

CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, High Street, Chippenham, on Wednesday 20 July 2011

PRESENT: Councillors DLB Powell (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs DB Allen, Mrs LK André, TC Bate, MC Coates,
WJ Douglas, Mrs SA Gibson, R Jones, Mrs EA Kennedy
Mrs MF Lloyd, ACG Noblet, BS Patterson, JA Phillips
Mrs NM Phillips, Mrs M Pile, JR Scragg, Ms S Veitch
Mrs JM Wood and WA Wood

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Mrs S. Wilthew, Clerk & Chief Executive
Mr AE Jones, Head of Service Delivery

PUBLIC

PRESENT: Peter Humphries, Chairman Chippenham Community Voice
Tony Peacock representing the Showell Protection Group
Two other members of the public were present

17. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors PR Darby, Mrs MM Fallon, Mrs S Oakes, MAC Packard, RHP Purdon and Mrs ME Stickland.

18. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

As all questions from members of the public related to agenda item - Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan - and it was agreed to take those questions under that item (Minute 25 below).

20. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. MATTERS ARISING

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

22. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor reported that during the last ten weeks he had attended 67 engagements.

Particularly memorable had been:-

- **The Civil War re-enactment event.** Feedback had been brilliant and the reception for other Wiltshire Mayors had highlighted how many had not visited Chippenham before. As a result the Mayor announced that invitations to other Mayors to attend Chippenham's Civic Sunday would be sent as part of the drive to promote Chippenham to the wider community.
- **The Dragon Boat Race,** particularly the participation of 9th Regiment RLC
- **Ivy Lane School day in John Coles Park.** CTC staff were thanked for the great show they had put on and hopes were expressed that this would become an annual event

23. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with Standing Order Number 27 the following Notice of Motion was received from Councillor JA Phillips regarding the Community Campus in Chippenham Community Area:-

"This Council selects a Member to be its Representative on Wiltshire Council's proposed Shadow Community Operations Board and vigorously campaigns to have its nominee so included."

It had been confirmed by the Chippenham Area Board that CTC would have one seat on the Shadow Campus Operations Board (SCOB)

It was RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr. JR Scragg as CTC official representative to SCOB.

24. COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following meetings be received and as far as necessary adopted.

- a. Strategy and Resources Committee Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2011 - All issues resolved
- b. Amenities Committee Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2011 - All issues resolved
- c. Planning and Environment Committee

Minutes of the meetings held on:-

- Thursday 23 June 2011 - All issues resolved
- Thursday 14 July 2011 - All issues resolved apart from the recommendations arising in respect of the Wiltshire Core Strategy Development Plan Document which were subject to separate consideration at the meeting.

25. WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

Questions were received from the public (Minute 19 above refers):

Tony Peacock representing the Showell Protection Group – Save Lacock Campaign asked two questions:

1. The draft Core Strategy Proposals for ‘employment led’ growth of Chippenham are based on there being a very high level of net out-commuting from the Town and the wish for the Town to be more self contained. Are members aware that these net out-commuting figures being used by Wiltshire Council are based on the analysis of the 2001 national census, now 10 years out of date?

The Chairman responded that Council was aware.

2. Are members aware that the draft Core Strategy proposals for the Corsham Community Area make no reference, whatsoever, to the proposed developments in the Lacock and Corsham parishes, despite the parishes both being in the Corsham Community Area?

Cllr. Scragg responded that there were several discrepancies in the draft and that proposals for development in Showell should have been included.

Peter Humphries, Chairman Chippenham Community Voice noted that Cllr Scragg’s discussion paper on the Core Strategy made reference to Chippenham being designated as a ‘Principle Settlement Town’ and asked why was no-one consulted on this title and the consequences explained?

Cllr. Noblet commented that in an early draft of the Regional Spatial Strategy Chippenham had been left off the map of towns and conurbations in the SW.CTC and NWDC ensured that Chippenham was added as a principal settlement.

Peter Humphries went on to explain that Chippenham Community Voice believes that Chippenham does not need any further large scale expansion and thinks that WC should completely revise its Core Strategy. CCV is carrying out the largest survey of Chippenham residents and is confident that the results will further support this position. He asked CTC to consider the fact that it did not need to accept either Option 1 or 2 and other proposals could and should be made.

Cllr. Scragg spoke to the recommendations of the Planning & Environment Committee held on Thursday 14 July 2011. A full and in depth discussion took place following which an amendment was tabled and adopted.

Cllr. Douglas in accordance with SO 22 asked for the vote to be recorded and this was seconded.

It was RESOLVED: To adopt the recommendation of the Planning and Environment Committee (14 July 2011) that Chippenham Town Council proposes that Option 2 be adopted, subject to the caveat that this Council considers the numbers put forward in that Option for development figures (employment land and residential) are too high.

The Council would only accept that Option if the numbers were reviewed to reflect the views of Chippenham residents as shown by the results of independent consultation. Any reduction should be acceptable to the Planning Inspector.

The votes were cast as follows:

FOR:

Mrs SA Gibson, TC Bate, JR Scragg, BS Patterson, MC Coates, Mrs NM Philips, JA Philips, ACG Noblet, Mrs JM Wood, WA Wood, R Jones

AGAINST:

Mrs M Pile, Mrs MF Lloyd, Ms S Veitch, WJ Douglas, Mrs LK André

ABSTENTIONS:

Mrs DB Allen, Mrs EA Kennedy

26. IMPACT OF CAR PARKING CHARGES ON CHIPPENHAM RETAIL

It was noted that Chippenham Area Board 12 September would receive reports on the current position relating to car parking charges and WC had agreed that the figures for the last six months would be produced. CAB had also asked for a breakdown on the number of tickets sold as it was recognised that a direct comparison cannot be made if revenue figures only were given.

It was agreed that CTC would hear personally about the position in Chippenham.

It was RESOLVED: That a formal request is made for a representative of Wiltshire Council to speak at the next meeting of Planning & Environment Committee on car parking policy in Chippenham, so that the Town Council can make an informed statement on its position regarding the concerns currently expressed within the community. The facts about the revenue received since car parking charges were increased compared to last year should be presented to the committee.

27. CIVIC AWARD SCHEME

It was confirmed that the recipients of the 2011 Civic Awards are:

Mrs Rachel Heather and Mr. John Clark

(Minute 118 of Strategy & Resources Committee held on 13 April 2011 refers).

It was noted that the awards will be presented on Civic Sunday, 4 September 2011.

****Cllrs. WJ Douglas, Mrs SA Gibson, and Mrs EA Kennedy left the meeting at 8.10pm**

28. PRESS RELEASE

It was RESOLVED that a specific Press Release be issued on the Civic Award nominations and Town Council concerns over car parking charges