



Bruton Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 in the Bruton Community Hall

Present: Councillors: Coldman, Hall, Marsh and Perkins
In the Chair: Councillor Hall

14/162 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2015

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

14/163 Declarations of Interests

There were none.

14/164 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Baker, Brownlow, Hunt and Pickering.

14/165 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

14/166 Action Points from Previous Meeting

The Clerk reported on the action points from the previous meeting. The defibrillator has been added to the Town Council insurance. The JP Pavilion Trust had been written to concerning its charges and a reply had been received. Motorcycle activity on Huish Lane had been reported to the police. A meeting had taken place with Robert Parr, Lisa Pickering and Anna Groskop concerning the Cuckoo Hill play area.

14/167 Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee Meeting 24th March 2015

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

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

b) Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 18th March 2015

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

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

c) Highways

There was no report this time.

d) Riverside Walk

It was reported that several complaints had been received about the current work being undertaken on Riverside Walk with residents concerned about the lack of consultation. The removed picnic tables will be returned, the bridges repaired and a new pathway constructed on Crown Green. It is hoped that a leaflet drop will be undertaken in May to reinstate the Riverside Walk Working Party.

14/168 Pruning of Churchyard Trees

Two quotations were considered and it was proposed and seconded that Council accept the quotation received from Noel Radford. The Church Warden will supervise the work.

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

14/169 Replacement of Litter Bin near Gants Mill Lane

The District Council has informed the Town Council that it will not replace the missing litter bin near Gants Mill Lane. It was therefore proposed and seconded that a replacement litter bin be purchased by the Town Council

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

14/170 Use of Jubilee Park for Outdoor Fitness Classes

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the use of Jubilee Park as a venue for Outdoor Fitness Classes providing the applicant can produce insurance and under the agreement that the Town Council accepts no liability. The applicant will also be instructed not to use the area of the newly re-turfed football pitch.

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

14/171 Town Work Plan – review and exceptions reports

The Chairman presented the work plan. There are no major changes this time.

14/172 Accounts for Payment

1	K F McCarthy	Salary – March 2015	£1002.30
2	HMRC	Tax/NI – March 2015	£171.38
3	GDW Building & Renovations	Rebuild collapsed JP wall	£3249.60
4	Glasdon UK Ltd.	Litter bin for Eastfield	£489.69
5	Julian Shave Landscaping	Grounds maintenance – March 2015	£1597.20
6	Wire Fittings Designs Ltd.	Wooden leaflet display cabinet	£304.20
7	Robert Carter	Website graphic design – initial fee	£1500.00
8	Greg Mainstone	Fit memorial bench at Riverside Walk	£50.00
9	Vodafone	Phone bill to 28/2/15	£18.59
10	Claire Downes	Website build and hosting	£150.00
11	CommuniCorp	Clerks & Councils magazine subs	£12.00
12	Steven Hall	Expenses – mileage to attend workshop	£48.08
13	K F McCarthy	Expenses–loo rolls/handwash for toilet	£5.15
14	Steven Hall	Hosting & transfer fee for website	£119.99
15	SLCC	Registration fee - CiLCA	£250.00

Resolution Adopted 4-0-0

14/173 Correspondence

1	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine - 2015
2	Bruton United FC	Thank you for help with pitch works
3	Wessex Water	Changes to dates of meter readings
4	NALC	LCR Magazine – Spring 2015
5	St. John Ambulance	The Big First Aid Lesson
6	BT	Adopt a Kiosk
7	SLCC	The Clerk Magazine – March 2015
8	SSDC	Invite to Local Information Centre Review
9	Lorna Taylor	David Hick’s memorial bench
10	SCC	Somerset Emergency Community Contacts
11	ICO	Data Protection renewal confirmation
12	The Veterans’ Charity	The Forces March 2015
13	Guest Fire & Security	Company changes

The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to Councillor Trevor Coldman who is retiring from the Council having first served for eight years as a Councillor in the 1970's. Trevor then re-joined the Council in 1993 and has been a member ever since. A letter written in 2008 nominating Trevor for a Citizenship award was read to the meeting by the Clerk. "Trevor is not just a sitting member but one of those rare Councillors who are prepared to take on extra work whenever needed. Indeed he was Chairman of the planning sub-committee for many years. Since retiring from employment Trevor has managed the Community Hall, handling all the bookings, doing the routine maintenance and supervising improvements. Additionally Trevor is a volunteer driver for the Red Cross taking people to hospital appointments". Although written 7 years ago, the letter sums up Trevor's contribution to society which is still relevant today. In fact Trevor has just been honoured by the Red Cross for 15 years of driving. Trevor will be greatly missed as a member of the Council but is intending to continue as a valued volunteer in the Community Office.

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. Contact Tree Surgeon – Clerk
2. Purchase litter bin – Clerk
3. Letter re Council's decision to Fitness Class - Clerk