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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF CULLOMPTON TOWN COUNCIL
DATED THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST 2023 AT 7:00PM
AT CULLOMPTON TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

Councillors: Councillors E Buczkowski, J Buczkowski, P James, J Johns, J Sandford, T Spring, C Snow, M Thompson (Chair).

Officers: The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Mid Devon District Councillors S Robinson, L Knight and 1 Co-option Applicant.

C23/078 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED that Councillor M Thompson is elected Chair of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023-2024.

C23/079 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor R Dietrich and Devon County Councillor J Berry.

C23/080 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no Declarations of Interests made or Dispensations granted.

C23/081 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

C23/082 **MINUTES**

1. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on 22 June 2023 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting; they were signed as such.
2. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on 27 July 2023 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting; they were signed as such.
3. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Full Council held on 8 August 2023 is deferred for amendments to be made.

C23/083 **CO-OPTIONS**

RESOLVED that P Regardsoe is co-opted to Cullompton Town Council.

C23/084 **PLANNING MATTERS**

1. [23/01191/OUT](#). Outline for the erection of a dwelling following demolition of disused garage with all matters reserved at 36 Exeter Road, Cullompton.

RESOLVED that the council **OBJECTS** to this application on the basis of:

- Concerns that visibility is very poor exiting Clompitts already.
- Parking is not provided on site and on-street parking is always at a premium.
- A two-storey building will impact on privacy and natural light to neighbouring dwellings.
- There is a concern over the flood risk of the watercourse that runs along Exeter road at this location.
- There is concern over emergency vehicle access to and egress from this proposed development.

2. [23/01258/FULL](#). Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling at 18 Exeter Road, Cullompton. *Note: A scheme for the erection of 5 dwelling following demolition of the existing dwelling ([20/01946/OUT](#)) was withdrawn.*

RESOLVED that planning application 23/01258/FULL is **SUPPORTED**.

3. [23/01251/MFUL](#). Variation of conditions 3, 16, 22 and 23 and removal of condition 18 of planning permission 19/01679/MFUL (Construction of ground-mounted solar PV panels to generate up to 49.9MW (Site Area 60.78ha) and battery storage facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure) to allow amendments to internal roads, access to southern parcel, battery stations, layout of solar PV arrays and fence lines, redesign of substation area, removal of proposed gantry and replacement with point of contact mast and addition of 4 (temporary) construction compounds at Land at NGR 303437 103555 East of Langford Mill & Tye Farm Langford Devon.

Planning application 23/01251/MFUL was noted.

C23/085 **FINANCE REPORTS**

To consider and not the payments, receipts and invoices. To consider other financial matters including the bank reconciliation. It is **RECOMMENDED** that members:

1. **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliations up to 31 July 2023 are noted.
2. **RESOLVED** that the payments made under delegation, receipts received and approve the Council payment list are noted.
3. **RESOLVED** that the budget to date is deferred.

C23/086 **APPOINTMENT TO REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED, following confirmation from MDDC that the Town Centre Regeneration Partnership Group is part of the HAZ Project, to ratify the appointment of Councillor J Johns to represent the Town Council at both these Outside Bodies.

C23/087 **GOVERNANCE**

RESOLVED that:

1. Councillors J Buczkowski, T Spring, C Snow will form the Governance, Finance and Resources Committee with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Ex-Officio members.
2. Councillors E Buczkowski, P James, T Spring, C Snow, will form the Services, Property and Outdoor Spaces Committee with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Ex-Officio members.
3. There were no interested Councillors to form the Community, Economy and Tourism Committee.
4. Councillors J Buczkowski, E Buczkowski, J Johns, J Sandford and T Spring will form the Planning, Licensing and Strategic Growth Committee with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are Ex-Officio members.
5. That the Appeals Committee will form as it is required to do so.
6. The meeting schedule in accordance with Minute C23/075, with the amendment that the Services, Properties and Outdoor Spaces Committee meeting scheduled for 7 September 2023 will be moved to 12 September 2023 to resolve a conflict with Safeguarding Training, is noted.

C23/088 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

RESOLVED that:

1. The Voluntary Car Scheme is awarded a grant of £300.00.
2. The Cullompton Festival Steering Group is awarded a grant of £1,000.00.

2. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Amendments were suggested and it will be brought back when ready.

Closed at 20:25.