



Cullompton Town Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 28th May 2020 commencing at 19:00 hrs.
Meeting held with remote attendance.

Present:

Mayor: Councillor L Knight

Councillors: E Andrews, M Dale, J Johns, M Rowe, J Buczkowski, R Dietrich, G Guest,
K Haslett, I Morton and J Lochhead.

In attendance:

Joy Norris (Town Clerk), Steve Reardon (Assistant Town Clerk), Maria Weston (Deputy Town Clerk).

Two members of the public and one member of the press attended the meeting.

11. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Murch and Baldwin.

12. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Guest declared a personal interest in Agenda No 7 (Minute 17)

Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy, as the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Councillor Andrews declared a personal interest in Agenda No 7 (Minute 17)

Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy as a Vice-Chair of the Cullompton Community Association;

Councillor Andrews at 20:21hrs declared a personal interest in Agenda No 8 (Minute 18)

Public Space Protection Order Relating to Dog Control as a Vice-Chair of the Cullompton Community Association

13. Public Participation

No questions were received prior to the start of the meeting.

Speaker 1:

- States that there needs to be a resolution that there will no further action, negotiation or bids made nor progression of the Business Plan regarding 19 High Street, Cullompton.
- Resolutions Appendix B, No 12 - Public Participation Policy. The new policy requires that members of the public submit questions 48 hours prior to the meeting but as Appendices are not put on the website until much later, sometimes only 24 hours before the meeting, it is impossible to submit questions 48 hours prior to the meeting. Councillor J Buczkowski responded by clarifying that questions being submitted 48 hours in advance is advisory, particularly where any kind of research is required and that tonight is a good example that questions may be taken by the Council without notice.

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- Resolutions Appendix B, - recording meetings, a precedent has been set by other authorities and it is therefore difficult to understand why the council was obtaining legal advice.

14. Minutes:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2020 are confirmed as a correct record.

15. Resolutions:

A report (Appendix B of the papers supporting the agenda) was presented detailing previous resolutions made by the council and the action taken to implement those decisions.

RESOLVED to note the resolutions report as presented to the meeting.

16. Recommendations from the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee

Recommendations from the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee held on 22 May 2020 were considered. (Appendix C of the papers supporting the agenda)

RESOLVED that the recommendations made by the Policy, Finance and Personnel Committee are approved, namely:

- (i) that Bradninch Town Trust are not awarded a grant for Improvements for the Guildhall - preliminary works
- (ii) that Cullompton Family Centre are awarded £200.00 to be used to purchase healthy refreshments and stock supplies up and to refresh the art and crafts cupboard
- (iii) that the grant application from Cullompton Leat Conservancy Board is referred to the Leat Working group for consideration and recommendation; any contribution should be made from the Leat Maintenance budget
- (iv) that YMCA Cullompton is awarded £400.00 to build raised beds and grow vegetable in partnership with keystone Project. And buy gardening tools & equipment seeds, plants, soil treated wood screws etc.

17. Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy

The Town Council's draft response (Appendix D of the papers supporting the agenda) to the consultation on the Mid Devon Playing Pitch Strategy was discussed.

Issues raised during the discussion included:

- the information regarding ownership and location of land and organisations contained in the response needs to be accurate
- the need for the strategy to be complementary to the emerging Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan

Note: the meeting adjourned at 16:56 for 10 minutes in order that all present could participate in the weekly Clap for Carers.

RESOLVED that Mid Devon District Council is requested to allow the Town Council an extension of the consultation period, until 19 June 2020, to enable the response drafted to be amended and reconsidered by the council

Note: Councillors Andrews and Guest had declared personal interests in this agenda item

18. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Relating to Dog Control

The Town Council considered the Mid Devon District Council's (MDDC) consultation document regarding widening enforcement powers, in order to deliver a cleaner and more sustainable environment across the District within the Mid Devon District Council Boundary and to replace current dog control powers which are due to expire in October 2020.

There was a lengthy discussion that included:

- Why Cullompton Town Council's Cemetery is not included on the list of areas specifically covered?
- Linear Park is not on the list.
- Does the inclusion in the Order impact upon the leases on these parks in any way?
- The consultation document is inaccurate in some places regarding land ownership
- It would be helpful to have a copy of the current Order so that changes could be seen.
- The status of the CCA Fields in relation to the draft Order as the CCA Committee do not wish to insist dogs are kept on a lead on their land
- the impact on any commercial dog walking enterprises in Cullompton.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contacts Mid Devon District Council with the following, questions, comments and observations:

- (i) The play area list should be updated to include all play parks in Cullompton including their current ownership and/or lease status.
- (ii) The play area list should be updated to include all new play areas in Cullompton that have been opened since 2015
- (iii) Cullompton Town Council is unable to comment on Schedules C and D of the Draft Order until the lists referred to in (i) and (ii) above are accurate and has information on why a park is or is not included within the draft Order
- (iv) The entirety of Cullompton cemetery should be included in any Order.
- (v) That a copy of the existing PSPO is provided in order that a comparison between the existing and proposed orders is possible.
- (vi) Confirmation is requested with regard to the impact of any Order upon any land managed by Cullompton Town Council under lease arrangements
- (vii) How the draft Order impacts upon the CCA land

Note: 20:21hrs Councillors Andrews declared personal interests in this agenda item

19. Payments

The accounts due for payment were considered.

RESOLVED that accounts as presented in Appendix F of the papers supporting the agenda are approved for payment.

The meeting closed at 20:44hrs