

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017 AT 7PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE OLD CONVENT, 8 BROAD STREET, OTTERY ST MARY

PRESENT	Mayor	Councillor Dobson (Town Ward)
	Councillors	Giles, Holmes, Pang, Faithfull*, Edwards and Carter (Town Ward) Bartlett and Gori (North Ward) Harding (Tipton St John Ward) Bailey, Hall, Talbot, (West Hill Ward) together with the Clerk
	Other Persons Present	County Cllr Claire Wright PCSO Maria Clapp, 3 members of the public and two members of the press

*Cllr Faithfull arrived later as he had attended an earlier meeting at EDDC
EDDC Councillor Phil Twiss was due to attend the meeting to speak about `Enabling` in connection with volunteering. However due to illness was unable to attend

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being recorded

PRAYER

The Clerk read the Council Prayer

17/03/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pratt

17/03/02

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES BEING SUBMITTED

Cllr Mitchell

17/03/03

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Giles and Talbot advised that as they were trustees of the Heritage Society, they were declaring interests in items 12 and 21 on the Agenda. Cllr Barlett advised that as he was in the company pension scheme of the company, which was the subject of item 25, he was declaring a personal interest

17/03/04

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

The Mayor advised that the person nominated to have the Freedom of the Parish had been approached and had accepted the honour. The matter was ongoing and the Mayor was of the view that at this stage there was no requirement to hold a `Confidential Session`.

17/03/05

TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Philip Algar raised the question of whether progress had been made in securing a publication to regularly publish local news. Peter Hodges, present from Pulmans advised that space could be

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made available in his publication for this purpose. Tim Venner questioned whether there was any truth in the rumour about metered parking being introduced to Ottery. The Mayor advised that he had heard nothing to this effect.

17/03/06

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Minutes of the of the **Meeting of 6th February 2017** (*minute refs 17/02/01 – 17/02/34*), were presented, approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

17/03/07

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 9TH FEBRUARY 2017

Cllr Harding, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee advised that she and Cllr Edwards had attended a meeting with Karen Jenkins of EDDC who had advised that HR minutes containing sensitive information about an employee should not be circulated to all councillors and therefore there were no minutes to approve. Subsequently Item 7 on the Agenda (To approve the recommendation of the HR Committee of 9th February 2017) was irrelevant

17/03/08

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Hall requested that the minutes should have contained the following:-

- i. that Councillors had relied on assurances by the Mayor, having taken legal advice that there was no risk of a VAT liability on the Council relating to the revised contracts with Mr Strawbridge and the sub-contractors
- ii. the signature of the contract with Mr Strawbridge should be conditional on an amendment to indicate whether the price of £13,850.00 was inclusive or exclusive of VAT

The Mayor confirmed that both matters had been properly addressed however he acknowledged Cllr Hall's request to have the minutes amended to reflect his requirements. Cllr Hall also raised the issue as to why the sum of £740 (CCTV provision) had been approved when it had not been an item on the agenda for consideration and which course of action, he believed, breached Standing Orders. However the Mayor advised that at the beginning of the meeting the Council had approved the inclusion of the item and as far as he was concerned the decision made at the meeting was final and stood.

Cllr Giles expressed surprise that it had not been recorded in the Minutes that Cllr Wright be thanked for using allocated funding towards the library/toilet project. However the Mayor had already advised that Cllr Wright had been personally thanked by him which Cllr Wright verbally acknowledged. Cllr Giles also enquired as to why an amendment to the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of the 13th February, had been permitted, stating why the Deputy Mayor had left the meeting early. The Mayor advised that this had been actioned in response to a request made by the Deputy Mayor

The Minutes of the of the **Meeting of 27th February 2017** (*minute refs 17/02/35 – 17/02/39*), were subsequently presented, approved, (subject to the aforementioned amendments) and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

