



# Bruton Town Council

## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2015 in the Bruton Community Hall

Present: Councillors: Anderton, Brownlow, Hall, Hughes, Hunt, Marsh and Pawsey  
In the Chair: Councillor Hall

### **15/047 Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th June 2015**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

### **15/048 Co-option of Councillor**

There were three candidates. A written ballot was undertaken. After voting by Councillors it was proposed and seconded that Julie Carey-Downes be co-opted as a councillor to fill the current vacancy and was duly elected.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

### **15/049 Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

### **15/050 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Baker, Crawford, Gasson, Hutchinson and Pickering.

### **15/051 Public Question Time**

Canon Paul Jenkins spoke of a "Giving Fund" which has been set up by the Visitors of Sexey's Hospital with small grants available from September. Bids are invited from organisations involved with the needs of the elderly or the educational needs of students in Bruton.

### **15/052 Action Points from Previous Meeting**

The Clerk reported on the action points from the previous meeting. A playground inspection rota has been sent to all Councillors and the inspections have commenced. A message has been sent to the Netball Club explaining the current situation regarding the floodlights. The SSDC Playdays have been organised and are due to run on 31st July and 24th August. The Clerk has been enrolled on an IT course in September. E-mails have been sent regarding the NatWest mobile bank and the medieval festival, both giving support to the projects. The lorry access enquiry from District Councillor Beech has been answered by Councillor Hall. All other items are on the agenda.

### **15/053 Reports from Committees**

#### **a) Planning Committee Meeting 14th July 2015**

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

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

**b) Planning Committee Meeting 21st July 2015**

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

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

**c) Services and Amenities Committee Meeting 22nd July 2015**

Councillor Pawsey reported on the recent committee meeting, and in particular the following was discussed:

- Provision of playgrounds – it is hoped that funds for new playground provision will amount to £100K.
- Development of playground facilities as a whole has been put forward as a suggestion by SSDC– there was however concern that dealing with Cuckoo Hill at the same time as Jubilee Park could create delays.
- The website strategy – it was felt that there is a lack of awareness in what the Council does.
- The Skatepark project should be put back on the Work Plan.
- The WW1 Centenary Commemoration Project should be mentioned in the Chair's report in the Dove.

Councillor Hall stated that he did not believe Cuckoo Hill and Jubilee Park should be treated as one and suggested that the MuGA and Skatepark should also be kept separate. He also stated that the cricket nets at Jubilee Park are not fit for purpose and should be removed. Councillor Pawsey replied, emphasising that the projects, although dealt with under an “umbrella strategy”, would be treated separately.

Two amendments to the minutes were made – item 6, second sentence should now read “The project is referred to as the WW1 Centenary Commemoration Project which consists of three projects”. Item 8 should read “Communication Strategy” and not “Website Communication Strategy”. The amendments were made and it was then proposed and seconded that Council adopt the recommendations of the Services and Amenities Committee.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

**i) Riverside Walk Sculpture**

Councillor Hall reported that the sculpture gets incredibly hot when the sun is out and that a warning to this effect should be placed nearby. The sculptor will be asked for his opinion as it was felt a written notice would detract from the sculpture.

**ii) Memorial Bench**

It was reported that the placing of a memorial bench in the Churchyard had been unanimously approved by the PCC at its recent meeting.

It was therefore proposed and seconded that permission be granted for the placing of a memorial bench in the Churchyard.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

**d) Transport Committee Meeting 7th July 2015**

Councillor Brownlow reported. The public event held on 1st July for the Cole Road scheme and consultation for the 20mph scheme was well attended. Petitions were set up with a majority of residents in favour of both schemes. Two small amendments to the 20mph scheme were proposed as follows:

- The 20mph restriction to start on the Wyke Road closer to the town.
- The 20mph restriction to continue up Coombe Street beyond the footpath leading to the top of Uphills.

After consideration it was proposed and seconded that the 20mph scheme with the two amendments above be adopted.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

It was proposed and seconded that the Cole Road traffic calming scheme be adopted.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

It was also reported that 2 residents are due to attend Speed Indicator Device (SID) training on 4th August. Once this training has been completed, a SID will be delivered and it is hoped that it will be up and running before the end of summer.

