

THORNBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council
held on Tuesday 24th March 2015 in the Council Chamber

Present: Cllrs. Maggie Tyrrell
Neil Halsall
Pam Shipp
Vincent Costello
Gareth Davies
Benj Emmerson
Graham Lanfear
Helen Harrison
Gill Brooks
Clive Parkinson
Matthew Stringer
Chris Clifford

Mrs J M Payne (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Richardson (Deputy Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. Guy Rawlinson (Family Bereavement)
Bob Griffin (Out of Thornbury)
Phyllida Parsloe (Indisposed)
Emma Bone (Other Commitment)

50/15. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council, Cllr Clive Parkinson proposed that Cllr Maggie Tyrrell chair the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Neil Halsall and unanimously agreed. Cllr Vincent Costello asked for condolences to be sent to the Mayor on his recent family bereavement.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS

51/15. Cllr Maggie Tyrrell declared a non pecuniary interest in item 8 of the agenda, to consider a grant application from Thornbury Rugby Club and it was agreed to take this item as first business after public participation.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Mr. Charles Eardley-Wilmot commented that as this is the last meeting of the current Council, he would like to raise, once again, a project he had suggested for the Millennium, which was to consider building a pavilion on Chantry Field.

Mr. Charles Eardley-Wilmot also commented that he had noted from the Town Development Committee minutes that the Castle School have withdrawn their planning application due to the Department of Education changing the criteria for the required classroom areas. He asked that Town Council requests South Gloucestershire Council to carry out a public consultation when the amended plans are submitted as he felt there were some key issues missed in the previous plans. Cllr Clive Parkinson declared a non pecuniary as a Director of the Castle School Education Trust but said he will take this request for a wider consultation back to the Castle School.

APPLICATION
FOR GRANT AID

Cllr Maggie Tyrrell left the room after declaring a non pecuniary interest in Thornbury Rugby Club and Cllr Clive Parkinson took the Chair for this item.

52/15. Mr. Geoff Sprackman gave details of the grant application he had submitted on behalf of Thornbury Rugby Club to extend their car park. The Club envisage the project will cost £1,500 and they have already raised £500. Cllr Neil Halsall proposed a grant of £1,000; this was seconded by Cllr Helen Harrison and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Maggie Tyrrell returned to the Chair.

**MINUTES OF
COUNCIL
MEETING**

53/15. The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th February 2015 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Neil Halsall, seconded by Cllr Matthew Stringer and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS
ARISING**

54/15. None

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

**ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE**

55/15. The report of the Environment Committee meeting held on 17th February 2015 was presented by the Chairman, Cllr Matthew Stringer.

Matters Arising:-

(a) **Fairtrade Status**

56/15. Cllr Matthew Stringer informed members that a meeting of the Fairtrade Steering Group had been held on 23rd March and they are ready to apply for re-accreditation.

(b) **Composting Site**

57/15. The Clerk reported that the Composting Site may be looking for funding and if this is the case, it will be put on the next agenda.

58/15. It was proposed by Cllr Matthew Stringer, seconded by Cllr Benj Emmerson and unanimously agreed that the report is adopted.

**PLAYING FIELDS
AND CEMETERY
COMMITTEE**

59/15. The report of the Playing Fields and Cemetery Committee meeting held on 19th February 2015 was presented by the Chairman, Cllr Clive Parkinson.

Matters Arising:-

(a) **Public Participation**

60/15. Cllr Clive Parkinson stated that the complaint made during public participation at the Committee meeting has now moved to a formal complaint against a member of staff. Therefore, Council's Code of Practice comes into operation and the complainant has been informed of the procedure and if not resolved it will be taken to the next Finance & Policy Committee meeting.

(b) **Dog Fouling – Mundy Playing Fields**

61/15. Cllr Graham Lanfear referred to item 2(d) para. 4 of the report and asked for the minutes to be amended to read: *Ms. Richards said that this was not something that was being used at the present time but could be used for enforcement in the future.*

62/15. It was proposed by Cllr Clive Parkinson, seconded by Cllr Chris Clifford and unanimously agreed that the report is adopted.

**FINANCE &
POLICY
COMMITTEE**

63/15. The Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 5th March 2015 was presented by Cllr Maggie Tyrrell.

Matters Arising:-

(a) **Project Steering Group for Thornbury Hospital**

64/15. Members were informed that Cllr Maggie Tyrrell and South Gloucestershire Councillor Shirley Holloway will be attending a board meeting of the Clinical Commissioning Group on 25th March 2015 and they hope to have some positive feedback regarding rehabilitation beds for the next meeting.

(b) **Creating a Dementia Friendly Community**

65/15. Cllr Clive Parkinson reported that Council had facilitated an initial meeting on 12th March between all the interested parties that are working towards making Thornbury a Dementia Friendly community. Age UK have indicated that they will administer the support group and it is hoped to have representation from the Town Council on the group after the May elections.

66/15. It was proposed by Cllr Maggie Tyrrell, seconded by Cllr Matthew Stringer and unanimously agreed that the report is adopted.

**TOWN
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

67/15. The report of the Town Development Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2015 was presented by the Chairman, Cllr Maggie Tyrrell.