17/03/09

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of **13TH February 2017** (*minute refs: P/17/02/01-P/17/02/08*) (having already been confirmed by the Planning Committee) were approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record and the Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee Minutes** of the **27th February 2017** (*minute refs: P/17/02/01-P/17/02/08*) were presented, approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

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17/03/10

TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24TH FEBRUARY 2017

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 24th February 2017 (minute refs 17/02/01 – F17/02/13) were presented, approved and signed by the Mayor as a correct record

17/03/11

TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24TH FEBRUARY 2017 NOT CONSIDERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

It was resolved to approve the following recommendations:-

Cemetery

- i. To continue with the services of Shaun Davey for the grounds maintenance works
- ii. To accept Shaun Davey's quote for additional works in the cemetery of £160
- iii. To defer any proposed increase in cemetery fees to a cemetery working group meeting
- iv. The recommendation regarding a noticeboard for the cemetery to be discussed later in the meeting

Accountant/Dave Walker

To continue with the services of Dave Walker for 2017/18 and the matter to be kept under review

The Quarterly Financial Report

To approve the report

Audit and Associated Documents:-

To approve the following:- A review of the effectiveness of internal audit; statement of internal control; investment strategy and internal audit plan for 2016 -17 and Cllr Gori's Risk Assessment

Insurers

For Zurich to remain as the Councillor's insurer for a further three year term wef 1st May

Room Hire Fees

That room hire charges for the council meeting room and rental of the Council offices and the Station remain unchanged

17/03/12

TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROPERTY MEETING OF 14TH FEBRUARY NOT CONSIDERED ELSEWHERE ON THIS AGENDA

The Council approved the following recommendations:-

Ottery Bowling Club – that the Club pay their 2016/17 share of the water bill based on 2015/16 figures

Ottery Station - a five year lease to be drawn up using the Help Scheme lease as a template rather than instructing solicitors to carry out the work

Future Lettings of the Council's Properties (inc the Council offices)

That despite the Clerk's advice, that the current Council agreements be used as templates, rather than instructing solicitors to carry out the work

Note that the part of this motion in red wording was rescinded on 3rd July 2017 at the Full Council Meeting

Police

to charge the Police 25% of the decorating and re- carpeting costs of the Council offices and 50% of the Buildings Insurance Premium. Wef 1st April to charge the Police cleaning costs of one hour per week

17/03/13

TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT FEBRUARY 2017 AND TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DEVON AND CORNWALL REGARDING THE COUNCIL'S CONCERNS TO THE PROPOSED PCSOS CUTS

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OTTERY ST MARY POLICE REPORT FEBRUARY 2017

Recorded crimes for February 2017 stands at 20, this compares to 13 for the same month last year. Cumulative crime stands at 234.

Some of these incidents produce 2 crimes!

These incidents include.....

2 Assaults. One outside Sainsbury's. Caught on CCTV. Ongoing enquiries.

Couple stayed at friend's house. Item went missing from box in bedroom.

Male at care home, after stroke, had money go missing from the bedside cabinet.

Various mobile/internet incidents, including black mail regarding photographs.

Criminal damage to cars. Small chips, after imperial mints were thrown at vehicles. Lad admitted throwing the mints, but not at the cars. No evidence. Now banned from the youth centre.

Vehicle near to the tennis courts, had window smashed. Believed by a stone.

Unlawful importation of controlled drugs, Class A. Customs official in Slough, examined an intercepted parcel, which bore the postal address of the Netherlands, with a delivery address in Ottery. Parcel contained 3 foil bags. Ongoing enquiries.

Dogs not under proper control at East Hill. Concerns by horse rider.

Recycling centre, clothes and gas canister taken.

Building site had up to 60 lead cavity trays stolen.

Aquatic centre had 8 hot water cylinders stolen. Male being interviewed regarding this.

Other information.....

Regarding Thorne Farm Way fencing..... By the time I read this, we will have an article & photograph prepared for next week's Herald. Bringing it to the attention of the community. Claire Wright may be able to help with this!

No further news on the PCSO situation.

