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**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY 2020**

Present: Cllr Boulton Cllr Nicholls Cllr Bowen
Cllr Doherty Cllr Harrison Cllr Hill
Cllr Jefferies Cllr John Morgan Cllr Roberts
Cllr Sanford Cllr Thornhill

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence, Roz Morton (Clerks), County Cllr Theodoulou,
District Cllr Andrews, District Cllr Trotter

- 230 19/20 Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Foxall and Cllr Jack Morgan
- 231 19/20 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
None declared
- 232 19/20 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 14th January 2020**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 14th January 2020. Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Jefferies – all in favour.
- 233 19/20 Clerks/Chairman’s report**
The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting and covered actions taken since the last meeting. The Clerk’s report is filed in the Minutes book.
- 234 19/20 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation – there is a 10-minute time limit) if members of the public are present.**
N/A
- 235 19/20 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation, if applicable.**
N/A
- 236 19/20 Chairman’s Announcements**
None.
- 237 19/20 To consider invitations to meetings (e-mailed)**
Invitations had been circulated prior to the meeting.
USAF Welcome Evening - Cllrs Nicholls and Boulton will be attending a welcome evening for USAF personnel on the 4th March
RAF Liaison Meeting - Cllrs Roberts and Boulton will be attending on the 12th March.
CDC Planning Training Session - Cllrs Jefferies will attend on the 16th March, and Cllr Hill will attend on the 17th March.

238 19/20 **To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed)**
Correspondence was considered with no comment.

239 19/20 **To receive reports on meetings attended**
-District Flood monitoring group meeting – 7th February – Cllrs Doherty, Harrison and Hill attended. – Cllr Hill reported that the Thames Water drainage strategy has been published and he will circulate this in due course. The Minutes of the meeting will be circulated when available.
- ECT meeting – Cllrs Foxall and Roberts attended. A report has been circulated.
- NDP meeting – Cllr Hill reported that the group met on the 4th February and a final draft should be ready by the 18th February, which will be submitted to the consultant for comments.

240 19/20 **To receive report from District Councillor**
Cllr Andrews reported as follows: -
- **Full Council meeting** – this took place as previously advised, in January.

- Cirencester Rugby Club – Car parking – This scheme has been approved and funds will be taken from the Waterloo car parking budget.
- Council Tax Support Scheme - Agreed. This is to help those who are less well off to pay their council tax.
- Schedule of meetings – Agreed 2pm start in the winter, 6pm start in the summer. Council meeting will meet at 4pm and Planning Committees will meet at 2pm every 2nd Wednesday.
- Electoral review – this will not be carried out until after the next District Council elections.
- Light railway for Cirencester to Kemble along the old railway line. There is support for a feasibility study.
- The next Full Council meeting will be held on the 26th February 2020. The main topic for this meeting will be the Budget.

- **Sports Centre Fairford** – The sports centre group have written to the school to obtain details to support the business plan, with particular reference to what opening times might be acceptable. An estimate of approx. £25k would be required as the start-up cost, as it is probable that this would have to be considered as a start-up business rather than a continuation.
- **Police** – A presentation was made by Inspector Ellson. Lowest crime rate in the UK. The issue of cybercrime is high on the police priority list. 3000 new policemen.
- **Planning** – There is still no progress on the planning application for Wick House and it is possible that this application will be closed.

Cllr Doherty reported as follows: -

- **FWAG** – 3 workshops relating to ELM have been held for CDC. Looking at ways that mapping can be incorporated into planning policy.
- **Waste** – recycling talk end of January. More talks to be given. Waste collection day for Fairford remains the same.
- **Flood partnership** - meeting with GCB (7/2/20) – The Cirencester Flood partnership group will become the Cotswold Flood partnership group.
- **WASP** – Issues relating to sewage in the Coln – members of the fly-fishing community have concerns over quality of the water in the Coln as a result of polluting agents. Thames Water will be taking 10 samples from the Windrush and Coln river. Lack of agreement about the causes of pollution in the rivers.

