

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council to held on Thursday 13 February 2020 commencing 7pm at Cullompton Town Hall

Present: Cllr Lloyd Knight (in the chair) and Cllrs: James Buczkowski, Matthew Dale, Gordon Guest, Kate Haslett, Janet Johns and Michelle Rowe.

Also in attendance: One member of the public.

Judy Morris: Town Clerk

- **APOLOGIES** received and accepted from: Cllrs Eileen Andrews (unwell), Kerry Baldwin (personal), Robert Dietrich (unwell), Justin Lochhead (personal), Ian Morton (unwell), Russ Murch (personal) and Martin Smith (meeting). Proposed Cllr Matthew Dale, seconded Cllr Kate Haslett.
- **185. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**: **Cllr Gordon Guest** declared a personal interest in discussion relating to the Neighbourhood Plan as he is Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

186. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Snow repeated his request, made at the previous meeting, for a written or verbal apology on behalf of the Council. He also felt that he hadn't been provided with a full explanation of why there were items, other than the precept/budget, on the agenda of the 9 January 2020 meeting.

It was confirmed that the Clerk has sent him an apology, Cllr James Buczkowski offered an apology on behalf of the Council. It was acknowledged that the agenda for the meeting had included a couple of other items but that sufficient time had been provided at the meeting for anyone that wanted to speak to have an opportunity to speak.

- **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 January 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Michelle Rowe, seconded Cllr Matthew Dale.
- 188. **RESOLUTIONS**: Noted
- 189. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: To approve date.

RESOLVED: That the Council's Annual Parish Meeting is held on Thursday 14 May 2020.

190. PAYMENTS: To examine and agree the accounts due for payment.

RESOLVED: That the following schedules of invoices are approved for payment:

Purchase Daybook – Page 430: Total £2766.31 Purchase Daybook – Page 431 Total £63.42 Purchase Daybook – Page 432 Total £4307.78

Proposed Cllr Michelle Rowe, seconded Cllr Lloyd Knight.

191. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

(I) Neighbourhood Plan: Impact of the Local Plan Review, to receive report highlighting how the proposed modifications may impact on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Mid Devon District Council, as the local planning authority, in August 2019. At the time of submission it was believed that the Plan was in general conformity with the strategic policies in the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is currently being independently examined as required by legislation. The Examiner will be considering whether the Plan meets this requirement, and all the other basic conditions.

RESOLVED: To wait for the outcome of the Local Plan Examination.

(i) Proposed Modifications: To review proposed modification and approve response

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation with the following comments:

CU21 – Land at Colebrook Lane: No longer a contingency site nor subject to the completion of NW Extension through route: The deletion of this criteria relating to the NW Extension through route has the potential to generate more traffic onto the existing road network and the town centre in particular.

DM1 – High Quality Design: Concern about whether the proposed district level standard of 20% provision of lifetime housing on major housing sites will adequately satisfy local housing needs in Cullompton for such dwellings. Would prefer a more flexible approach.

Culm Garden Village: The wording in the Plan needs to be make it clear that the Garden Village is a part of Cullompton not a neighbouring settlement.

NW Cullompton: Additional text "Occupation of no more than 600 dwellings prior to the completion of the Cullompton Town Centre relief road"

MM 33 Loss of floodplain: "Any loss of floodplain at this location should be mitigated by the creation of additional/compensatory floodplain which should secure wider environmental and sustainability benefits including the provision of appropriate ecological and biodiversity enhancements" Concern that although the loss of floodplain is acknowledged there is no detail of how this loss in floodplain will be compensated for.

	J28 – Concerns that capacity study reports will not necessarily improve capacity at Junction 28 or provide for a new Junction 28A. There could be 1200 extra houses with no major improvements to Junction 28.
	RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Chairman of Planning Committee submit a response to the proposed modifications to the Local Plan on behalf of the Council. Proposed Cllr James Buczkowski, seconded Cllr Lloyd Knight.
192.	CORRESPONDENCE: (i) Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Mid Devon Review consultation. Agenda item for next meeting, to include an A3 copy of the map.
193.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 27 February 2020 at 7pm.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press are very welcome to attend the meeting.

Members of the public will only be permitted to speak at the beginning of the meeting during Public Question Time.