MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023

343. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Mayor), I. W. Plant, B. Charlesworth, P. Routledge, J. Mason, C. Clark, S. Ellis, D. Wilson, G. Bentley, and P. Jackson.

344. APOLOGIES – Councillors J. Aberley, R. Talbot, Mrs P. Upton (Deputy Mayor), Miss.Z. Routledge, M. Haines Mrs K. Mills, P. Keeling, Mrs V. O'Shea and W. Willis

345. MINUTES SILENCE FOR FORMER COUNCILLOR

A minute's silence was held in respect of the sad passing of former Councillor Charlie Chell.

346. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

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

347. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

348. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

PCSO J. Moffatt attended the full council meeting and provided a brief overview of police related matters within the area.

349. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Thomas addressed the council with concerns and questions he would like to receive updates on. Update on the following projects - Tean Road Recreation Ground – Pavilion & Toilets, reinstallation of the entrance gates, new website, Churchill Road play area, development which was to include a new school and how the Council intends to communicate with the community following the loss of the local newspaper. Councillors did provide Mr A Thomas with brief updates on the matters raised however these items will be included onto relevant agendas and an official response will follow.

350. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

351. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

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

352. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2023

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

353. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023

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

354. 2022/2023 AGAR – EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT & CONTINUATION REPORT

The reports were reviewed and accepted by the full council.

355. GROUND HIRE REQUEST FROM CATS 19TH JULY-24TH JULY 2024

Council approved the request; the correct indemnity forms will be required due to the location of the event in the tennis courts.

356. CO-OPTION VACANCY ON THE NORTH EAST WARD - UPDATE

Since the vacancy became available there has since been another vacancy, we have yet to receive an update on this from elections. The Council agreed to process both vacancies at the same time.

357. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr P. Routledge reported on a number of matters to Council, including a reminder of the fundraising event which is to be held by St Giles The Abbott Church in Cheadle. The event was announced as a Quiz Night at the Hunstman Public House on Friday 17th November 2023 at £5 per head. St Giles The Abbott Church are also holding a Christmas Event at the Church on Saturday 25th November 2023, which would include and craft fayre and cake stall, as well as childrens activities between 10.30am and 3.00pm. Cllr Routledge also confirmed that there would be a fundraising 'Zumba' event at the Guildhall in aid of Children in Need on Friday 17th November 2023 starting at 5.30pm. A further reminder was given by Cllr Routledge in respect of the Christmas Lights switch-on that was on the evening of Saturday 18th November 2023 between 2pm – 5pm. Cllr Routledge finished by informing Council that there would be further events announced in due course, and was thanked by Councillors for the update.

358. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Deputy Clerk reported that Membership of the Finance & Resources Committee was not in line with the Committee Terms of Reference following dispensation requests and resignations. Cllrs D. Wilson, Mrs E. Whitehouse, G.Bentley and P. Routledge put themselves forward for consideration, however Membership will be confirmed at the next Finance & Resources meeting.

359. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cllr S. Ellis was put forward as the new Chair of Finance & Resources, proposed by Cllr I. Plant and seconded by Cllr D. Wilson. A vote was taken and Cllr S. Ellis was appointed Chair.

360. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs E. Whitehouse informed Council that the local Girl Guides would be visiting Chambers on Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 6.30pm for a discussion on local politics, and that Councillors were welcome to attend. The Mayor also announced that the funeral of former Councillor, Charlie Chell, would take place in the town on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 11.00am. Cllr Mrs. Whitehouse also reminded Councillors of the town events for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday would be followed by the Christmas Lights switch-on, and reminded Councillors that

there would be a Civic Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at St. Giles The Abbott Church. Finally, the Mayor made Councillors aware that the Town Clerk was experiencing a busy period with hospital appointments and care for his partner, Jayne, and would need some flexibility around his hours of work. It was agreed that any correspondence would go through the Deputy Clerk.

361. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2023/0423 – Land at Tenford Lane, Tean

Erection of 87 dwellings and associated works.

It was resolved that Cheadle Town Council object to this application on the grounds of Highways (narrow width of the road leading to proposed development), sewerage capacity and drainage at the locality and the overbearing aspect of the development against existing properties. It was felt that some Conditions on Phase 1 of the Development had not been met, and the observations of Tean & Checkley Council were also considered very relevant in terms of process.

362. PTTRO – PRINCE GEORGE STREET, CHEADLE

The Road Closure was accepted given the nature of works taking place.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

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