Cllr Hing **Cllr Dudley** **Cllr Roberts**
 Cllr Harrison

In attendance: **Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), Roz Capps (Assistant Clerk), District Cllrs
Coakley and Andrews and County Cllr Theodoulou**

227 15/16 To note apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Rao, Fenby and Lear

228 15/16 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda

Cllr Hing declared a personal interest in Item 243 15/16.

**229 15/16 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 8TH
December 2015**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 8th December 2015 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr McKinley – all in favour.

230 15/16 Matters arising

-Palmer Hall – Cllr Boulton reported that he has now received 4 quotes from contractors qualified to carry out an asbestos survey of the Palmer Hall. Quotes range from £300 to £750. As this matter cannot be formally agreed. Support, only for the proposal, to carry out the survey, from the contractor with the lowest quote was taken. The survey can then be carried out and the item retrospectively agreed at the next Full Council meeting.

ACTION:	Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting and to contact contractor.
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-Bund on London Road – Cllr Roberts asked about progress regarding work to the bund following the recent act of vandalism. The Clerk and Cllr Boulton reported that the grass was growing on the bund and that the Police did not attend to look at this area. Further remedial work may be required, i.e. to plant more grass seed on the damaged area.

ACTION:	Clerk to contact contractor
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-Leaffield Road – '20 is PLENTY' – The scheme to stick '20 is plenty' stickers to wheely bins along London Road, was raised. The Clerk advised that no objection had been raised for this scheme, by Glos. Highways. Stickers needed to be sourced and residents of Leaffield Road contacted.

ACTION:	Clerk to source stickers and to contact residents of Leaffield Road.
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As no members of the public were present the following two items do not need to be taken.

231 15/16 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public participation – (there is a 10 minute time limit)

232 15/16 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public participation

233 15/16 Chairman's Announcements

- The Chair read a letter of thanks from Albert Alder for the gifts presented to him on his retirement and a letter of thanks to all those involved in installing the Christmas Lights.
- Cllr Winney asked for a vote of thanks to Cllr Boulton and his team for their efforts in putting up the Christmas tree in the Market Place and erecting the Christmas lights.

234 15/16 To receive report from County Councillor

County Cllr. Theodoulou reported as follows:

- Budgets - 2 budget proposals have been issued for consultation. These are as follows:

- a) Proposal to raise Council tax by 1.99%
- b) Proposal to raise Council tax by 1.99% plus special levy of 2%, ringfenced for adult care budget.

These are the two choices available in the consultation. Currently 60% have chosen choice (b). Consultation still in progress. Cllr Theodoulou advised that responses to the consultation can be made online.

- **Active Together grant** – This has not been renewed.

- **Small road works grants obtainable from Cllr Theodoulou** – will continue

- **Review of household recycling centres** – Current contract due to expire in August, this can be extended or this may go out to tender. Comments are required on the current service.

- **Police Commissioners election** – This will be taking place in May. Check website for details of candidates and for details of voting.

- **Misc. Highways issues in Fairford** – Cllr Theodoulou reported that he had recently inspected two areas in Fairford. The path near Dynevor Cottage/Mill Lane, where a request to widen the path had been received and the verge, opposite Victory Villas, London Road. Cllr Theodoulou would like to receive comments from the Town Council regarding both these areas.

ACTION: Clerk to report to County Cllr Theodoulou

235 15/16 To receive report from District Councillor

District Cllr Coakley reported as follows:

- **Local Plan** – Consultation has taken place. Responses are being collated.
- **Strategic site – Chesterton, Cirencester** – The application for the development at Chesterton has come through as a standard planning application. This is a large scale plan and will be advertised on the website soon. CDC have applied a consultation period of 9 months for this to be considered
- **Precept** – The budget consultation has been released and a 1.99% increase in Council Tax has been proposed. For year 2016/17 a grant has been applied for local councils but it unlikely that this will be applied in future years and local councils should factor this in when considering their request for Precept funds.

District Cllr Andrews reported that he has as yet still not received any grant applications from youth groups and said that he would forward the relevant application form to the Clerks for distribution to clubs in Fairford.

The District Cllr would be contacted by FTC after their meeting with Young Gloucestershire at the end of January, regarding possible funding for the youth club.

ACTION: Clerk to forward application form to relevant youth groups in Fairford.

- **Ambulance Service** – A review of the Ambulance Service is being carried out particularly relating to response times. S.W. Ambulance Trust is seeking to improve their response times. A recruiting campaign will soon be taking place.

Q: Cllrs asked Cllr Coakley about the situation regarding the problem with mud on the road by the new development.

A: Cllr Coakley reported that the Planning Officer from CDC has been out to site on several occasions and that the matter was under the jurisdiction of the Police and any issues relating to the mud on the road should be reported directly to the Police by calling 101. She also said that she was still not happy about the progress of wheel cleaning on the site.

