

MEMBERSHIP:

Cllr S. Boulton – Chair	Cllr R. Harrison
Cllr T. Hing	Cllr J. Bowen
Cllr. J. Hill	Cllr J. Dallow
Cllr D. McKinley	Cllr A. Doherty
Cllr C. Foxall	Cllr C. Roberts
Cllr J. Sanford	Cllr. R. Winney
Vacancy	

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Fairford Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THE 13TH FEBRUARY 2018**

Present:

Cllr Boulton	Cllr Foxall	Cllr Doherty
Cllr Bowen	Cllr Harrison	Cllr Hill
Cllr Sanford	Cllr Roberts	Cllr Hing
Cllr McKinley	Cllr Winney	

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Capps (Clerks), Mr Morecombe, District Cllr Coakley (part), District Cllr Andrews, County Cllr Theodoulou (part)

- 220 17/18** **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Dallow
- 221 7/18** **Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None received
- 222 17/18** **To approve the Minutes of Full Council meeting held on the 9th January 2018**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 9th January 2018 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Bowen – 7 in favour, 4 abstentions
- 223 17/18** **Clerks Report**
The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting and covered items dealt with from the last meeting and updates on matters from other Committee meetings.
- 224 17/18** **To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation subject to members of the public being present. – there is a 10-minute time limit**
N/A – No questions from the public
- 225 17/18** **To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation (if applicable)**
N/A
- 226 17/18** **Chairman’s Announcements**
None

County Cllr Theodoulou arrived

- 227 17/18** **To receive report from District Cllrs**
Weekly Bulletin - week commencing – 8th January 2018- e-mailed 8/1/18
Weekly Bulletin - week commencing – 15th January 2018 – e-mailed 15/1/18
Weekly Bulletin – week commencing – 22nd January 2018 – e-mailed
5/12/18
Weekly Bulletin – week commencing – 29th January 2018 – e-mailed
27/1/18
Weekly Bulletin – week commencing – 5th February 2018 – e-mailed 5/2/18
Weekly Bulletin – week commencing – 12th February 2018 – e-mailed

Q: Cllr Harrison asked the District Cllrs if something could be done relating to obtaining satisfactory explanations to planning issues, especially relating to applications that have been turned down. He felt that on site visits with members of the Town Council would be beneficial.

A: District Cllrs Andrews and Doherty both agreed to discuss this further with Cllr Harrison.

ACTION: District Cllrs Andrews and Doherty to meet with Cllr Harrison

District Cllr Andrews asked the Council for their views relating to the Coln Park Visitor Centre application and reported that following a recent meeting with the Diocese, he is waiting to speak to Sue Dorey (Farmors School), to discuss ways of making the Sports Centre more viable.

Q: Cllr Harrison asked what could done to prevent more commercial properties from being turned into residential properties. He maintained that the sustainability of the Town would be compromised by the lack of encouragement to property owners, wishing to sell their properties, to maintain these properties for business use. Cllr Hill agreed.

A: District Cllr Coakley stated that the District Council apply National Policy guidelines.

228 17/18 **To receive report from County Cllr Theodoulou**

Cllr Theodoulou reported as follows:-

- Budget – The final budget will be considered on the 14th February when a decision will be made. Amendments to the draft budget were made. Further resources have been available and allocated to Children’s Safeguarding and Improvement Plan
- Potholes - £1.5 million has been allocated in this years budget to repairing potholes. Work for this needs to be completed by the end of March.
- £1.5million has been ring fenced for adult care for 2018/19.
- Central Government will be considering a policy relating to care of Children, which will take up approx. 60% of the revised budget leaving only 40% for other areas.
- Funding for minor road repairs under the control of County Cllrs will continue, with an additional fund of £30k covering a 3 year period being allocated for community projects.
- As a result of the changes the Council Tax is proposed to increase by 4.5%.

Q: Cllr Hill asked if there is any likelihood that 4.5% will be increased, as has happened with some authorities.

A: Cllr Theodoulou acknowledged that he was aware that some authorities have had issues relating to financial matters, but was confident that this would not be the case with GCC. He also pointed out that GCC would running a business rate pilot scheme.

