# MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2023

**44. 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, S. A. Ellis, Miss Z. Routledge, J. Mason, P. Jackson, W. Willis, M. Haines and Mrs V. O'Shea

**45. APOLOGIES –** Councillor M. Staton

**46. 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/2023/0235 as he is known to the applicant.

Councillor Miss Z. Routledge declared an interest in Item 12 on the Agenda as she is a member of the Kingsley Parish Council.

**47. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS –** None.

**48. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT –**

Chief Inspector Mark Barlow attended the meeting as the new Policing Commander for the Staffordshire Moorlands. He gave a brief history of his career and outlined his intentions for neighbourhood policing in Cheadle. He provided a statistical overview of crime across Staffordshire and more locally in Cheadle, stating that antisocial behaviour had seen a reduction of 49% across the county, yet crime figures had risen by 7% during the same period. He did however reassure Councillors that crime in Cheadle had also reduced by 7%. Chief Inspector Barlow informed Councillors that he had been in post for one month and that he had already put in place measures to tackle antisocial behaviour reported in the Cheadle Marketplace and the Tean Road Recreation Ground and was aware of the ongoing spate of thefts and drug misuse in the town. Furthermore, he committed to address the CCTV coverage within Cheadle and ensure that it was fit for purpose.

Chief Inspector Barlow was thanked by the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs E. Whitehouse for attending the meeting and for his report. Councillor Whitehouse asked that support was given to the Community Reassurance Officer at the Tean Road Recreation Ground, given that she had reported a number of incidents without a police response. Chief Inspector Barlow encouraged these reports and agreed to look into why they had not been addressed. Further questions were asked in respect of the crime statistics and links to the Cheadle Neighbourhood Watch by Cllr M. Haines

and assurance was given that these links would be strengthened. Cllr G. Bentley asked about the 101 system for reporting incidents, and stated that the process was proving very difficult for local people to get through in good time. Chief Inspector Barlow stated that Staffordshire Police were looking to increase the number of call takers available to the 101 system, and encouraged local residents to familiarise themselves with the Smart Alert system. Cllr Mrs K. Mills asked about numbers on shifts for Cheadle and Chief Inspector Barlow provided a breakdown of the neighbourhood policing team and PCSOs availability to the town, and stated that there were a number of expected additions in the near future. PCSO Jim Moffatt provided more specific detail in respect of the local antisocial behaviour and stated that the cleaning staff of the public toilets in the Town Centre would not be fitted with body worn video cameras. He also stated that work was going on to tackle local issues and stress the importance of working closely with the Town Council. Officers attending from Staffordshire Police were thanked for their attendance.

**49. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –**

Mr Tony Joynes raised an issue with agendas being published on the website in good time and the Clerk gave assurances that this would be addressed. Additionally, Mr Joynes spoke about the four way traffic lights that had been installed on the Morrisons roundabout and asked Councillors to push for better traffic management in the town.

**50. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

The Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs E. Whitehouse announced that her charities for 2023/24 would be the Paddles Swimming Group and MIND. She stated that she would be looking to raise funds for both charities during the course of her Mayoral year.

**51. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING AND FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2023**

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

**52. TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CONFIRM COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

Cllr P. Keeling put forward a motion to change the Committee title from Town and Community to the Business, Tourism and Environment Committee (BTEC), and to adjust the meeting dates to the fourth Monday of each calendar month. This motion represented an adjustment to the decision made at the Annual Council Meeting to agree the Committees and meeting dates. The Clerk informed Council that advice had been sought from the SPCA who had confirmed that the adjustments would not be complicated by the 6 month rule on decision making. Further motions were put forward by Cllr Keeling to approve the Terms of Reference for the new Committee, and for the Committee to allow non-Councillor membership. Council took the decision to agree all motions put forward and therefore the newly formed Committee will be known as the Business, Tourism and Environment Committee (BTEC), which will meet on the fourth Monday of each calendar month with its newly agreed Terms of Reference. The Committee will allow non-Councillor membership on the basis that any non-Councillor attendance will be in an advisory capacity and without voting rights.

## 53. STAFFING COMMITTEE – APPROVE MEMBERSHIP

This matter was deferred for a Clerk's Report, following a statement from Cllr I. Plant, who advised Council that the Terms of Reference for the Staffing Committee, which had been agreed by the previous Administration included that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Chairs and Vice Chairs, and four additional members would make up the membership of the Staffing Committee. It was therefore agreed to look at the legalities around any potential changes to this format.

## 54. EVENTS COMMITTEE – DEFERRED FROM ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Councillors agreed that the Events Committee should be retained for events such as Party in the Park, however events such as the Remembrance Sunday Parade, Artisan Markets and Town Centre events could be managed by the Business, Tourism and Environment Committee (BTEC). This represented a compromise on the previous motions put forward, proposed by Cllr G. Bentley, seconded by Cllr Mrs K. Mills, and agreed by a majority of Councillors.

## 55. LETTER FROM KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL – REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR DEFIBRILLATOR

This matter was deferred to ascertain the level of funding requested by Kingsley Parish Council and additional details in terms of its maintenance.

## 56. BROAD HAYES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Cllr P. Jackson reported that a meeting had taken place with colleagues from Kingsley Parish Council and that there had been a common agreement that the Broad Hayes development proposals should be objected. Cllr P. Jackson stated that there were grounds for objection within the planning framework, specifically around highways and the development not being included within the local plan. He further reported that there would be a coordinated approach for objection at the Planning Applications Committee meeting by both Councils, who would send representatives to the identified meeting when listed. Cllr P. Jackson asked for a resolution from the Council to support these objections which he could then take forward to the District Council Planning meeting when listed. Councillors voted to accept this resolution by a majority despite two abstentions and Councillors who had declared an interest not taking part in the vote.

## 57. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None received.

## 58. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Lodge would be unavailable to Councillors on Tuesday the 13th June as the new carpet would be fitted in the office. He further reported that he had received contact from the Elections Officer and that she had made a request for election returns from all Councillors. The Clerk then introduced Leah Alkins, who had joined Cheadle Town Council for the week from the Cheadle Academy Sixth Form in a work experience capacity.

## 59. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**SMD/2023/0173 – High Walls, 3 Greenways Drive, Cheadle**

**Proposed 2 storey rear and side extension including double garage and alterations.**

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

**SMD/2020/0235 – Brow Nook Farm, School Lane, Freehay, Cheadle**

**Proposed outbuilding to form swimming pool.**

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

**SMD/2023/0240 – Land off Tenford Land, Tenford Lane, Tean**

**Variation of Condition 1 relating to SMD/2021/0491.**

The Application for this Variation was supported in principle, however Councillors agreed an observation in respect of the fitting of dormer windows in a number of bungalows, and their potential intrusion overlooking existing dwellings.

**SMD/2023/0139 – 4 Millers View, Cheadle**

**Convert existing detached garage into 2 bedroom bungalow.**

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

**SMD/2023/0254 – 90, Thorley Drive, Cheadle**

**Proposed Single storey side extension.**

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

**SMD/2023/0190 – Harewood Hall, Leek Road, Cheadle.**

**Listed building consent for 10 solar panels to roof.**

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

## CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

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

**Signed**…….