- **CDC Cabinet Meeting** – met on the 10th February 2020 – Nett budget £12.34 million. Requirement is £3.15million - business rates; £5.59 million

Council tax income; £3.17 million – new homes bonus money. It is probable that the issues relating to child and elderly care at GCC will be passed down to District.

- Q: District Cllrs were asked how much the Rugby Club Car park will cost.
 A: Cllr Andrews replied that it is expected that this will be £512k giving 158 car parking spaces.

241 19/20 To receive report from County Councillor

County Cllr Theodoulou reported as follows: -
 - **Budget** - increased to £465 million – 87% met by taxpayers, 63% of total for adult and childcare – extra 2% every year from taxpayers to support elderly budget. Outsourcing of services cross county for childcare is extremely expensive. Ofsted report expected next week and then again later in the year. Lack of social workers and increase in the number of children in care is proving problematic.
 Funds allocated for roads and £1 million into climate control policies.

Q: Cllr Morgan asked if Cllr Theodoulou had managed to establish if there would be funding available for works to the Victory Villas verge on London Road

A: Cllr Theodoulou replied that a proposal to increase funding for road matters is being considered but he could not confirm what may be available for this work.

Q: Cllr Roberts asked if anything further has been done about installing lights on Cirencester Road, (west side), from the Marlborough Arms to the new housing estate.

A: Cllr Theodoulou said that this was being looked at. If FTC wanted to install lights themselves, it would be at a cost of approx. £80-£100k.

Cllr Theodoulou left the meeting.

- 242 19/20 To receive Police Report**
 The Police report was received with no comment.

FINANCE

- 243 19/20 To receive report from the Chair of Finance**
 None, as the Committee did not meet in January.

- 244 19/20 To approve, retrospectively, payments to end of January 2020**
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve, retrospectively, payments to the end of January 2020. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Morgan – all in favour.

- 245 19/20 To receive figures to the end of January 2020**
 The figures to the end of January were received with no comment.

- 246 19/20 To approve reconciliation report for January 2020**
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the reconciliation report for January 2020. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Nicholls – all in favour.

PLANNING

- 247 19/20 To receive the Minutes of the Planning committee meetings held on 21st January and 4th February 2020.**
 The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 21st January and 4th February were received with no comment.

- 248 19/20 To receive report from Chair of Planning Committee**

Cllr Harrison reported that the pre-application proposals for Fayre Court have been submitted. The Wick House application is still pending, as there have been issues with drainage. Cllr Harrison has circulated the response to the consultation on the transport plan, the deadline being the 26th March. Any feedback should be referred to Cllr Harrison.

WORKS & COMMUNITY

249 19/20 To receive report from Chair of Works & Community Committee
Cllr Morgan reported that Mr Passmore (Quenington), will be coming along at 6.30pm on the 25th February with a presentation relating to new methods being used for speedwatch, following his attendance at a recent speedwatch session.

OTHER MATTERS

250 19/20 To consider information received from FWAG
It was agreed to defer this item to the W & C Committee.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next W & C Meeting in February.

251 19/20 Anything the Chair considers urgent
None

IN CAMERA ITEM

252 19/20 To consider information re: Coln House School
The Clerk had circulated notes from the recent meeting held with GCC and FTC regarding the plans for the Coln House School site. The Planning Committee have considered the proposed plans and have asked GCC to hold a public consultation, which they have agreed to do. We will be advised in due course when this might take place.

253 19/20 To consider and agree Heads of Terms for transfer of Coln House School Playing Fields to the Town Council
Debate took place to consider the Heads of Terms following which, Cllrs **RESOLVED** to seek legal advice and to recommend to the Finance Committee that funds are made available for any legal fees. Proposed Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Roberts.

ACTION: Clerk to add recommendation to the Agenda for the next Finance meeting in February. Clerk to contact GAPTC for advice on legal assistance.

Cllr Harrison will be putting together a list of questions relating to the Heads of Terms.

ACTION: Cllr Harrison to prepare a list of queries and to circulate to members

254 19/20 Date of next meeting 10th March 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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