MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

122. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Mayor), Mrs P. Upton (Deputy Mayor), D. Wilson, I. W. Plant, Mrs K. Mills, P. Keeling, B. Charlesworth, P. Routledge, G Bentley, Miss Z. Routledge, J. Mason, M. Staton and Mrs V. O'Shea

123. APOLOGIES – Councillors M. Haines, P. Jackson, W. Willis and S. Ellis

124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor I. Plant declared an interest on any planning matters as he is a Member of the District Planning Applications Committee.

Councillor Mrs V. O'Shea declared an interest on any planning matters as she is a Member of the District Planning Applications Committee.

Councillor G. Bentley declared an interest in planning application SMD/2023/0133 and SMD/2020/0270 as he is known to both applicants.

Councillor Miss Z. Routledge declared an interest in Item 20 on the Agenda as she is a member of the Kingsley Parish Council.

125. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS – None.

126. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT –

PCSO Jim Moffatt provided an update on the damage that was being caused by juveniles climbing onto rooves of shops located off the Cheadle Car park in Tape Street, and stated the area was being monitored closely by CCTV. PCSO Moffatt also provided updates on the Public Reassurance complaints that had been submitted following incidents with Nicola Derrett, Community Reassurance Officer, and additional incident relating to Anti-Social behaviour. He stated that the male who had been reported as the lead in the offending group had been served with an order that prevented him from having access to the park. PCSO Moffatt also confirmed that the Community Room at the Cheadle Police Station was available for use.

127. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Mr Tony Joynes thanked Cheadle Town Council for their assistance in securing the necessary ground works for the sink hole in Thorley Drive, Cheadle. Former Councillor, Mr Alan Thomas asked the Deputy Clerk to liaise with him in respect of his parents grave in the Cheadle Cemetery, which was agreed. Mr. Thomas also raised the fact that the new website remained unavailable and asked when this would be rectified. It was agreed that the new website would be going live in the near future.

128. CO-OPTION – COUNCIL TO CO-OPT FOR VACANCIES IN THE NORTH EAST AND WEST WARDS

It was proposed that all three Applicants who had submitted interest in becoming a Councillor were accepted, and this was seconded and approved by a majority of Councillors. Therefore Mr J. Aberley, Mr C. Clark and Mr R. Talbot were Co-Opted onto the Cheadle West Ward. This leaves 1 vacancy on the Cheadle North East Ward.

129. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

130. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

131. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

132. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL FROM MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record, including the acceptance of the Internal Audit Report for the period 2022/2023 and all associated matters.

133. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

134. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 26TH JUNE 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

135. STAFFING COMMITTEE – CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk provided a report in respect of the Staffing Committee, which Councillors used to determine whether there was any requirement to re-structure the current format of the Committee and its Membership. It was decided that the current format would remain in place, and that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions would continue to make up Membership alongside four additional Councillors with the appropriate skill set.

136. EVENTS COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR PARTY IN THE PARK

This matter was deferred to the end of the meeting, and its was agreed that any Councillors who were available for Party in the Park would assist on the day. Membership for this Committee will be open to all Councillors, however it was agreed that there would be a requirement for as much continuity as possible in terms of its Members.

137. INTERNAL AUDITOR ENGAGEMENT LETTER – COUNCIL TO APPROVE FOR SUBMISSION

The Internal Auditor Engagement Letter was approved for submission.

138. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY WORK FROM PAINSLEY CATHOLIC COLLEGE.

The Clerk stated that correspondence had been received from Painsley Catholic College asking if students could be involved in Community Work leading up to the school Summer Holidays in late July. The Clerk advised that there had been some discussions with school leaders and that a principal arrangement had been made for some painting work on the War Memorial railings. This was agreed by Councillors.

139. COUNCIL TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND GRANT

140. COUNCIL TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR DISABLED TOILETS GRANT

141. FUNDING REQUEST FOR DEFIBRILLATOR FROM KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

142. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor P. Routledge reported on the Allotment Association Open Day that had taken place on Sunday 25th June 2023, and informed Councillors that the event had been a huge success. Cllr Routledge asked for the Allotment Working Group to be allocated a meeting date in the near future.

Councillor G. Bentley stated that the Cheadle Arts Forum was facing closure and asked if Council could work with the Community Group in order to support any future initiatives.

143. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs E. Whitehouse announced that her Civic Service for 2023 would be on Sunday 22nd October 2023 and that details of the event would be forthcoming. The Mayor also recognised the achievements of the 'Stunner' newspaper that had recently announced that it was to finish circulation after over 125 years in the town. The Mayor complimented those who had been involved in bringing local news to the town every Wednesday, and particularly Belinda and Emily who have shown a dedicated interest in Council business over recent years, and allowed the Town Council the opportunity to connect within the Community. **Thank you to all at the Cheadle and Tean Times.**

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2023/0133 – Truck & Marine Cranes Ltd, Cheadle

New B1/B2 & B8 commercial unit to the south west of the existing main commercial building.

The Application was supported by a majority of Councillors, and therefore there are no objections to the development in principle.

SMD/2020/0270 – Winrush, 1 Harewood Close, Cheadle

Erection of two detached dwellings.

The Application was supported by a majority of Councillors, and therefore there are no objections to the development in principle.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

145. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER QUOTE FROM HEWITT AND CARR FOR REVISED PLANNING APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF WIDENING OF THE PATH AT CHEADLE CEMETERY FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS

The quote provided by Hewitt & Carr was seen to be appropriate in terms of cost and within the budget set aside for this project. The quote was therefore **approved.**

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Signed…….