Sergeant Pete Boorn has now left Ottery. Therefore we only have 1 Police Officer & 3 PCSO'S based at Ottery St Mary.

PCSO Maria Clapp 30018 - Community Support Officer

PCSO Clapp advised that it was unlikely that Sergeant Boorn would be replaced and Cllr Giles expressed serious concern about the situation

Cllr Carter expressed concern at the parking of vehicles at the Kings School, particularly at weekends when sporting fixtures were taking place. He advised that the volume of traffic in the vicinity was a serious health and safety issue and it was likely that 'an accident' was waiting to happen'. Cllr Wright was aware of the situation and also PCSO Maria Clapp. Cllr Giles suggested that Strawberry Lane parking facilities should be made available to visiting teams. However the Deputy Mayor advised that this had been considered some time ago but due to the lack of a safe footpath the matter was not pursued further. It was considered that once the Bovis Homes development had been completed there would then be safe access and the matter could be re-visited. It was agreed that the Property Committee should then re-consider Cllr Giles's suggestion.

The reply from the Police and Crime Commissioner had been circulated to all councillors in response to the Council's concern re the proposed cuts to PCSOs. Cllr Giles advised that Alison Hernandez appeared to have now backtracked on her previous endorsements of valuing PCSOs and preventing the closure of police stations. Cllr Giles agreed to draft a letter of concern in conjunction with Cllr Hall which he would forward to the Clerk

17/03/14

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM EDDC AND DCC COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wright:-

Cllr Wright had met with some of the residents of Thorne Farm Way regarding their serious concerns in relation to the bridge, as substantial fence panels had been broken off and the orange netting had collapsed. In addition there was a substantial amount of litter. Health and safety concerns had prevented EDDC's Street Scene staff from collecting the litter. It was understood that replacement fence panels needed to be of a certain specification before they could be used. She was willing to provide an amount of funding to address these issues but she was concerned

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that it may be an `on-going` situation with further expenditure required, if the vandals were not stopped. There needed to be a long term solution. Cllr Harding suggested sponsorship by a local wood company. CCTV was suggested as a preventative measure and PCSO Clapp would investigate this further. Cllr Wright advised that the serious pot holes in Slade Road should now have been filled. However Slade Road required an urgent drainage system. She would update the Council on this matter when more news was to hand. With regards to Otter Rotters she advised that DCC`s Roger Croad had provided a reprieve whereby cuts in community composting credits would be phased in over a three year period. The planning application for Straitgate Farm had now gone live. She urged everyone to sign the on-line petition to `Save PCSO Maria Clapp`

Cllr Giles

Cllr Giles was wearing a black tie in recognition that 50 years ago on 6th March 1967 Ottery railway line was closed down. He reported that EDDC had agreed that the proposal for Street Scene to charge the organisers of Tar Barrels for clearing up after the event, had been deferred for further consultation

Cllr Carter:-

Cllr Carter advised that the new £1 coin would be introduced shortly, resulting in the parking meters in East Devon having to be modified to be able to accept the new coinage. The East Devon Villages Plan and the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan had now gone out to consultation. There would be exhibitions about the Strategic Plan

17/03/15

OTTERY ST MARY HOSPITAL – UPDATE

Cllr Pang advised that Ottery`s Stroke Unit would be going and it was not clear if the hospital would become a hub. Potentially the site could be sold for redevelopment. Cllr Giles made the following proposal which was seconded by the Mayor:-

This Council

- a) regrets the NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group decision to reduce the number of beds in East Devon Community Hospitals from 143 to 72;*
- b) regrets the failure to provide detailed costings of its proposed care at home proposals;*
- c) regrets the failure to provide evidence of arrangements for its proposed care at home proposals;*
- d) regrets the failure to utilise the excellent and modern purpose built hospital at Ottery St Mary;*
- e) regrets the Northern Devon health Care Trust decision to remove the stroke unit from Ottery Hospital*
- f) the Council agrees to write to the NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group and to NHS Property Services reiterating its view that Ottery Hospital should be used to care for inpatients, and asks what the intentions are for the future use of Ottery Hospital*
- g) the Council agrees to write to the Devon County Council Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee about its concerns.*

