

Minutes of a Meeting of **FILTON TOWN COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 30th June 2009 at 7:30pm** in the Pavilion, Elm Park, Filton.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: C Hewlett, R Hutchinson, C Jenkins

- 334. APOLOGIES:** The reasons for the non attendance of those members who had sent their apologies were noted.
- 335. EVACUATION PROCEDURE:** The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda
- 336. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were no new declarations of interest.
- 337. MINUTES:** of the meeting held 19th May 2009 were approved as an accurate record
- 338. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING:** *Arising From Minute 325 – Resident’s Private Parking Bay in Wallscourt Road* – Cllr Freeguard confirmed that Mark Shearman had agreed to keep the Clerk informed. *Arising From Minute 328 - Appointment of Committee Members & Outside Bodies* – **Agreed:** Cllr Sims to be added to the list of Council representatives for the Twinning Association Management Committee. *Arising From Minute 329 – Millennium Green Planting* – Members recorded their thanks to the Council’s groundstaff for tidying up the South West corner of the Millennium Green and agreed that trimming of the greenery should be carried out on a regular basis.
- 339. MEMBERSHIP OF THE MILLENNIUM GREEN SUB COMMITTEE:** It was noted that membership of the group is voluntary. Volunteers so far included Cllr Freeguard and Cllr Daniels. Other members wishing to join the group were asked to contact the Clerk.
- Cllr Monk arrived at this point*
- 340. 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. It was noted that Cllr Bell had asked to be removed from the Council’s mailing list for Town Council meetings. **Agreed:** Cllr Tink to provide the Clerk with the written request from Cllr Bell and to include the issue for discussion at the next meeting of full Council.
- Action: Town Clerk**
- 341. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**
- a) Third Avenue Lane Gating:** In response to a question from a local resident, the Clerk confirmed that the matter is still in the hands of the Council’s solicitor. No further update was available at present.
- b) St Peters Church:** A resident reported on the very successful tea mornings run by the Reverend at St Peters Church.

c) Millennium Green: It was reported that a number of residents in Gayner Road are chopping down trees in their back gardens and leaving the debris in the hedgerow. **Agreed:** the Council office to investigate the matter. Cllr Freeguard agreed to find out whether the trees are subject to a preservation order.

Action: Town Clerk & Cllr Freeguard

342. SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS:

a) Wessex Connect Bus Service: Cllr Daniels reported on a recent traffic forum where he had spoken to the traffic manager from Wessex Connect regarding local bus services in the area. **Agreed:** Cllr Daniels to arrange for the information to be circulated.

Action: Cllr D Daniels

b) Tree Officer: Cllr Monk reported that he had been approached by a resident from Filton Avenue who was having problems with the tall trees in a neighbouring property. The tree wardens at South Gloucestershire Council had looked into the matter and had confirmed that it was not within their remit to act. They had suggested that the Town Council might act on the resident's behalf. **Agreed:** Cllr Monk to liaise with the Town Council's tree warden representatives.

Action: Cllr Monk

c) Filton Avenue: Cllr Sims reported on the new bus lane in Filton Avenue and expressed his concern about the loss of trees due to the work. Members agreed that a request should be made to South Gloucestershire Council to replace those trees which had been cut down with a similar number of new trees.

343. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & THE TOWN CLERK:

a) To approve the signing of the Annual Accounts 2008/09: A motion to adopt the annual governance statement was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously. A further motion to approve and sign the annual accounts for the year 2008/09, subject to audit, was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

a) Finance & General Purposes Committee: The minutes of the meeting held 9th June 2009 were received. **Agreed:** to invite Pete Eastwood from South Gloucestershire Council to give a short presentation on the Active Card Scheme at the next meeting of full Council.

Action: Town Clerk

The Chair reported that Cllrs Pomroy, Monk, Freeguard and Tink had met with Mike Burgess head of Filton Speedway team to discuss the disappointing lack of use of the track. Mr Burgess stated to members that he was working alone and was finding it hard to encourage new riders. A general discussion had taken place about the web page not being upgraded for over a year and what help if any the Council could offer. As a result of the meeting it had been agreed that the Council would assist Mike in promoting the Club and review their decision on charges at the end of the season.

b) Planning Committee: The minutes of the meeting held 26th May 2009 were received.

c) Bar Working Party: The notes of a meeting held 26th May 2009 were presented by Cllr Monk who stated that there was nothing new to report. Cllr Blake asked for copies of financial paperwork and reports that he claimed he had not received. The Clerk informed him that all members had received all the paperwork and that it was freely available from the office. Cllr Blake asked about a report in the Evening Post about the bar closing. The Chair replied that it was not the intention of the bar working group to close the bar and that the changes that had been implemented were now having a positive effect on the bar's finances. The Chair also stated that no

Councillor would close the bar, it would be the residents who would decide after consultation.

d) Fieldworks Review Group: The information was noted. Cllr Tink reported that the group's findings would be carried forward to the capital projects working committee to continue the work.

e) Options Appraisal Report - Sustain: Agreed: To accept the report in principle subject to a presentation from Kevin Boniface at the next meeting of the Capital Projects Working group.

f) Conygre House: Cllr Blake reported on the public meeting which had taken place on 24th June 2009 and confirmed that it had been a very successful meeting with around 70 people in attendance. It was noted that a further public meeting would take place on 16th July 2009 in the Badminton Hall.

Cllr Blake proposed the following motion "*Filton Town Council wishes to express its support to the effort of the Friends of Conygre House to obtain Conygre House for the community*" The motion was seconded by Cllr Daniels and agreed unanimously.

Councillors confirmed that they were happy to offer their full support and help to the campaign if needed but understood that residents would be running the campaign.

g) Third Avenue Gates: The matter had already been discussed under submissions from the public.

h) Festival Update: It was noted that posters for the festival had already been circulated and displayed around Filton. Cllr Freeguard advised that the 'on duty' crew from Patchway Fire Service had agreed to attend the festival but would obviously have to leave if they received an emergency call.

344. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

a) ALCA Newsletter: The contents were noted.

b) Report from Cllr Sims: Cllr Sims reported on a number of meetings he had attended recently including the Volunter Bureau management committee and North Bristol Advice Centre management committee. Cllr Sims advised that the Volunteer Bureau were looking for a new venue and would be contacting the Council shortly.

345. OTHER REPORTS/CONSULTATIONS:

a) South Gloucestershire Gypsy and Traveller Sites Development Plan Document: The contents of the report were noted. Members were asked to contact the Clerk with their comments.

b) Annual Report of the Standards Committee of South Gloucestershire Council: The contents of the report were noted.

c) Transforming Lives in South Gloucestershire – Congress Event – 10th July 2009: Members wishing to attend the event were asked to contact the Clerk.

346. ACCOUNTS: in the sum of **£175,718.83** (copy in the minute book) were approved and signed.

Cllr Freeguard left the meeting at this point and took no part in the following discussion

347. PLANNING APPLICATION: PT09/0948/F – Southmead Road/ Erection of 65 Sheltered apartments for the elderly with ancilliary lodge managers accommodation, guest suite, communal lounge access, car parking and landscaping: Cllr Sims proposed that a 'no objection' response from this Council would be appropriate as all previous objections to the original application had been dealt with in a satisfactory manner. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Blake and put

to the vote. The proposal was defeated with 4 votes in favour and 4 against with the Chair using his casting vote.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:06pm.

CHAIR