Cllr Hing said that whilst there are issues relating to the Ambulance Service response times, living in rural areas would never allow extremely fast response times and that use of First Responders should be re-enforced.

County Cllr Theodoulou left the meeting.

236 15/16 To receive reports from meetings/events attended

Cllr Sanford had e-mailed report of meeting of the Cotswold Water Park – Master Plan.

237 15/16 To consider invitations received

Preservation Trust – AGM 30th April - Cllrs Harrison, Hing, Sanford, Bowen and Winney will be attending.

238 15/16 To consider correspondence received (for information only)

Correspondence received with no comment

239 15/16 To consider correspondence requiring a reply

- Letter from Wilts & Glos – It was agreed that a reply regarding the Youth Club would be sent after the next W & C Committee meeting at the end of January.

FINANCE

240 15/16 To approve retrospectively payments to end of previous month (December)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments to the end of December. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Dallow – all in favour.

241 15/16 To receive most recent income & expenditure figures

The figures were received with no comment.

242 15/16 To approve recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Precept Request for 2016/17 (see recommendation sheet – e-mailed 6/1/16)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to request a 0.25% increase in the Precept for 2016/17. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Dudley – all in favour.

ACTION:	Cllr Dudley to draft a brief note for the newsletter regarding the Councils decision to increase the Precept.
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243 15/16 To approve retrospectively Grant to the Cricket Club of £4141.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, the Grant to the Cricket club of £4141. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Dudley – 8 in favour, 2 abstentions.

244 15/16 To consider and agree Auditor for 2015/16 – Mr P Hood

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the Auditor for 2015/16 – Mr. P Hood - Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Dallow – all in favour.

ACTION:	Clerk to send letter of engagement to Mr. Hood
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- 245 15/16 To consider and agree renewal of SLCC membership - £167**
It was **RESOLVED** to renew membership to SLCC (£167) – Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Bowen– all in favour.

WORKS & COMMUNITY

- 246 15/16 To receive Minutes of the Works & Community meeting held on 22nd December 2015**
The Minutes of the Works & Community meeting held on the 22nd December 2015 was received with no comment.
- 247 15/16 To consider and agree legal document for works at Mill Lane and Milton Street**
It was **RESOLVED** to agree legal document for works at Mill Lane and Milton Street. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr McKinley – all in favour.
- 248 15/16 To consider and agree to look into converting the Market Place bus shelter into a storage facility.**
Following debate regarding the condition of the bus shelter in the Market Place, it was agreed that this needs to be looked into further and information from CDC obtained as to what would be permitted. This matter to be deferred to the next W & C Committee meeting in January.

ACTION:	Clerk to contact CDC and to add item to Agenda for the next W & C Committee meeting in January.
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PLANNING

- 249 15/16 To receive Minutes of Planning meeting held on the 15th December 2015 and 5th January 2016.**
The Minutes of the Planning meetings held on the 15th December 2015 and 5th January 2016 were received with no comment.
- 250 15/16 To consider and agree further actions resulting from the correspondence with CDC Planning regarding breach of planning conditions on the Bloor Homes development (phase 2)**
Following debate where Cllr Dallow expressed his opinion that FTC have expended a lot of time and effort in resolving issues relating to breaches of planning conditions for this development and it needs to be recognised that this cannot be taken any further. It has been made clear to CDC planning officials who have devolved responsibility to make decisions about discharge of planning conditions, prior to and on approval of applications.
Cllr Dallow proposed that FTC no longer pursues issues relating to planning conditions for this development, seconded Cllr Boulton – 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

OTHER MATTERS

- 251 15/16 To consider and agree to merge the Finance and Staffing Committees.**
Following debate, it was **RESOLVED** not to merge the Finance and Staffing Committees. Proposed Cllr McKinley, seconded Cllr Boulton – all in favour.
- 252 15/16 To nominate trustee for Lady Mico Trust**
Cllr Hing outlined the purpose of the Lady Mico Trust. Cllr Dudley said that he would be willing to act as Trustee for the Trust. The Council agreed to nominate Cllr Dudley for the Lady Mico Trust. Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.

ACTION:	Clerk to contact the Lady Mico Trust to nominate Cllr Dudley.
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253 15/16 Any other Items the Chair considers urgent

Cllr Sanford asked the Council if they would be in favour of her organising a small event on the 10th February to welcome a lady, whose grandfather had been stationed in Fairford during WWII and who had liberated the Union Jack during the VE day celebrations. The flag was returned to Fairford after 50 years. Following discussion a vote was taken with the vote being split 50/50 on holding this event. Cllr Sanford said that she would be willing to arrange something as a private individual. **POST-MEETING NOTE:** After the meeting it was agreed to approach the History Society, as this was of Historical importance to see if they would be willing to arrange something. Alison Hobson from the History Society has kindly agreed to arrange a small welcoming party and Cllrs and interested parties will be invited. A small donation from FTC to be requested.

254 15/16 Date of next meeting – 9th February 2016

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