Subject to the deletion of `Northern Devon Health Care Trust` from the wording, the motion was carried

17/03/16

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE

Cllr Talbot reported that the Council had now parted company with the consultants LDA and the contract with them had terminated. However there was still further work to be carried out to the Plan in order that it was in a final format to go out to public consultation. Further meetings were required with Tim Spurway EDDC and the Working Group. The Group now had to complete outstanding tasks. There were a number of additions which needed to be included in the Plan. The Mayor advised that this could be something the Assistant to the Town Clerk could assist with and he would speak to her shortly to see whether she would be prepared to carry out the task. There was money in the budget available to pay her for any extra work. Cllr Talbot advised that with regards to the East Devon Villages Plan that it was now proposed to use the Built Up Area Boundaries (BUABS) as primary planning policy, as the old BUABs did not have the same status. In response to Cllr Gori`s question, Cllr Talbot confirmed that LDA had carried out all the work they had been contracted to do as confirmed in a letter from LDA which would be available to the

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auditor, if required. Cllr Gori was of the view that West Hill should make a contribution towards the costs but Cllr Talbot was already of the view that a contribution had been made

17/03/17

REGENERATION PROJECT – UPDATE

A meeting had taken place on 23rd February and various items discussed including what could be carried out in a Conservation Area; creating a website; Mission Statement and to consider the contentious issue of parking. A Fund Raiser was considered as a necessary requirement. A meeting at Kings School had been productive with children voicing ideas as to how the town could be regenerated. Cllr Giles advised that a repeated request was to have a cycleway on the route of the old railway line

17/03/18

UPDATES ON FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE TOWN AND ADJOINING AREAS TO INCLUDE :-

- i. Tour of Britain - This item had been included on the Agenda in error
- ii. King & Queen of the Mountain - Time Trial Hill Climb at Chineway Hill

Cllr Gori advised that there had been a tremendous response from cyclists with regards to this event. Cllr Edwards wished to make it clear that Cllr Gori was not organising the event – this was being carried out by 1st Chard Wheelers

iii. An Active Life & An Active Mind Programme - A large number of volunteers had come forward to volunteer in the library which hopefully could result in longer hours of opening. The Later Life Forum and Health Scheme and Memory Café were popular and well supported

iv. East Devon Women`s Marathon – The Council had no objections to the event. The Mayor advised that the organiser had thanked the Council for its offer of a gazebo. She was now seeking the services of volunteers to act as marshalls on the day

17/03/19

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO CHANGE STANDING ORDERS RE QUORUMS ON COMMITTEES AND OTHER ASSOCIATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOSS OF THE FOUR WEST HILL COUNCILLORS

The following was approved:-

<u>Full Council</u>	11 councillors - quorum 6
<u>Planning Committee</u>	8 councillors plus Mayor and Deputy (10 maximum) - quorum 4
<u>Finance Committee</u>	6 councillors plus Mayor and Deputy (8 in total) - quorum 4
<u>Human Resources Committee</u>	4 councillors plus Mayor and Deputy (6 in total) - quorum 3

17/03/20

RE-CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED CHARGES FOR CLEANING THE FLEXTON TOILETS BY EDDC FOR 2017/18 AND CONSIDERATION OF EDDC CLEANING THE PUBLIC TOILET IN THE LIBRARY/INFORMATION CENTRE

It was resolved that the Council accept EDDC`s quote for 2017/18. It was understood that if the Council wished to terminate the arrangement with EDDC part way through the year that the Council would be refunded any advance payment. The Mayor advised that cleaning quotes for the new public conveniences in the Library/Information Centre, would need to be obtained in due course

17/03/21

TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE HEADS OF TERMS IN RESPECT OF A PROPOSED LEASE OF THE OLD FLEXTON BY THE COUNCIL TO THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