Matters Arising:-

(a) **Traffic Calming Measures – Gloucester Road**

68/15. Cllr Maggie Tyrrell reported that she has spoken to Rob Wilsher of South Gloucestershire Council and he has agreed to carry out further white lining on Gloucester Road as a traffic calming measure.

69/15. It was proposed by Cllr Maggie Tyrrell, seconded by Cllr Clive Parkinson and unanimously agreed that the report is adopted.

(Cllr Gareth Davies gave his apologies and left the meeting)

**PLANNING
APPLICATIONS**

70/15. Council considered a number of planning applications and their comments for forwarding to South Gloucestershire Council are shown on the attached schedule.

**FINANCIAL
STATEMENT**

71/15. The Financial Statement for February was received and noted.

**ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT**

72/15. The following accounts now due for payment were proposed by Cllr Matthew Stringer and seconded by Cllr Chris Clifford for payment to be approved:-

Central Services

Petty Cash	50.00
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Playing Fields & Cemetery

Europa Engineering	Brass Plaque	111.24
Veolia	Waste Collection	135.96
Veolia	Waste Collection	249.05
Evolution Skatepark Ramps	New Ramps	4424.40
Hardtrac	Parts for Tractor	464.78
Hardtrac	Repairs To Tractor	420.00
G.A.P Supplies	Maintenance Materials	141.00
HAGS	Parts for Play Equipment	714.91
The Consortium	Hand Towels	29.98
The Consortium	Toilet Rolls	32.71

Environment

District Heritage Trust	Tea Towels	28.50
Landcare	Tree Planting	770.12

Grants & Contingencies

The Swan Inn	Community Toilet Scheme	375.00
Steamers Ltd	Community Toilet Scheme	150.00
Armstrong Hall	Community Toilet Scheme	250.00
The Thornbury Deli	Sandwich Platter	43.20

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID ON 1ST April 2015

Bristol Water	Annual Water Bill	487.08
Bristol water	Annual Water Bill – Cemetery	132.00
OTIS	Lift maintenance	676.06

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

73/15. The Clerk requested that this agenda item is postponed until the next meeting when she hopes to have more information available.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

(a) Town and Parish Council Forum

74/15. Cllr Neil Halsall reported on his recent attendance at the meeting of the Town and Parish Forum.

(b) Thornbury Consolidated Charities (Town Trust)

75/15. Cllr Clive Parkinson gave a report on the work of the Town Trust. In a typical year the charity provides £30,000 - £40,000 of finance to residents of the Parish, this ranges from Christmas payments to eighty individuals to supporting children that have shown an exceptional talent but the parents do not have the finances to fully support.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

76/15. Cllr Maggie Tyrrell closed the meeting by saying that on behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Guy Rawlinson, she wished to thank all the members of Council that have served the town during the last four years, all the staff, both office and outside staff, together making the town “one of the best in Britain”.

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL**CODE**

P – Plans available for inspection at Town Hall

NP – No plans available

PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered on 24th March 2015 (Circulated)

DATE	REF. NO	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	CODE	COMMENT	PLANNING DECISION
03.03.15	PT15/0838/ADV	23 High Street	Display of 1 no. non illuminated fascia sign.	P	No objection	
04.03.15	PT15/0680/F	Oak Barn Oldbury Lane	Creation of a new vehicular access onto Oldbury Lane.	P	No objection	
09.03.15	PT15/0856/CLE	Pool Farm Oldbury Lane	<i>(Adjoining Parish Consultation)</i> Application for the Certificate of Existing Lawfulness for use as a business premises, workshop and for storage of vehicles and materials.	NP	Noted	
10.03.15	PT15/0874/F	Lansdown Cottage Crossways Lane	Demolition of existing garage and conservatory. Erection of two storey rear and single storey side and rear extension to form garage and additional living accommodation.	P	No objection	
10.03.15	PT15/0881/LB	Gloucester House 2 Gloucester Road	Installation of woodburner. Re-rendering, re-pointing, repair to doors, windows and chimney stack.	P	No objection	

DATE	REF. NO	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	CODE	COMMENT	PLANNING DECISION
16.03.15	PT15/1025/F	Land adjacent to 45 Cumbria Close	Erection of 1 no. attached dwelling to include demolition of existing garage with new access and associated works.	P	<i>(Cllr M. Tyrrell declared a non-pecuniary interest and left the room)</i> OBJECT – The development is contrary to Thornbury Town and South Gloucestershire Council’s policies on enclosing open space and would detract from the visual amenity and open character of the area. The loss of parking space would result in more on-road parking.	
16.03.15	PT15/1057/PNA	Merry Heaven Farm Old Gloucester Road	<i>(Adjoining Parish Consultation)</i> Prior notification of the intention to erect an extension to existing agricultural building.	P	Noted	
16.03.15	PT15/1072/ADV	Lloyds Pharmacy 8 Horseshoe Lane	Display of 3 no. internally illuminated fascia signs and 2 no. non-illuminated vinyls.	P	OBJECT- Internally illuminated fascia signs are contrary to established policy for signage adjacent to the Conservation Area.	