Councillor Brownlow and County/District Councillor Groskop recently met with residents of Cuckoo Hill to discuss the increased traffic in the area.

There will be a Transport Committee meeting on Monday 3rd August at which small improvement grants and road traffic orders will be discussed.

#### **15/054 Review of Social Media Policy**

The Social Media Policy was considered and two amendments were made as follows:

- Item 4 4.5 to now state that Council will appoint at least two nominated persons as moderators instead of one.
- Item 4 4.6 to now state that Council will appoint an editor to update the Council section of the website with a separate editor for other areas.

It was proposed and seconded that Council adopt the amended Social Media Policy.

**Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

#### **15/055 Public Building – Grove Alley**

The Clerk reported that SSDC has made a selection from the bids submitted and that it will be recommending to the District Executive on 6th August to accept and proceed with the disposal of the building to Church Bridge Stores to facilitate an extension to the store and post office services run from this location. No bids from the community had been received.

#### **15/056 Adoption of Phone Box**

Councillor Anderton reported that, having contacted BT, it appears that the telephone box at the corner of Uphills is available for adoption but a plan must be in place for its use. Councillor Anderton was instructed to ask for ideas for use through Facebook and this item will be discussed again next time.

#### **15/057 Town Work Plan – review and exceptions reports**

The Chairman presented the work plan. As per the recommendations of the Services and Amenities Committee the Skatepark Project will be put back on the work plan.

#### **15/058 Reports:**

**Town Councillors – Councillor Pawsey** stated that she is happy to act as Town Council representative on the Community Hall Committee.

**Councillor Brownlow** requested that Councillors participate in visits to other similar sized Councils to see how things are run, particularly with regards to Neighbourhood Plans. A date of Tuesday 1st September for visits was suggested.

**County Councillor and District Councillor Groskop** – SCC has to make further savings of £27m for next year. Small grants are available in September and ideas should be forwarded. There is a need to encourage tourists into Bruton as it has been questioned how many visitors to the art gallery actually come into the town centre. There have been complaints of cars driving the wrong way up the High Street and Colin Fletcher has been contacted to improve the no entry signs. There has also been problems with the speed of traffic on the Wyke Road. There is currently no movement on the library pilot schemes in the area. James Divall is informing local businesses of grant opportunities.

**Chairman** – The Chairman reported that he has been trying to contact Yarlington Homes about the footpath over the railway bridge at Godminster Lane. A meeting with Bruton Community Partnership will take place to consider moving the website to a separate host. The BCP is hoping to raise money for the website maintenance. Ms. Ellie Hutchinson worked with the Clerk for 3 days on work experience. The planning application for the Landhouse project is expected to be submitted soon.

#### **15/059 Items for next agenda**

Adoption of phone box. Councillors are asked to forward items for the next agenda to the Clerk by Monday 17th August 2015.

#### **15/060 Accounts for Payment**

1	K F McCarthy	Salary – July 2015	£997.62
2	HMRC	Tax/NI – July 2015	£147.93
3	K F McCarthy	Expenses – Rubbish bags for office/cemetery	£3.78
4	Lyreco UK Ltd.	Toners and new imaging kit for printer	£618.83
5	SSDC	Annual playground inspection fee	£188.40
6	Vodafone	Phone bill to 30/6/15	£18.59
7	Bellitudo	Water bill contribution re public loo	£79.88
8	Sherborne Window Cleaning	Cleaning office windows	£19.80
9	SSDC	Annual insurance charge for Dovecote building	£52.78
10	Helen Saunders	Refund allotment fee	£7.00
11	British Gas	Electricity bill – Clerks Office	£60.97

#### **Resolution Adopted 7-0-0**

#### **15/061 Correspondence**

1.	SLCC	The Clerk Magazine – July 2015
2.	Alistair Telfer	Trees in Berkeley Gardens
3.	SSDC	Advice of Appeal for Wind Turbine, Land at Gilcombe Farm
4.	Grant Thornton	Audit for the year ended 31st March 2015
5.	SCC	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Somerset
6.	Tim Russell	Police Report June to July 2015

**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. Organise memorial bench – Clerk
2. Obtain ideas for phone box – Councillor Anderton
3. Arrange visit to other Councils – Councillor Brownlow/Clerk