



# Bruton Town Council

## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 in the Bruton Community Hall

Present: Councillors: Brownlow, Coldman, Hall, Hunt, Marsh, Perkins, Pickering and Shipp  
In the Chair: Councillor Hall

### 14/113 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th October 2014

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

### 14/114 Declarations of Interests

Councillor Marsh declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6 f) "F&GP Committee Meeting – Football Club grant application".

Councillor Pickering declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6 f) "F&GP Committee Meeting – Bruton Festival of Arts grant application".

### 14/115 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bowell, Crombie, Hutchinson and Rubbo.

### 14/116 Public Question Time

A representative spoke on behalf of Greener Bruton Community Group explaining the group's aims for the town which include a community swimming pool and educational area. The group is currently looking for a brown field site of approximately one and a half acres with good access.

A resident of Coombe Farm spoke of the intention to carry out much needed woodland management in Tolbury Woods.

The Chair of the Chamber of Commerce stated that arrangements were well in hand for the Christmas Evening on 10th December with the High Street being closed between 6pm and 9pm. It was also reported that an invitation to Christmas Lunch at the Longhouse is being made to those in the town who may otherwise spend Christmas on their own. A tremendous amount of support has already been received with offers of turkeys, Christmas trees and help with transport.

### 14/117 Action Points from Previous Meeting

The Clerk reported on the action points from the previous meeting. A copy of the road traffic order for Church Bridge has been found. A quote has been requested for a folding shelf in the Community Office. Two new litter bins have been ordered and delivered. The High Street is to be cleaned this coming Friday although a lack of police resources will prevent the area from being cleared of parked cars. Window stickers for the community toilet scheme have been ordered. A letter has been written to Tincknells explaining HGV policy in the town. All other items are on the agenda.

### 14/118 Reports from Committees

#### a) Planning Committee Meeting 29th October 2014

Councillor Hall reported on the meeting held on 29th October 2014. In particular the application for a gallery at the Old Coach House, Coombe Street was discussed. Councillor Pickering spoke of the need to encourage businesses in the town as the parking issue is the same for everyone. Councillor Shipp felt that using the excuse of narrow pavements in the area as a reason for rejection was “not a joined-up issue” considering people using the school already walk there.

After much discussion it was proposed and seconded that Council approve the recommendations of the Planning Committee with the exception of the application for The Old Coach House, Coombe Street, Bruton.

**Resolution Adopted 5-1-2**

**b) Planning Committee Meeting 11th November 2014**

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

**c) Planning Committee Meeting 17th November 2014**

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

**d) Planning Committee Meeting 24th November 2014**

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the recommendations of the Planning Committee.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

**e) Services and Amenities Committee Meeting 17th November 2014**

Councillor Pickering reported on the meeting held on 17th November 2014. It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the recommendations of the Services and Amenities Committee.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

It was also reported that Councillors Pickering and Hall had recently met with James Divall at Cuckoo Hill. The site for the proposed playground has now been cleared although two flood water tanks have been constructed under one corner of the site. It is hoped that Councillor Pickering will meet at the site next week with Lesley Jellyman and Rob Parr from SSDC.

**i) Bins**

It was proposed and seconded that a litter bin be purchased for the junction of Eastfield/Burrowfield.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

It was proposed and seconded that a metal seat situated at the junction of Eastfield/Burrowfield be re-painted.

**Resolution Adopted 8-0-0**

**ii) Allotments**

Councillor Pickering reported that a seminar due to be attended by herself and the Clerk was cancelled. Extra compost bins have been built at the Durslade Community Garden and additional raised beds are to be added to clear the waiting list.

**f) Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 19th November 2014**

Councillor Hall reported on the meeting held on 19th November 2014. An omission was noted in that it was not reported that the British Legion is expected to apply for a £500 grant. The minutes were duly amended. Councillor Hall stated that, after consideration of the recommendations of the Services & Amenities Committee, it was decided not to allocate a further £500 to Friends of Riverside Walk. However it was agreed to allocate a further £2,000 from the project fund to enable the office refurbishment to be completed this financial year.

*At this point Councillors Marsh and Pickering withdrew from the meeting.*

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**Resolution Adopted 6-0-0**

*At this point Councillors Marsh and Pickering re-joined the meeting.*

**g) Friends of Riverside Walk**

Councillor Pickering reported, in the absence of Councillor Bowell. A meeting with James Divall to discuss the plan for the area is to be arranged. It is hoped to include Mill Dam in the overall project. Unknown to the Town Council, a plinth for the proposed sculpture in Riverside Walk has been installed near the memorial garden.

