



Bruton Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2015 in the Bruton Museum

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

14/174 Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st March 2015

Item 14/164 should also include apologies from Councillor Shipp. The amendment was made. It was then proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

Resolution Adopted 10-0-0

14/175 Declarations of Interests

There were none.

14/176 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Perkins and Rubbo.

14/177 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

14/178 Action Points from Previous Meeting

The Clerk reported on the action points from the previous meeting. Tree works in the Churchyard have taken place although the warden would like more of the overhanging branches to be removed. The litter bin for Gants Mill Lane has still to be ordered. A letter has been sent to the Fitness Class giving Council's permission providing insurance is in place.

14/179 Reports from Committees

a) Planning Application No. 15/01278/LBC

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve the above application for 91 High Street, Bruton.

Resolution Adopted 10-0-0

b) Highways

Councillor Brownlow updated Council. A response is awaited from Louise King as to when a public information event is to take place regarding the Cole Road traffic calming scheme. A meeting is to take place soon with Colin Fletcher regarding the proposed 20mph zone. Funding is in place and a map produced showing where the signs should be placed. A favourable police input is also required. Colin Fletcher has confirmed that funding is in place for a dropped kerb outside the post office and this should go ahead in July/August. The triangle outside the shop will be repainted and the bus stop will have yellow lines to prevent parking. Dave Grabham has been contacted again regarding a SID in the town and a date for the resurfacing of Quaperlake Street has been requested. The Lorrywatch scheme has been active in the town and it is hoped that Speedwatch will start soon. The road at the top of Coombe Street will be closed from 11th May for 6 days.

Councillor Shipp noted that SID data from SSDC has not been received in recent months.

c) Riverside Walk

Councillor Pickering reported. The work is progressing and although complaints were received, Councillor Pickering believes that most people are now happy with what is happening. A meeting took place with James Divall last week and the signage will be cleaned up and hopefully new notice boards will be installed, with the board currently installed at the station to be used as a template. The benches removed from the picnic area are to be replaced. Repairs have taken place on the wooden bridge by Berkeley Gardens. Councillor Hall stated that he believed there were mixed opinions about Riverside Walk and that a petition has been seen on social media requesting that the area is not sprayed for weeds. Signs for Hauser & Wirth, paid for by them, will be added to the black finger post signs. Councillor Coldman reminded Council that one of these signs has currently been removed by SSDC due to it being hit by a lorry. The Clerk was instructed to investigate its return.

14/180 David Hick Memorial Bench

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve a request to site a memorial bench for David Hick at the Plox bus stop. The Clerk will liaise with the fund raisers over the purchase and payment of the bench.

Resolution Adopted 10-0-0

14/181 Cemetery

It was proposed and seconded that Council approve a request to scatter ashes in the town.

Resolution Adopted 10-0-0

14/182 Annual Playground Inspection Offer & Playground Risk Assessment Service

It was proposed and seconded that the Playground Inspection and Risk Assessment Service offered by SSDC at a total cost of £157.00 plus VAT be accepted.

Resolution Adopted 10-0-0

A Town Council weekly inspection of play areas will recommence in May.

14/183 Town Work Plan – review and exceptions reports

The Chairman presented the work plan. The public toilets, Dovecote Building and website projects have now been completed and will be removed from the work plan. The revamp of the play/youth and sports facilities will also be removed for the time being.

It was reported that the Bruton Community Partnership is trying to obtain funding to maintain the website. The Partnership has now opened a bank account and the Clerk will transfer monies held from Bruton – The Way Forward.

14/184 Reports:

Town Councillors – Councillor Shipp reported that an electric fence had been placed across a footpath near Sexeys School.

District Council – there was no report this time due to the forth-coming election.

County Councillor Groskop reported that she had recently attend the AGM of the Jubilee Park Pavilion Trust although no Trustees had attended. At the meeting it was discussed that a separate committee be formed to build a new hall, with the current one to be kept for the playgroup. More youth facilities and a keep-fit area have been requested by residents. The phone box at Uphills has been vandalised. Complaints have been received about the planting at Crown Green. Councillor Groskop then spoke about Trevor Coldman's time on the Council in the light of his retirement recalling how, as a very strict Chairman of the Planning Committee, he would not allow any Councillor to vote who was not completely familiar with the applications put forward. Trevor has given so much of his time to the Town over so many years and Councillor Groskop gave her sincere thanks for all of his hard work. There was a round of applause.

