

## **CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the TOWN COUNCIL**

held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs C. Littley – (Town Mayor - presiding)

Councillor	V. M. Abraham	Councillor	M. Fayyaz
"	A. K. Bacon	"	P. J. Hudson
"	Miss R. K. Bhatti	"	Mrs R. Juett
"	Ms J. E. Bramwell	"	Mrs C. M. Michael
"	N. L. Brown	"	Mrs A.M. Pirouet
"	Mrs P. R. Cherrill	"	M. W. Shaw

**Officer:** W. Richards - Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, T. Franks, D. J. Lacey, R. C. McCulloch, C. H. Spruytenburg, F. S. Wilson and P. W. Yerrell.

#### 33. **MINUTES**

It was

#### **RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

#### 34. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests brought to the Mayor's notice.

#### 35. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Town Mayor invited questions from the public. No questions were forthcoming.

#### 36. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members had before them and duly noted the list of the Town Mayor's engagements from 26<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012.

The Mayor announced that Councillor Peter Hardy, Buckinghamshire County Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation, had approached her about a follow-up Public Open Meeting on the state of the roads in Chesham as promised at the previous such meeting held in 2011. Councillor Mrs Littley advised that a provisional date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October had been proposed but the Clerk was waiting to hear back from Councillor Hardy on this.

The Mayor also invited Members to claim a Chesham badge, to which they were entitled, from the Town Hall with a suggested donation fee of £3.

37. **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs P. R. Cherrill and seconded by Councillor A. K. Bacon and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012, be received and approved.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs P. R. Cherrill and seconded by Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012, be received and approved.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs P. R. Cherrill and seconded by Councillor M. Fayyaz and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012, be received and approved.

38. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs C. M. Michael and seconded by Councillor A. K. Bacon and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012, be received, approved and adopted.

39. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

It was moved by the Mayor, Councillor C. Littley and seconded by Councillor Mrs C. M. Michael and

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012, be received and approved

40. **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

A draft Calendar of Meetings from January 2013 to May 2013 was presented for Members' consideration.

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the revised calendar of meetings up to May 2013 be approved.

41. **CYCLE TO WORK INITIATIVE**

The Council was invited to join the national 'Cycle to Work' Initiative and asked to consider which particular scheme it preferred to sign up to.

As it accorded with the Council's Environmental Policy, Members were happy to support it and it was

**RESOLVED**

that the Council joins a Cycle to Work Initiative with the preferred scheme being 'Bikes for Staff' but the final decision on which scheme to select being left to officers in consultation with the Town Mayor.

42. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Council was asked whether it wished to adopt the Chiltern District Council Code of Conduct to replace the code adopted by the Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Members agreed it would be advantageous to adopt a code based on the principal authority's as it would allow the District Council to handle and determine code of conduct complaints which relate to Members or co-opted Members of town and parish councils in its district more easily if town and parishes adopted the same code. Moreover it was agreed that the adoption of such a code would give greater clarity to both Members and the public alike, based as it was around the old Standards Board's personal and prejudicial definitions as well as incorporating the legal requirements of pecuniary interests as outlined in the Localism Act.

However Councillor Ms Bramwell suggested it would be advisable to have some clarity on Sections 30-33 of the 'Localism Act 2011 since the draft Code of Conducts alludes to failing to adhere to these clauses would constitute a criminal offence. It was agreed

therefore that this section of the Act should be included as an appendix for Members' information.

It was

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Council adopt the circulated draft Code of Conduct to take effect from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, subject to the inclusion of explanation of Sections 30-33 of the Localism Act 2011.
2. That the Standing Orders be amended as recommended in the report.

43. **PAY SCHEDULE NO. 2**

Following consideration of Pay Schedule No. 2, it was

**RESOLVED**

that Pay Schedule No. 2 in the grand total of £379,739.32 be approved and the various payments and transactions set out therein be confirmed.

44. **INFORMATION ITEM**

The item presented on Information Sheet No. 6 was received and noted.

45. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

TOWN MAYOR