

A Meeting of the Town Council was held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Prior to the commencement of the Council meeting Bob Austin, Chief Executive of the CDC, held a question and answer session. The topics covered were:

- a) The Equestrian shop sign, listed building consent. This had been refused to the dismay of the owners who relied on advertisement to be able to trade profitably. Most of the residents were in favour or had no objections and the situation was supported by the Town Council. Mr Austin said that the decision to refuse had been made by a very slim majority and, although the owners could appeal under the regulations, it might be preferable for them to request an informal hearing.
- b) The compound at the eastern edge of the Town.. It was thought that this could become a target for travellers or the cul-de-sac turned into a lorry park. It was indicated that the compound would be cleared and the fence repaired by the end of February.
- c) The failure of SITA to collect the rubbish, during the week of the snow. There had been considerable number of complaints from residents especially about the untidiness and possible health risk, together with thoughts of rate rebates. The reply indicated that this was a one-off case and that the double amount of rubbish would be collected the coming Friday and the recycle material the next recycle collection.

Mr Austin mentioned that Stagecoach would refuse to accept tokens after April. However the bus passes should be acceptable to all companies. He also displayed an engagement questionnaire which he hoped all Councillors would complete and return.

Under the de-criminalisation of civil parking, CDC are pushing to take this on 1st October. Any profits will be returned to the streets.

The discussion of Council business started at 8.30pm. In the absence of the Mayor and deputy Mayor, it was agreed that Cllr Cawsey would chair the meeting.

Cllr Cawsey  
 Cllr Dover  
 Cllr Gillard  
 Cllr Gould  
 Cllr Mrs Mabon  
 Cllr Roberts  
 Cllr Mrs Seale  
 Cllr Sullivan  
 Cllr Whistler  
 Cllr Mrs Wilson

- 1 Apologies for Absence  
 Cllrs Bennett, Chase and Jones

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GCC Cllr Theodoulou  
 CDC Cllr Mrs Carter

- 2     Declarations of Interest  
       Cllr Whistler, item 5
- 3     Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007.  
       These were approved subject to the addition of the sentence 'It was further agreed that a letter would be sent supporting the application', after the second paragraph of item 10.
- 4     Matters Arising from the Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- a)    Cemetery  
           The Clerk reported that he still awaited a quotation for the drive. The filling of the potholes in the drive leading to the Cemetery should be completed within the next fortnight.
- b)    Skateboard Park  
           A quotation based on the area only had been made in the sum of £2,500. The Clerk requested the approval for this amount and to invite the tenderer to make a full inspection.
- c)    Meetings Attended  
           Cllr Whistler had attended the Fairford and Lechlade Business Club; about 50 supporters had attended. The next meeting was due to be held in Lechlade.  
           He had also attended a meeting of the Riverside Park group. The car park would be resurfaced and some improvement to the steps undertaken. The provision of access for the disabled would come much later.  
           There was a suggestion that the 30mph restriction be moved and that the signs be modified.
- Cllr Gillard and the Bridge sub-committee had met and they were facing the issue of raising funds for the feasibility study. The possible tenderers were Halcrow and Atkins. It was proposed that the tender would be made to the Town Council.
- Cllr Mrs Wilson together with Cllr Sullivan had attended the Cotswold Play partnership. She summarised the report that she had circulated, a copy of which would be attached to the minutes.
- Cllr Cawsey had attended the Heritage Development Trust and Fairford Hospital Group; the Group minutes would be circulated at next meeting.
- 5     Lechlade Business Club  
       As per correspondence there had been a request for a grant to help the project get underway. There then ensued a lively debate at the end of which it was

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decided that the matter be deferred and a business plan be obtained before a sum was granted but the Council was in support of the Club.

6 Correspondence

The list had been circulated and the action suggested approved.

7 Planning Applications

CT3328/N Single Storey conservatory 11 The Cursus – No objection

CT2050/4/1 Conservatory 32 Roman Way – No objection

Decision Notices

CT5337/M Sign at 6 Burford Street - Refused consent

CT2901/F Single storey front conservatory at Cambrai House - Permits

CT2950/Z Alterations to convert Ag building to dwelling at Butler's Court (listed building) - Grants Consent Planning permission Permits

8 CDC Councillor

Cllr Mrs Eatwell mentioned the Equestrian sign and said she would encourage them to appeal against the decision.

The waste collection would be going to wheelie bins with special colour ones for bio-degradable materials. Composting would also be further encouraged.

This scheme would involve fortnightly collection.

There had been some flooding at Downington but there were no sandbags available. She would raise this matter at CDC.

9 Matters Outstanding

There had been fly tipping on the footpath north of the bungalows. PROW or Highways would be contacted.

The Garden Centre would be planting the roundabout during the coming month.

Part of the footpath at Moorgate was overgrown by a hedge. Highways would be contacted.

Arising from the recent problems, Thames Water should give better information to senior citizens.

Another tree came down in Lodersfield Park. The Clerk would arrange removal.

BP site - the Clerk would again contact the site manager.

Market Square – the local residents should be contacted direct when plans

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move forward.

Bowmore - the paths situation was being referred to ODPM for a decision.

Cllr Roberts queried cycle paths and paths to Southrop.

The wooden seat at Mount Pleasant was in need of refurbishment.

It was stated that the local reporter to the Wilts and Glos Standard could be changed.

Cllr Gillard requested that all approaches to County be recorded to ensure that action could be monitored.

Cllr Cawsey mentioned the slow response to the 2007 Flag Festival. The Council fully endorsed his efforts and encouraged him to go forward with the project.

10 Date of Next Meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007

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