Q: Cllr Hing asked if there was any further news relating to the Coln House School site.

A: No further news to report.

Cllr Theodoulou and Cllr Coakley left the meeting.

- 229 17/18** **To receive other report/s from meetings/events attended**
CDC & FTC Meeting - Cllr Hill and Harrison attended a meeting with with CDC recently as part of the NDP process.
FCC Trustees Meeting - Cllr Hill attended the meeting and reported that publicity is required for the upcoming 10th year anniversary of the renovation of the Community Centre.
ECT & FTC meeting - Cllr Doherty and Harrison attended. Cllr Doherty reported that this was an exploratory meeting to establish what the ECT were planning in the future. Cllr Hill has also met with the ECT to discuss drainage. ECT are looking into clearing wee in the meadow adjacent to Milton Street and this will go into the ECT Management Plan.
- 230 17/18** **To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed)**
 Correspondence was received with no comment
- 231 17/18** **To consider and agree any responses to correspondence received for reply**
 None

FINANCE

- 232 17/18** **To receive Minutes of Finance meeting held on the 6th February 2018(unapproved)**
 The Finance Minutes were received with no comment.
- 233 17/18** **To receive report from Chair of Finance**
 Cllr Doherty reported that the final budget had been approved and the Reserves allocations had been revised. Cllr Doherty has prepared a revised document which was circulated at the meeting. This would enable better management of finances for the future. The Committee have been looking at maintaining reserves for a longer period of time. Some clarification was requested as to what decisions had been made at past meetings in relation to Victory Villas parking (London Road) and the Safer route to schools.
- ACTION: Clerk to check Minutes relating to Victory Villas and Safer Route to schools and to report back to Committee.**
- Cllr Doherty stressed that the Reserves budget didn't impact directly on the general finances and could adjusted as required.
- 234 17/18** **To approve, retrospectively, payments to end of January 2018**
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments to the end of January 2018. Proposed Cllr McKinley, seconded Cllr Doherty – all in favour.
- 235 17/18** **To receive payments and receipts to end of previous month**
 The payments and receipts to the end of January were received with no comment.

PLANNING

- 236 17/18** **To receive the Minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 6th February 2018 (unapproved)**
 The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 6th February were received with no comment.

237 17/18 To receive report from Chair of Planning

None received in the Chair's absence.

238 17/18 Update from Neighbourhood Steering Group (Cllr Harrison)

Cllr Hill reported that there have been several meetings which addressed issues contained in the Examiners report and how best to deal with these. He confirmed that Grant for further NDP work has been awarded with the possibility of further funding for a site assessment, being made available in due course. The Hydrology drilling would be commencing on the 24th February, this will be funded from from the grant allocation.

WORKS & COMMUNITY**239 17/18 To receive Minutes of the W & C Committee meeting held on the 23rd January 2018**

The Minutes of the W & C Committee meeting held on the 23rd January were received with no comment.

240 17/18 To consider and agree whether to revive the speedwatch initiative.

Following debate, it was agreed that this matter should taken back to the W & C Committee for re-consideration.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next W & C Committee meeting.

241 17/18 To receive report from Chair of Works & Community meeting

The Chair reported that most items for this Committee had been covered in the Clerk's report. The Launch of the youth shelter would take place on the 24th February. Cllr McKinley reported that the Business Plan drawn up contained information to cover the next 3 years and was aligned with the work that the Finance Committee have been doing. He read out the 8 objectives that the W & C Committee would be covering.

Q: Cllr Hing asked if there was an update on improving the path in Gas Lane to Dilly's Bridge.

A: It was explained that as a result of the larger project to improve the river walk, which is being considered under the 'WILD' project and Natural England, this area is being surveyed in the Spring, in line with protection of 'Voles', to establish the extent of their burrows. Any works to this short stretch would be combined with the new path along the river when this has been agreed. A brief of the Countryside Access Project to be circulated. Natural England will report back to the Council when the 'Vole' survey has been completed.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate brief from the Countryside Access Project

OTHER MATTERS**242 17/18 Anything the Chair considers urgent**

Reminder that the Litter Pick will take place on the 10th March.

243 17/18 Date of next meeting – 13th March 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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