



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday, 05 September 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present

Councillor Lewer (Chair)
Councillor Brown (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Kirton
Councillor Perkins

Councillor Cook
Councillor Loader
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Proctor

Absent:

Councillors, Austin, Jackson, Hall, Todd

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Julie Curtis, Minutes

In Attendance:

Seven members of the public
One member of the press

MINUTES**Public Participation**

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised;

- Planning Application – concern was expressed regarding planning application 2/2017/0896/FUL 26 High Street, Shaftesbury by a member of the public whose courtyard is adjacent to the property. Item 10 of the Agenda.
- Fountains Mead/Windmill Close – concern was expressed regarding locals public selling cars in the road resulting in increased activity in a built up area. Police aware. Reported significant vegetation/growth over/adjacent to the garages at the bottom of the alleyway between Windmill Close and Sweetman's Road the growth is too thick for locals to cut back, asked for assistance. STC office to report growth to NDCC on their behalf.

- St John's Hill – concerns expressed regarding the overgrown vegetation and vegetative debris on both sides of the carriage way at St John's Church Yard and allotments. Thought to be a hazard to the public. STC office to attend.

F42 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Jackson due to work commitments, Cllrs Todd and Hall due to personal commitments, Councillor Austin due to health matters.

F43 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose.

F44 Order of Business

It was **RESOLVED** to move items 4, Reports and 10 Planning Applications as the next items of business.

F45 Reports

Officer report 0917FC4 was received and noted.

District and County Councillor Beer and reported the following:

- Local rumour regarding the closed Budgens Store/M&S and NDCC being obstructive. Cllr Beer confirm that this is not case.
- Bimport Pedestrian Refuge – Cllr Beer is to look in to a recent traffic control study for this area.
- Shared surfaces and concerns that this area is not being respected by motorists generally. Cllr Beer looking in to alternatives such as a triangle in front of the hump.
- Local bus service – Cllr Beer expressed his concern that since the recent re-shaping of local bus routes/services a lot of routes have been lost, but there has been improvement to Shaftesbury bus services. He is meeting with SW Coaches next month to discuss some issues. Concerns that the changes have not been thorough thought through resulting issues over tickets for whole journeys for example. Noting that in 3 years the subsidy disappears.
- Bus route consistency – looking in to bus route consistency and adjusting bus times to align with train times.
- Local bus journey –reported on a recent mystery shopper exercise with a number of people with a range of disabilities. An eye opener and learning opportunity to feed into improvements to the services.

The Council asked the following of Cllr Beer:

- Update on the weight limit on St John's Hill,
- Seeking confirmation that the Business Development Team did physically visit the Budgens site.
- Shared surfaces – signage
- A350/A30 – continuing problems, one way system not working
- Primary school provision for the town

F45a Civic Report. Mayor thanked Cllrs Brown and Taylor for their support attending a number of civic events during July/August. Councillors were reminded of the Battle of Britain Parade on 10th September. The Mayor's Charity would be a dementia friendly movement.

F45b County and District Councillor Reports. The Town Clerk reported that the District and County Councillors had been asked for information on the following:

- Use of Budgens site – no comment received.
- to comment on the Local Plan, specifically regarding the 5 year land supply) – no comment received.
- Unitary and Local Government reorganisation plans – outcomes delayed due to snap election.

Concern was expressed at the lack of communication. It was **RESOLVED** to ask for feedback again for October's Full Council Meeting and to invite the District and County Councillors to another informal meeting in October.

F45c Representatives to Local Organisations.

- Shaftesbury Chamber of Commerce submitted their report. It was **RESOLVED** to write a thank you letter to the Chamber of Commerce for the report.
- Shaftesbury Snowdrops – The Town Clerk reported that the Snowdrop Group are seeking to arrange an informal meeting of various open spaces groups in the area to form a cohesive plan and how they can all work collaboratively.

F45d Committee reports – The minutes of the committees were received and noted and a brief verbal overview was provided.

F46 Planning Applications

Officer report 0917FC10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations to the Planning Authority;

F46a 2/2017/0896/FUL – 26 High Street, Shaftesbury. Change of Use, shop to café/bar. No Objection with the following conditions: 1, that the new windows be replaced with obscure glass (as previously) and; 2, new windows to be non-opening to reduce noise levels and reduce loss of privacy and; 3, no extractor fans to be placed on party wall in court yard to further reduce noise levels.

F46b 2/2017/1119/CPE – La Fleur De Lys, Bleke Street, Shaftesbury. Changing terms of previous planning permission. No Objection.

F47 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday, 27 June 2017 and the Extraordinary Full Council meeting on Tuesday 18th July 2017, the minutes were duly signed.

F48 CCTV

Officer report 0917FC5 was received. It was **RESOLVED** seek the views of the public at the Public Budget Meeting on 3rd October and make appropriate budgetary provision because of that feedback.

F49 Principles of Belief

Officer report 0917FC6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Principles of Belief charter as further demonstration of the Council's commitment to the people of Shaftesbury.

F50 Payments

Officer report 0917FC7 was received and an updated appendix was tabled. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments totalling £18,234.42 from the Town Council's Current Account as appended to these minutes.

F51 Local Land Supply

Officer report 0917FC8 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Dorset County Council and Central Government expressing concerns in the strongest terms regarding the implication of applying the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. It was **RESOLVED** for Shaftesbury and Gillingham Town Clerks to draft a combined response to NDDCs press release regarding the 5-year land supply.

F52 Neighbourhood Plan

F52a Officer report 0917FC9 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that an initial group of representatives as identified in the report, not previously involved in the joint neighbourhood plan, meet to identify the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group stakeholders. The Council debated the potential for concerns to be raised regarding their previous involvement of the Mayor and Chair of P&H with the original group. It was **AGREED** that their active participation in the setting up group was appropriate.

F52b It was **RESOLVED** that the new Neighbourhood Planning Group would operate within the Code of Conduct.

F53 Length of Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 3w "*A meeting shall not exceed a period of two hours*" to conclude the business identified.

F54 Wayleave

Officer report 0917FC11 was received. It was **AGREED** to recommend to the Neighbourhood Plan a policy in relation to overhead cables.

F55 Strategic Plan

Officer report 0917FC12 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Strategic Plan as a live document, inviting feedback from the public. It was **AGREED** to issue a press release for this item.

F56 Officer Report

Officer report 0917FC13 was received and noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.32pm.

Signed

Date