After some discussion it was agreed that further consideration of the Heads of Terms be deferred to the Property and Land Working Group, in the light of Cllrs Hall and Pang`s comments relating to the approval of works carried out and restrictions on sub-letting etc
Cllrs Giles and Talbot left the room whilst this item was discussed

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17/03/22

MEN'S SHEDS I. CONSIDERATION OF MEN'S SHEDS MAINTAINING THE GRASS VERGES AND FLOWER BEDS IN THE TOWN IN RETURN FOR THE ORGANISATION HAVING THE USE OF THEIR PORTACABIN AT A REDUCED COST AND II. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ORGANISATION'S 2016/17 GRANT APPLICATION

Mens Sheds were already involved with maintaining the footpaths so were not keen to take on the proposed additional task of grounds maintenance around the town. Details of Men's Sheds accounts had been e-mailed to all councillors and it was clear that the organisation had limited funds on which to operate. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bartlett and seconded by the Deputy Mayor to provide the organisation with a grant of £1000, which would allow the organisation to fund their rent for the next 6 months. The motion was carried

17/03/23

DEFIBRILLATOR -CONSIDERATION OF REVISED TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ('MOU')AND (IF APPROVED) FOR THE COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO THE MOU WITH THE SOUTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

It was understood that some of the original terms agreed by the Council for the installation of the defibrillator had changed. The Council would no longer become the owner of the defib (as previously advised) and daily checks, rather than weekly checks would be need to be carried out in accordance with the MOU. It was understood that Keith Spittlehouse had agreed to be the point of contact for the Trust to liaise with It was agreed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have delegated authority to progress this matter and sign the MOU. Cllr Pang enquired whether the Council would be responsible for insuring the defib. The Clerk would clarify the position

17/03/24

SCHOOL FUNDING UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE OTTER VALLEY FEDERATION

Councillors had been e-mailed all relevant information including a letter from the Otter Valley Federation in which it had expressed grave concern regarding proposed funding cuts. The Clerk had written to Hugo Swire about this matter and was still awaiting a response. No further comments were made

17/03/25

DEVON MINERALS PLAN UPDATE

The information had been e-mailed to all councillors. Straitgate Farm had been mentioned earlier in the meeting and Cllr Wright confirmed that it was now a preferred site and the planning application was to be determined

17/03/26

NOTICEBOARDS – CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF NEW BOARDS FOR THE CEMETERY AND THE LIBRARY AND TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RIO FOR THE USE OF THE COUNCIL'S NOTICEBOARD TO DISPLAY LEAFLETS

It was proposed that the old noticeboard on the side of the Flexton be utilised for the Cemetery's use. In addition the EDDC noticeboard also on the side of the Flexton be relocated to the new library site, subject to EDDC agreeing to this proposal. After much debate, concerning Rio being allowed to use the Council's noticeboards on which to display leaflets advertising its services, Cllr Giles proposed that Rio be permitted to do so and Cllr Bailey seconded the same. The proposal failed. Concern had been expressed that if this was permitted then other organisations may wish to advertise and as there was limited space on the noticeboard then this would impact on the space available to the Council. Cllr Faithfull advised that the notices on the noticeboard near the hospital were out of date. However as there was no longer a volunteer to carry out the task of posting the notices, then it was not possible for the noticeboard to be updated. . It was suggested that this matter be raised at the Annual Parish meeting.

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17/03/27

BROOK STREET CAR PARK – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillors had received all relevant information. It was noted that the date for submitting comments had passed.

