MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023

208. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Mayor), Mrs P. Upton (Deputy Mayor), I. W. Plant, P. Keeling, B. Charlesworth, P. Routledge, J. Mason, J. Aberley, C. Clark, S. Ellis, M. Haines, P. Jackson, R. Talbot and Mrs V. O'Shea

209. APOLOGIES – Councillors G. Bentley, Mrs K. Mills, M. Staton, W. Willis, D. Wilson, Miss. Z. Routledge

A minute's silence was held for former Mayor and Councillor of Cheadle Town Council, Ray James, followed by tributes to his contribution to the Town Council and the Community of Cheadle.

210. 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.

211. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

212. SECTION 85 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Councillors were advised that dispensation could be applied for on behalf of any Members who were unable to attend meetings in the longer term. Ordinarily this would be applied to Councillors who were unable to attend meetings for a period over 6 months, however it was felt courteous to grant medium to long-term absences to any Councillors who required extended periods for personal matters. This proposal was granted by the full Council.

213. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

None.

214. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

215. PRESENTATION BY APPROACH DEMENTIA SUPPORT

Paul Webster addressed Council on behalf of Approach Dementia Support, a local charity service within the North Staffs and Stoke-On-Trent area. He stated that the service offered peer-to-peer support in the local area and that the Cheadle meetings were held at the Cheadle Cricket Club on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Mr Webster advised that the organization provided activity groups and dementia training through its partnership with Douglas Macmillan Hospice and has been submitting funding bids for Cheadle. Mr Webster was thanked for his attendance by a number of Councillors who asked relevant questions about the service.

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216. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

217. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 12TH JULY 2023

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

218. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee. A minor amendment to the minutes was requested by Councillor P. Routledge.

219. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee. A minor amendment to the minutes was requested by Councillor P. Routledge.

220. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 24TH JULY 2023

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

221. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 14TH AUGUST 2023

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

222. UKSPF FEASIBILITY STUDIES

A proposal was made by Councillor Mrs P. Upton not to pursue a feasibility study on this occasion as there had been 2 previous studies, and it was proposed to contact the relevant SMDC officer to enquire about these. A counter proposal was made by Councillor M. Haines to submit a bid, however this proposal failed and the original proposal made by Councillor Mrs. P. Upton was carried. It was agreed that once the information from SMDC is gathered, this would then go to the BTEC Committee for actioning.

223. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

An update was given in respect of the forth coming Cheadle (Staffs) Allotment Association open day, which is due to take place on Sunday 17th September 2023. The invitation extends to all Councillors and family.

224. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs E. Whitehouse informed Council that the Town Clerk was currently spending a number of days working from home in order to look after his partner and that the deputy Clerk was covering the office during this period.

The Mayor also made Councillors aware of forth coming events in the town including a teddy bear exhibition which was to take place at St. Giles the Abbot Church in Cheadle on the 20th and 21st of October 2023, and an organ extravaganza also at the Church on Thursday 28th September 2023 and finally the Mayor advised Council, through the work of Councillor B. Charlesworth, that Sally Hampton was the appropriate point of contact for access to District Council meetings.

225. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2022/0592 – Land at Oakamoor Road, Cheadle

Application for outline Planning permission, with some matters reserved, for the erection of 53 dwellings.

Councillors discussed this Application at length, and the decision was taken that the Chair of Development Services, Cllr S. Ellis, would submit an appropriate Planning Response, based on the collective views of Cheadle Town Council, to the Clerk.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None

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

Signed…….