

CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, High Street, Chippenham on Wednesday 23 March 2011 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs SE Oakes (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs DB Allen, Mrs LK André, TC Bate, MC Coates, PR Darby, WJ Douglas, Mrs MM Fallon, Mrs SA Gibson, R Jones, Mrs EA Kennedy, Mrs MF Lloyd, ACG Noblet, MAC Packard, JA Phillips, Mrs NM Phillips, Mrs M Pile, DLB Powell, RHP Purdon, Mrs LS Roberts-Rance, JR Scragg, Ms S Veitch, Mrs JM Wood and WA Wood

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Mrs S Wilthew (Clerk & Chief Executive)
Mr CNA Williams (Head of Support Services)
Mr A Jones (Head of Service Delivery)

PUBLIC

PRESENT: Station Staff Officer Peter Murton, 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps, Buckley Barracks, Corsham
Mr P Humphrey 19 Ridings Mead, Chippenham
8 Residents of Chippenham

62. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors BS Patterson and Mrs ME Stickland.

63. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest as defined by the Code of Conduct in the current approved Standing Orders was received.

64. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr P Humphrey asked whether Members were aware of the findings of three surveys of public opinion all of which indicated that there was no support for large scale development of Chippenham, and instead there was a wish to retain a market Town ethos.

Mr Humphrey's comments were noted and he was invited to remain for the debate on planning policy later in the meeting.

65. BUCKLEY BARRACKS

At the invitation of the Mayor, Station Staff Officer Peter Murton expressed the thanks of everyone in the 9 Regiment Royal Logistics Corps for the proposed grant of Freedom of the Town, with the possibility of a home-coming march later in the year (Min.59(ii)/10).

The Regiment appreciated the opportunity for synergy, joint working and being good neighbours and their economic importance to the community was noted.

RESOLVED that formal thanks be recorded to Station Staff Officer Peter Murton for his attendance.

66. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

68. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) On being informed of the recent death of John Ovens, Town Mayor in 1981/82, Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.
- (ii) The Mayor thanked all who had supported the Charity Ball held on Saturday 05 March 2011.

69. COMMITTEE MINUTES

(a) Strategy and Resources Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 February 2011 having been proposed and duly seconded

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be received and as far as necessary adopted.

(b) Amenities Committee

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2011 having been proposed and duly seconded

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be received and as far as necessary adopted subject only to a Recommendation in Minute 59/10 to be considered subsequently by Strategy & Resources Committee.

(c) Planning and Environment Committee

The Minutes of the following meetings were proposed and duly seconded:-

- Thursday 27 January 2011
- Thursday 17 February 2011
- Thursday 10 March 2011

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the above meetings be received and as far as necessary adopted subject only to the Recommended item contained in Minute 194/10 (see Minute 71/10 below).

70. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

A list was presented of those bodies where the Town Council's representative is elected annually at the last Town Council in each Municipal Year (copy in Minute Book).

It was noted that in accordance with policy, appointed representatives should submit a report either verbally or in writing to the meeting to be held on Wednesday 27 April 2011.

RESOLVED that

- (i) The list as submitted and the procedure for reporting by appointed representatives was noted.
- (ii) Any organisation which wished to request that a Member of the Town Council serves on its management committee, or similar body, should write formally to the Clerk & Chief Executive.

71. **CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL AND THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CHIPPENHAM**

In accordance with the Recommended item from Planning & Environment Committee (Minute 194/10) a discussion paper prepared by Councillor JR Scragg, Chairman, was tabled (copy in Minute Book).

Also tabled was a personal statement on planning policy by Councillor WJ Douglas (copy in Minute Book).

Careful consideration was given to the policy implications of both the above papers, to the anticipated timescale for formal consultation by the Local Planning Authority on the Core Strategy and the likely impact of the impending Localism Bill.

A motion on policy was proposed by Councillor ACG Noblet and an amendment to it was then proposed by Councillor Mrs LS Roberts-Rance which was not accepted by the originator. The amendment having been seconded it was put to the vote and lost.

The original motion was then seconded and put to the vote

RESOLVED that

- (i) Chippenham Town Council accepts that there is a need for an increase in both residential and employment land in the Chippenham area. Any such development to be sustainable with the number of residential and employment sites being determined after in depth consultation with all sections of the community, and based on coherent and compelling evidence to be gathered and presented.

- (ii) The above be referred to Planning & Environment Committee for endorsement and onward transmission to the Local Planning Authority.
- (ii) Any Member may, if they wish, input to the Core Strategy on an individual basis.

72. ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY SERVICE: 29 APRIL 2012

On noting that there was every possibility of a broad based community service on the above date, although arrangements had yet to be finalised

RESOLVED that

- (i) The above service be supported in principle and included in the Civic & Ceremonial Calendar on an annual basis, and replace the St Paul's Patronal Service.
- (ii) All Members be invited to attend, once the arrangements have been finalised.

73. WALC TRAINING DAY

On receiving a verbal report by Councillor Mrs SA Gibson and noting the key points of local authority law and practice covered at the Training Day

RESOLVED that a similar Training Day for all Members be arranged on site, with an independent facilitator.

74. PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVED that Press Releases be issued regarding

- (i) The policy for future development adopted under Minute 71/10 above.
- (ii) The approval for any Member, if they wished, to input to the Core Strategy on an individual basis.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Minutes subject to confirmation at the next meeting.