**h) Highways**

Councillor Brownlow reported the following:

- Despite all attempts, there has still been no progress from Highways concerning the acquisition of a SID.
- Help is being obtained to collect supporting evidence for a 20mph limit in Bruton. It is hoped to collect data in the New Year for Anna Groskop to present to Harvey Siggs.
- The employment of a lollypop lady is to be investigated.
- A meeting has taken place with Simon Griffiths who is very keen for a lorry watch group.
- A meeting is to be arranged with the Speedwatch team to try to understand what problems are preventing the group from starting.
- A meeting with Colin Fletcher, the Head of King's School and Councillors Brownlow and Shipp is to take place next month to discuss traffic calming in Silver Street.

Councillor Marsh expressed concern that priorities have not been discussed and questioned the processes involved. Councillor Shipp responded by quoting his spreadsheet with 20mph as a priority.

**14/119 Station Road Car Park Surface**

It was reported that the surface of Station Road car park is breaking up with large pot holes appearing. The Clerk will contact SSDC to seek a solution.

**14/120 Saturday Bus Routes**

Councillor Shipp reported on a consultation which is to take place concerning the possible reduction of bus services on a Saturday. It was agreed that Councillor Shipp draft a letter, which should be sent in response after e-mail approval by other Councillors.

**14/121 Policy for Audio/Visual recording at Council Meetings**

It was proposed and seconded that the policy for audio/visual recording at Council Meetings be adopted.

**Resolution adopted 8-0-0**

**14/122 Town Work Plan – review and exceptions reports**

The Chairman presented the work plan. The website has been constructed and the new logos are being devised.

**14/123 Administration**

It was proposed and seconded that as there is no meeting scheduled for December 2014 that under Financial Regulations 6d the Council authorises the payment of accounts certified by the Clerk which are received in December, subject to a report to the January 2015 meeting of the Council. It was further proposed and seconded that urgent matters requiring action may be determined by the Chairman, Councillor Hall in consultation with Councillors Pickering and Coldman subject to a report to Council in January 2015.

**Resolution adopted 8-0-0**

**14/124 Reports:**

**Town Councillors –Councillor Shipp** reported on a meeting with the Friends of Bruton Railway Station who are keen to open disabled access to platform 2. Thanks were given to the Friends for their very good work throughout the year.

**County Councillor and District Councillor Groskop** reported that she has had complaints about the lights being too bright at Cuckoo Hill. There have also been complaints about the proposed

20mph speed limit. A request has been received for a nursery and a laundrette. A request has also been received for lighting by the steps in Riverside Walk.

**Chairman** – There was nothing further to report this time.

#### 14/125 Items for Next Agenda

Councillors are asked to forward items for the next agenda to the Clerk by Monday 12th January 2015.

#### 14/126 Accounts for Payment

1	K F McCarthy	Salary - November 2014	£1003.66
2	HMRC	Tax/NI – November 2014	£172.29
3	BT	Internet Services	£50.40
4	Vodafone	Phone bill to 31/8/14	£20.20
5	Julian Shave	Grounds maintenance Oct/Nov 14	£1145.70
6	Wicksteed	Replacement springy horse for JP	£1897.20
7	Vodafone	Phone bill to 31/10/14	£18.83
8	The Royal British Legion	2 wreaths-Remembrance Service 2014	£34.00
9	Sherborne Window Cleaning	Clean office windows	£19.80
10	Glasdon UK Ltd.	2 litter bins and fixing kit	£559.15
11	K F McCarthy	2 window cable wire display kits	£127.80
12	Greg Mainstone	Supply & erect 3 compost bins	£230.00
13	W Bonner	Prepare council laptop for reuse	£50.00
14	Shaun Nash Ltd.	Refurbishment of Community Office	£4545.60
15	K F McCarthy	Cleaning products for office/loo	£10.95

#### Resolution Adopted 8-0-0

#### 14/127 Correspondence

1.	SSDC	Landlords Site Assessment
2.	Zurich Insurance	Settlement of playground claim – e-mail
3.	SLCC	The Clerk Magazine – November 2014
4.	War Memorials Trust	Bulletin – November 2014
5.	PCSO Russell	Police report – November 2014 – e-mail

It was agreed that the current PACT priorities remain the same.

#### 14/128 Confidential Business – Motion to exclude the Public

It was proposed and seconded that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public and press be excluded.

#### Resolution Adopted 8-0-0

#### 14/129 National Award

Consideration was given to the nomination of a local resident for a national award. However as the resident has already retired, the rules state that no nomination can be made.

**Members of the Council considered these matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability): Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.**

**Action Points** – 1) Meeting re Cuckoo Hill play area. LP 2) Order litter bin/repaint metal bench - Clerk  
3) Solution to car park pot holes - Clerk 4) Letter re bus routes - GS