

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Pomroy (Chair), S Sims (Vice Chair), T Blake, D Daniels, B Freeguard, M Gaffey, R Hutchinson, C Jenkins, A Monk, A Tink

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: J Hutchinson, C Hewlett

- 305. APOLOGIES:** The reasons for the non attendance of those members who had sent their apologies were noted.
- 306. EVACUATION PROCEDURE:** The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda
- 307. PRESENTATION:** Richard Inman and Emma Payne introduced themselves as senior workers from the Play Rangers scheme. Richard gave a short presentation on the aims of the scheme and confirmed that is free for all children. It was noted that the scheme had now been restarted at Elm Park on every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm during school holidays and 3 – 5pm during term time although not many children were attending the sessions at present. It was agreed that the scheme needed to be advertised more widely with posters and appropriate signage. The Clerk suggested that it would be useful for the Play Rangers to liaise with Carrie Creamer from the Four Towns Summer Play Scheme and agreed to provide Richard with her contact details. The Chair thanked Richard and Emma for their presentation.
- 308. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no new declarations of interest.
- 309. MINUTES:** of the meeting held 31st March 2009 were approved as an accurate record.
- 310. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING:** *Arising From Minute 296 –Filton Festival –* Cllr Blake suggested that planning for the 2010 Filton Festival / BAC 100 celebrations should begin as soon as possible. *Arising From Minute 298 – Third Avenue Gating Scheme-* The Clerk reported that consultation letters had now been circulated to residents in Third Avenue and Shields Avenue. *Arising From Minute 299 – Redecoration of Pavilion –* Cllr Sims reiterated his suggestion for large displays on the wall and the possibility of having aluminium frames. *Arising From Minute 301 – Whistle Blowing Policy for Councillors –* The Clerk agreed to pursue the matter.
- 311. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE MATTERS:** Reports were received from both Cllr Freeguard and Cllr R Hutchinson (copies are available from the Town Council office). No report had been received from Cllr Bell.
- 312. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
a) Kipling Road: A resident reported on a number of recent incidents in the Kipling Road area involving criminal damage and arson and asked when something positive was going to be done about the situation. **Agreed:** The Council to send a letter of support on behalf of the residents to Cllr Heather Goddard, Executive Member, South Gloucestershire Council. A copy of the letter to be sent to Cllr Claire Jenkins for

information. It was also agreed to invite Cllr Heather Goddard to attend the next meeting of Safer South Gloucestershire on 12th May 2009.

Action: Town Clerk

b) Third Avenue Lane Gating: The residents of no. 1 Shields Avenue confirmed that they had not been consulted by local residents regarding their wish to erect 'alley gates' even though their property adjoined the lane concerned and had the largest boundary. Their concern now was that the gates would be installed before the end of the Council's consultation period. **Agreed:** the Clerk to seek legal advice on the Council's position and to act accordingly. Members also asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that this Council totally supports actions to be taken in order to guarantee the safety and security of residents.

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313. SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS:

a) 'The Big Tidy Up' Cllr Sims reported on the clean up campaign in Filton Avenue and Horfield which had appeared as an article in the Evening Post.

b) Rubbish in Elm Park Playing Fields: Cllr Daniels confirmed that he had received a letter from a local resident regarding the amount of rubbish which had been discarded on the playing fields at Elm Park, particularly around the Skatepark area.

Agreed: The Clerk to respond to the resident's letter directly and to invite Andy Walker and Steve Birkbeck, to have an informal word with the users of the skatepark.

c) Resident's Private Parking Bay in Wallscourt Road: Cllr Daniels was advised to speak to Cllr Freeguard about the matter.

d) Notice of Motion: The following notice of motion was proposed by Cllr Daniels and seconded by Cllr Feeeguard.

"To advocate the reduction from the present 9 members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to 7 members, the purpose of which is to apportion the make-up of this Committee in line with other Council Sub Committees"

A further motion to defer Cllr Daniel's motion to the Council's Annual Meeting in May was moved by Cllr Sims and seconded by Cllr R Hutchinson. A recorded vote was requested. The motion was defeated by 3 votes in favour to 5 against with 2 abstentions.

The original motion was then put to the vote and passed with 5 votes in favour to 3 against with 2 abstentions.

314. URGENT ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR: There were none.

315. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & THE TOWN CLERK:

a) Finance & General Purposes Committee: The minutes of the meeting held 14th April 2009 were received.

ii) Acoustic Tiles: Agreed: To approve the Operation Manager's recommendation in principle and to identify which budget source would be used to fund the replacement tiles.

b) Planning Committee: The minutes of the meetings held 7th April 2009 and 21st April 2009 were received.

c) Bar Working Party: The notes of a meeting held 21st April 2009 were received. Members asked if the timing of the meetings could be included in future notes. A general debate took place on the recommendations included. Cllr Monk confirmed that the working party was looking for general agreement to earmark the remaining

balance of the advance of discount loan in order to carry out a cosmetic enhancement of the Ratepayers Arms. Once agreement had been reached quotes would be sought for new furniture, catering equipment, repainting etc. A motion to earmark the remaining £10,000 from the Advance of Discount Loan for a cosmetic enhancement of the Ratepayers Arms was moved by Cllr Monk and seconded by Cllr Tink. The motion was put to the vote and agreed with 7 votes in favour to 1 against with 2 abstentions.

The Clerk advised that the Ratepayers Arms had been entered into a 'Pub of the Year' competition through the Evening Post and encouraged all members to text or e-mail their support.

d) Capital Projects:

i) Membership of the Review Group: It was noted that the review group would run alongside the Capital Projects Working Group. Membership of the review group would be made up of those members who had not been a member of the Capital Projects Working Group during the lifespan of this current Council. The membership of the review group was agreed as follows: Cllrs: A Tink, B Freeguard, C Jenkins, M Gaffey, J Hutchinson, C Hewlett and R Box.

ii) BMX Tumps: Agreed: to support the project manager's recommendation for Churngolds to supply the fresh earth required for the mud jumps.

e) Festival Update: The Clerk gave an update on progress so far and confirmed that a meeting of the festival sub committee was needed in order to agree the way forward.

Agreed: The Clerk to contact members with a selection of dates.

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316. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

a) Filton Twinning Association: The contents were noted.

b) Report from Cllr Sims: Cllr Sims reported on a number of meetings that he had attended recently including North Bristol Advice Centre Management Committee, Surestart and the Filton Golf Club centenary celebrations.

317. OTHER REPORTS/CONSULTATIONS:

There were none.

318. ACCOUNTS: in the sum of **£92,880.36** (copies in the minute book) were approved and signed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:45pm

CHAIR