17/03/28

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO USE PARISHES TOGETHER FUNDING FOR DITCHES AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS AND THEATRE PRODUCTION COSTS TO WARN AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

It was understood that funding from the Parishes Together fund could be used for clearing drains and ditches and there was no requirement to work with another parish to access this funding. The Mayor advised that the Council was considering employing a handyman who would be able to undertake various tasks including clearing drains and ditches. The Mayor suggested that once West Hill PC was formed it may be possible to work with the new PC in connection with this type of project. It was **RESOLVED** to contribute £500 of the Council's Parishes Together funding for the theatre production. The Mayor advised that funding of £7,532.80 had now been lost as the Council had been unable to secure a partner council to work with for any of its proposed projects

17/03/29

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF EAST DEVON – CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Information had been e-mailed to all councillors. The consultation would close on 3rd April. Cllr Giles advised that in the future it was proposed that there would be three district councillors to cover the town and rural wards

17/03/30

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE (FORMER NAT WEST BANK) - UPDATE

There had been a successful opening of the Library and Information Centre on Saturday 26th February. It was understood 700 visitors had attended during the hours of opening. A number of volunteers had come forward to assist in the library and the number of volunteers and users of the library needed to be sustained in order to ensure the library's longevity. It was stressed that library events needed to be fully supported. The building works had been completed (other than the installation of the toilets) and two replacement trees had been planted in accordance with the planning permission. Cllr Carter thanked the Mayor and Deputy and all others involved for all their hard work and commitment, in making the library a great success

17/03/31

UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PETANQUE CLUB TO CUT THE GRASS AT STRAWBERRY LANE ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS (IN RETURN FOR THE COUNCIL TO BEAR THE COSTS OF ALL UTILITIES USED BY THE PETANQUE CLUB IN THE PAVILION) AND TO FURTHER CONSIDER IF THIS CONCESSION WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE COSTS OF LIGHTING THE PETANQUE COURT. TO ALSO CONSIDER INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IF VOLUNTEERS ARE USED

The Pétanque Club was willing to take on the grass cutting work in return for the cost of utilities being borne by the Council. This arrangement would be subject to review. The Council's insurers had advised that a risk assessment would need to be carried out, the mower maintained in good working order and regularly checked and serviced and correct instructions and equipment given to the volunteers using the mower. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange for the mower to be serviced. Cllr Edwards advised that the Bowling Club had expressed concern that the Petanque Club would not have to pay for the cost of utilities which they suggested was unfair. However the Mayor advised that the Bowling Club was paying a nominal rent for the use of their pitch and he

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therefore considered their complaint to be unjustified particularly as the Club was being heavily subsidized by the Council

17/03/32

TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2017 COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AS TABLED

The February 2017 Schedule was presented showing £30906.69 (incl. VAT) for the Council. It was **RESOLVED** that each schedule be approved and they were signed by the Mayor

17/03/33

ANY MATTERS OF URGENCY BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MAYOR (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- i. The Chamber of Commerce had decided to disband and would transfer to the Council the sum of £891 in order that the Council could 'purchase something for the town'. It was understood that a new Business Forum was being set up
- ii. EDDC was following up a complaint by the Council regarding the condition of a shop in Mill Street
- iii. The proposed street name 'Tumbling Weir Way' had been agreed by EDDC. The other proposed name of Otter View, for properties on the east side of Mill Street, had been refused as it already existed. The Council had therefore proposed the alternative name of 'Albert Terrace' to EDDC
- iv. Councillors were previously e-mailed proposals to include Elliott Close Muga as an area that would be controlled under the Public Space Protection Order Control of Dogs. No objection had been received by the Council to EDDC's proposals

17/03/34

REPORTS BY MAYOR AND CLERK

- i. The Mayor advised that a charity in Colyton required 10 gazebos for an event. It was agreed that the Council's gazebos be provided subject to the organiser signing the Council's terms and conditions of use and arranging to collect and return the same
- ii. Pixie Day would be taking place on 17th June to be held on the amenity area of the Land of Canaan

17/03/35

TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION AND ANY LATE CORRESPONDENCE THE CORRESPONDENCE WAS TABLED

FROM	DETAILS
Environment Agency	Notice of intended entry on Council land to carry out masonry wall repairs
C-Scapes (Carl Creek)	Advising that the firm will be unable to supply a grass cutting service to the council
Honiton Running Club	Details of Ottery 10k race on 14 th May
Heritage Society	Newsletter