Chairman – It was reported that a wire fence surrounding the Cuckoo Hill allotments had been broken and the gap now used to access the allotments. Attempts are being made to find out the owner of the wire fence. A request has been made to replace a tree removed from the Riverside Walk and also to replace a dead tree which had originally been planted in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of VE day. The recently collapsed wall at Jubilee Park had been repaired but mortar had been used when the original was dry-stone. Planning permission had been received for the sculpture in Riverside Walk. Complaints had been received about the Dub Club. It was unfortunately reported that cats had been shot in Burrowfield Close and the police have been informed.

Justin Robinson, a previous Town Councillor and former Mayor of Bruton, thanked all Councillors for their time and effort and gave good wishes to all who are stepping down this term. Special thanks were given to Trevor Coldman, an exemplary Councillor, to whom Justin owes a lot as he took over as Chairman from Trevor and this eventually led on to his current position as Chief Executive Officer of SALC. Trevor is wished a very happy retirement.

Councillor Hall thanked all Councillors who are stepping down and paid tribute to Trevor, stating that he very rarely missed a meeting, was always willing to volunteer for tasks and that it was a real pleasure and privilege to serve with him.

14/185 Accounts for Payment

1	K F McCarthy	Salary – April 2015	£1047.21
2	HMRC	Tax/NI – April 2015	£181.09
3	Bruton Community Hall	Hire of hall for 3 meetings	£45.00
4	Guest Fire & Security	Annual Inspection and Maintenance of Office Alarm System	£84.00
5	SSDC	Rates for LIC and Clerk’s Office	£1416.00
6	SSDC	Rates for Station Road Car Park	£576.00
7	SSDC	Mill Dam path/bridge works	£4740.00
8	Shaun Nash (Bruton) Ltd.	Make and fit shelf in LIC	£168.00
9	Phil Simpson	Website design and development	£1000.00
10	K F McCarthy	Expenses–visitor book for LIC	£2.85
11	NALC	LCR Magazine Subscription 2015	£12.00
12	Jubilee Park Pavilion Trust	Grant 2015/2016	£1750.00
13	Bruton Museum	Grant 2015/2016	£1300.00
14	Bruton Festival of Arts	Grant 2015/2016	£3000.00
15	The Dove	Grant 2015/2016	£950.00
16	Friends of Bruton Railway Station	Grant 2015/2016	£60.00
17	Bruton Mini-Day Care Centre	Grant 2015/2016	£200.00
18	Bruton Chamber of Commerce	Grant 2015/2016	£2000.00
19	Bruton United Football Club	Grant 2015/2016	£1032.00
20	Royal British Legion – Bruton & District Branch	Grant 2015/2016	£500.00
21	South Somerset CAB	Section 137 Grant 2015/2016	£100.00
22	CAT Bus	Section 137 Grant 2015/2016	£350.00
23	Cat’s Café	1st quarter of toilet lease agreement	£166.25
24	The Bruton Castle	1st quarter of toilet lease agreement	£166.25
25	At the Chapel	1st quarter of toilet lease agreement	£166.25
26	Vodafone	Phone bill to 31/3/15	£18.28
27	Julian Shave Landscaping Ltd.	Grounds maintenance to 14/4/15	£1846.80
28	Sherborne Window Cleaning	Clean office windows	£19.80
29	Julian Shave Landscaping Ltd.	Grounds maintenance – April 2015	£711.00

Resolution Adopted 10-0-0

14/186 Correspondence

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| 1 | SSDC | Asbestos Survey on District Council owned properties |
| 2 | Revd Fr Justin Bailey | Invitation to Society Sunday |

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. Order litter bin for Gants Mill – Clerk
2. Liaise with fundraisers re memorial bench – Clerk
3. Reply to SSDC re annual playground inspection - Clerk