

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2007**

Present: Cllr W B Garvie – Mayor

Cllrs B Dixon, E Greenwold, P Gregory, K Harris, L Moores,
P Moores, F Partridge, H F Partridge, J Stocks, R L Willoughby,
J Wonnacott

Town Clerk – Mrs C Kett

C/28/07 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs P Dolphin, N Tucker

C/29/07 **To receive members declarations of interest**

Individual members declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda

C/30/07 **Minutes:**

(i) To receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 February 2007

The Town Clerk had circulated a copy of a fax received from Bude Area Chamber of Commerce in which the accuracy of the minutes was questioned

Resolved: That the minutes are a true and accurate record and should be signed by the Mayor

(ii) Report by Town Clerk on matters arising from the minutes

C/15/07 – Following the meeting the Town Clerk had thought of a matter not mentioned or discussed at the meeting, namely the siting of the portaloos. An email had been sent to Mr Finn requesting information regarding this matter but, as yet, a response had not been received. The Town Clerk would now write to Mr Finn to clarify this matter

C/31/07 **Minutes: to receive & consider reports and minutes of the following committee meetings and adoption of any recommendations contained therein:**

(i) Heritage & Culture Committee – 8 February 2007

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(ii) Planning Committee – 15 February 2007

Cllr Willoughby reiterated his interests in planning application 2007/02334

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(iii) FS&GP Committee – 15 February 2007

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

(iv) Planning Committee – 1 March 2007 (tabled)

Resolved: That the minutes and report be adopted by the Council

Resolved: That the recommendations are adopted by the Council

C/32/07

Correspondence Received: for information:

- (i) **NCDC – ‘Councillors can make a difference!’ leaflet and information evening for prospective councillors 13 March 2007 7.00pm Council Chamber (NCDC), College Road, Camelford** Noted
- (iii) **NCDC – information on the election timetable** *Copies had been sent to all councillors* Noted
- (iv) **CCC – Local Government Review in Cornwall: Bid document submitted by CCC 3 vols, copy in BSTC office or on www.cornwall.gov.uk** Noted
- (v) **CCC – Annual minerals & waste monitoring report 2005/2006; copy can be viewed on www.cornwall.gov.uk/minwaste** Noted
- (vi) **Standards Board for England: SBE15357:06; investigation into Cllr Garvie’s conduct completed – finding: no action need be taken** Noted. Cllr Garvie stated that with regard to anyone making a complaint to the SBforE they must be accurate in the information they give as it was not fair on the member reported when information submitted proved to be inaccurate

Correspondence Received: action required

- (i) **NCDC – decision as to whether poll cards are required by BSTC in the event of an uncontested district ward election Resolved: That in the event of an uncontested district ward in the 3 May 2007 elections poll cards should not be issued for any Town Council election**

C/33/07

Electors Questions/Comments

Resolved: That Standing Orders be suspended

Cllr Willoughby left the room at 7.20pm

An elector questioned whether another person present in the room should leave the room. A cllr explained that the Local Government Code of Conduct as applicable to members does not apply to officers of the Council

An elector raised the matter of a specific planning application and passed comments about its suitability and procedural matters. A cllr enquired of the Chair of the Planning Committee if BSTC had made its consultation response to NCDC regarding this application and the Chair confirmed that it had already been considered. The Mayor explained to the elector that the Town Council is only a consultee in the planning procedure

Cllr Willoughby returned to the room at 7.35pm

Cllr Greenwold reported that her ‘Harvesters’ booklet had sold approx 900 copies around the world and one had been sent to HRH Queen

Elizabeth II. She also reported that she was in receipt of a letter from the Queen thanking her for the book – a letter which she read to those present. The Mayor congratulated her on her work with the Harvesters Club

C/34/07

CCC issues relevant to BSTC

Mr D Whalley (Leader CCC) discussed several issues with the Council including the newly introduced 30mph speed limit on Kings Hill and the CCC bid document for a unitary authority for Cornwall – the result of which would be known by 27 March. Discussion followed regarding the proposed unitary structure and it was agreed that, in principle, this would appear to be the best way forward for Cornwall.

Cllrs raised several matters with Mr Whalley including the amount of monies allocated to support education in Cornwall; road crossing problems at Bencoolen roundabout; the need for a crossing on Bencoolen Road in the Bulleid Way area and questions relating to remedial works to roads. Mr Whalley commented that he disagreed with the Town Council's decision not to issue polling cards in the event of an uncontested district ward election.

C/35/07

NCDC issues relevant to BSTC

Cllr N Pearce (NCDC) was present and he raised several matters including the Street Ranger attending a future BSTC meeting and he reported that he had followed up a query raised by an elector at the previous Council meeting. He also reported that the Crescent car park recycling facilities were due to be relocated and that the recycling facilities at Tiscott were due to be upgraded. Matters cllrs raised with Cllr Pearce included the lack of cleanliness of the NCDC toilets, erosion of the sand on Summerleaze Beach and chewing gum deposits on the street

Resolved: That Standing Orders be resumed

C/36/07

Questions from Members

A cllr raised the matter of dog fouling and speeding cars

C/37/07

Financial Report

(a) Schedule of payments made since 15 February 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments made (£492.68) be approved

(b) Schedule of payments to be made at 1 March 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments to be made (£19,087.92) be approved

(c) Schedule of additional payments to be made at 1 March 2007 had been circulated

Resolved: That all payments to be made (£3,581.02) be approved

C/38/07

Department for Communities and Local Government:

Consultation on amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members – deadline for response 9 March 2007

copies of consultation document previously supplied to members

Discussion followed

Resolved: That the response is that the following be considered

- (i) **Prejudicial Interests 9(2): a member does not have a prejudicial interest in a matter.....add: 'where a member is also an elected member of a wholly owned subsidiary company of the Council'**
- (ii) **The Council does not feel that it is necessary to substitute the word 'you' for 'he' or 'she'**

Discussion followed regarding the need to go into Committee to discuss the following item. The Town Clerk stated that if the Council did not wish to go into Committee she would be unable to answer any specific questions regarding the name of the suppliers who had submitted prices for the purchase of this vehicle. This was accepted and the Council decided not to go into Committee

C/39/07

Purchase of replacement BSTC Land Rover: quotations received and approval of purchase

The Town Clerk distributed a report (which is attached as an appendix to these minutes) containing 3 prices for the replacement of the BSTC Land Rover

The Chair of the Recreation Committee reported that this item would normally have been resolved by his Committee. However, it had been brought to the full Council as a decision tonight would mean that the new vehicle could be purchased by 1 April 2007 which would remove the need for the existing vehicle to be MOTed – as this ran out on 31 March 2007

Resolved: That quotation number 1 on the report (£7,500 + VAT + CO2 offset + road tax and first registration fee – including part exchange) be accepted for the purchase of a Land Rover Defender 2.4 110 High Capacity Diesel Pick-Up with tow pack to replace the existing Land Rover

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed:Dated:.....