

## CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the 390<sup>th</sup> meeting of COUNCIL held in The Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 8.30pm on Wednesday, 25 April 2007

PRESENT; Cllr D Shopland – Chairman IN THE CHAIR

Cllrs M Adames, C Blades, A Cotton, J Dagnall, C Francis-Pester, P Gannicliff, R Garner, L Knott, L Little, T Morgan, B Morris, G Morris, J Norton-Sealey, G Watkins, C Wring (Vice Chairman)

PRAYERS were said by the Chairman of Council

7.35pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

NORTH SOMERSET LIAISON OFFICER Viv Thompson advised; agreement had been obtained to release the balance of the Herbert Gardens 106 monies, also Cemetery topple tests to take place on 30 April. The Chairman thanked Mrs Thompson and enquired if members had any observations for her. A member urged a message is passed to the officer managing the Playarea refurbishments requesting this is progressed with speed.

7.40pm FORMAL BUSINESS

07/40 ABSENCE FROM THE MEETING

Apologies received; Cllrs C Hall (work commitment), P McNeill (family), B Morris (family).

**RESOLVED:** Council ACCEPTED the reasons given for absence.

07/41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs R Garner & D Shopland declared prejudicial interests in the Citizens Advice Bureau (Property Ctte 07/50)

07/42 MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 21 March 2007 were approved as a TRUE RECORD and SIGNED by the Chairman.

07/43 QUESTION submitted by Cllr Garner on the 24 April 2007 *‘I am aware of the increased risk of smells, flies, rats, garden bonfires and fly-tipping, so could this Council ask North Somerset Council to confirm that there are no plans to reduce the frequency of rubbish collections from weekly? For example by the introduction of the AWC (alternate weekly collection) or other schemes, and that alternative methods of reaching recycling targets are being investigated eg by enhanced sorting at home.’*

**RESOLVED:** Refer to the Environment & Planning Ctte for consideration and add a suggestion that an initiative for kerbside plastic bottle collections should also be investigated.

07/44 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Norton-Sealey presented the report of the Environment & Planning Ctte meeting held on 26 March 2007. Part 1 item

E/07/57 – North Somerset Local Development Framework – Core Strategy

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendation of the Environment & Planning Ctte

Cllr Norton-Sealey invited questions or comments on Part 2 items, there being none, Cllr Norton-Sealey moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/45 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Cllr Shopland presented the report of the Property Ctte meeting held on 28 March 2007. There being no Part 1 items or Part 2 items as the meeting had not reached a quorum, Cllr Shopland moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/46 LIAISON COMMITTEE

Cllr Garner presented the report of the Liaison Ctte meeting held on 2 April 2007. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Garner invited questions or comments on Part 2 items, there being none moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/47 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Cllr Watkins presented the report of the Transport & Highways Ctte meeting held on 4 April 2007. It was noted the Annual Bus Review was for information only. There being no Part 1 items or Part 2 items as the meeting had not reached a quorum, Cllr Watkins moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/48 AMENITY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Amenity Ctte meeting held on 11 April 2007.

Part 1 items

AM/07/25 – Christmas Lights Maintenance Works

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendation of the Amenity Ctte

Cllr Francis-Pester invited question or comments on Part 2 items.

AM/07/26 – NSC Update issues

A West Ward member expressed concern that; (1) the fence on Poets Walk was still in bad repair and (2) the fence at Marshalls Field had not been reinstated after the path works.

A Central Ward member observed there had still been no work to improve the Playarea off Hazell Close.

Cllr Francis-Pester expressed concern that, after a good start, delays again seemed to be occurring on works for which NSC were responsible. No other questions or comments, Cllr Francis-Pester moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/49 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr Gannicliff presented the report of the Environment & Planning Cttee meeting held on 16 April 2007. There being no Part 1 items Cllr Gannicliff invited questions or comments on Part 2 items. In doing so he gave a summary of the site meeting he had attended with the local MP, Dr Liam Fox, at the proposed Rok Development. Other members made observations on the limited need for this development due to the low unemployment in the area, which would increase the commuter traffic coming into the town to staff the site. No other questions or comments Cllr Gannicliff moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/50 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Cllr Shopland presented the report of the Property Cttee meeting held on 18 April 2007.

Part 1 item

Council House – Noticeboards

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendation of the Property Cttee

Cllr Shopland invited question or comments on Part 2 items, there being none, Cllr Shopland moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/51 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Cllr Francis-Pester presented the report of the Finance & General Policy Cttee meeting held on 18 April 2007. Part 1 items

FGP/07/05 – Reports for Financial Year 2006/07

(1) Bank Reconciliation, Income & Expenditure, Balance Sheet & Notes. (2) Report of Independent Internal Auditor & Completed Section 4 of Annual Return. (3) Annual Return Section 1 and Section 2

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendations of the Finance & General Policy Cttee and to approve the accounts for the Financial Year 2006/07

FGP/07/06 – Curzon Cinema – Town Council's Third Charge

FGP/07/07 – Insurance Review

**RESOLVED:** To approve the recommendations of the Finance & General Policy Cttee

Cllr Francis-Pester invited question or comments on Part 2 items. There being none, Cllr Francis-Pester moved receipt of the report, which COUNCIL received.

07/52 BUS STOP – KENN ROAD

NSC had forwarded a letter from the manager of a relocated premises complaining about problems being caused by passengers using the bus stop immediately outside their offices and asking if it could be moved.

**RESOLVED:** Not to support the request for the relocation of the bus stop for the following reasons; (1) recalled this bus stop has been at this site for a great many years, (2) the area was surveyed in the recent past (new shelters being installed) and it was felt there was no other suitable site, (3) this business had been trading from a premises in the near vicinity and was aware of this before relocating to their new office.

07/53 CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES – Establishment of Local Area Teams

**RESOLVED:** Refer the enquiry if the Town Council would like to register an interest to the new Council.

07/54 NORTH WARD VACANCY – CO-OPTION

**RESOLVED:** Request the Chairman of Council and Clerk start the process by advertising this vacancy.

07/55 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**RESOLVED:** Accounts (Appendix 'A') be approved for payment.

07/56 URGENT ITEM – SCHOOL LANE – PATH BETWEEN HIGHDALE ROAD & OLD STREET

The Chairman advised an urgent item had be received; AGREED to accept it into the meeting. A letter had been received from NSC enquiring about renaming a local lane 'Langson Lane' to provide a postal address

**RESOLVED:** Request the local informal name 'School Lane' is formalised to provide a postal address.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

The meeting finished at 9.15pm

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