Kirby James had raised the issue about Footpath 24, part of which was being eroded. He wanted to know if there were any plans by the Council to take any action to remedy the situation. The Clerk had followed up this matter and also the matter of Footpath 46 with Richard Spurway – DCC Footpaths Officer and had received a response which she had subsequently forwarded to Councillors. (*Footpath 46 was currently out of repair. DCC had no plans other than to monitor the position of the river and wait until it became possible to reinstate the path on the legally recorded route. Until last autumn the river's migration in a westwards direction was giving rise to some optimism, unfortunately the floods last November made some unfavourable changes. Even if this section became useable, a diversion of the path some 2 to 3 hundred metres downstream would still be required. Negotiations would have to be had with the landowner. Footpath 24, about 600m south of the road bridge was also under threat. The path was diverted onto the railway line about 10 years ago, because the path was being lost to the movement of the river. Unfortunately the river was now biting into the railway embankment. DCC had been allowed to try and protect it with natural materials, however Mr*

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Spurway did not think this course of action would be sufficient. To hold the current position of the river at this location would need either substantial engineering works, which were financially beyond DCC or the re-routing of the river through the moving of river gravels, which the Environment Agency won't allow this.

The landowner in the past had agreed to path diversions as the river had changed course, however, as he would like help in protecting his land, he is no longer minded to agree to any more diversions).

It was mentioned that Cllr Faithfull and Leigh Edwards were working extremely hard on the footpaths (there were 98 in the Parish in total) and were warmly thank for their commitment and effort

17/03/36

TO RECEIVE REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor`s Meetings

Wednesday 1st	Lee Stevenson TIC Meeting with Elli Pang & Josephina Gori
Friday 3rd	Anna LV R. Neal old library
Tuesday 7th	EDDC rep
Wednesday 8th	Council Chamber Lord Coleridge Peter Faithfull - Parishes Together
Thursday 9th	HR Meeting
Monday 13th	Phyllis re library move Anna Matthews - library Planning Committee Meeting
Tuesday 14th	Property Working Group meeting
Wednesday 15th	Walking for Health Chine Way Hill Climb meeting
Monday 20th	Meeting with Cllrs Gori and Pang Station cladding quotation
Tuesday 21st	Property Group meeting
Wednesday 22nd	Airport Consultative Group
Thursday 23rd	Regeneration Group meeting
Friday 24th	Opening of bank/library Finance Meeting
Monday 27th	Extraordinary Council meeting Planning Committee meeting

Councillors Meetings

Cllr Holmes	Exeter Airport Consultative Group
Cllr Gori	Bowling Club, Skateboard Park, Hill Climb
Cllr Faithfull	Kings School Speed Dating, EDDC Housing Task & Delivery Forum, Footpaths
Cllr Talbot	Kings School, Regeneration meeting
Cllr Edwards	LED Walkers Group Meeting
Cllr Pang	LAG Meeting, AGM Institute, Speed Dating, Outreach Work re Skateboard Park
Cllr Harding	HR Meeting EDDC
Cllr Carter	Speed Dating

17/03/37

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

- i. Cllr Carter was pleased that work on the old factory site was progressing. He was advised that work to Salston Manor was not progressing due to cash issues
- ii. Cllr Harding was advised that to date, the Clerk had received no further news on the Tipton phone box
- iii. Cllr Giles enquired as to progress on the helipad. He was informed that John Mabbot was tasked with dealing with this matter but the Mayor would chase him up for an update
- iv. Cllr Bartlett enquired about progress on the Butts Road footpath. He was informed that there were issues with a landowner resulting in the project being delayed

The Mayor sought an extension of time of 10 minutes in order to conclude the Council`s business which was approved

Meeting ended at 9.37pm

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Mayor's signature: Date:.....

**THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2017 AT
7PM AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE OLD CONVENT, 8 BROAD STREET,
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