MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024

645. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Mayor), Mrs P. Upton (Deputy Mayor), I. Plant, B. Charlesworth, J. Mason, C. Clark, D. Wilson, P. Keeling, Mrs V. O'Shea, Mrs K. Mills, M. Haines, P. Jackson, G. Bentley, S. Ellis, Ms L. Wood Williams, P. Routledge and Miss Z. Routledge.

646. APOLOGIES – Councillors J. Aberley. M. Haines and Miss H. Birch.

647. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor I. Plant declared an interest on any planning matters for himself and on behalf of Councillor Mrs V. O' Shea as they are members of the District Planning Applications Committee.

Councillor G. Benley declared an interest in any matters relating to the Lengthsman Scheme.

648. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

649. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

None.

650. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Fliss Holdcroft addressed Council in respect of Youth Services in Cheadle, and specifically the lack of a Youth Club facility where young people have the opportunity to socialise off the streets. She stated that there a growing number of young people who are being failed by a lack of facility in the town. A number of Councillors responded, and confirmed that the Town Council had been looking for suitable venues since the previous Youth Club closed down. Councillor Mrs K. Mills informed those in attendance that funding for youth services had been stopped by the County Council, and funding through the Police & Crime Commissioner is based on ASB percentages.

Mr. Roger Holdcroft also addressed Council and congratulated the organisers of the Cheadle Moon at St Giles the Abbott Church for the 'tremendous event' that had taken place over the previous three weeks. Mr. Holdcroft asked the Council to consider writing to the organisers, and thanking them for their contribution to the town.

Mr. Mick Wright returned to inform Council that dogs were still being allowed off leads on the Tean Road Recreation Ground. He stated that no enforcement had taken place since his previous visit and asked for the Council to address this issue. The Clerk informed Mr. Wright that the policy in place for dogs on Council land was a district wide policy, and that enforcement was the responsibility was that of SMDC. The Clerk confirmed that he would look into it in more detail and get back to Mr. Wright.

651. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2024

Approved and confirmed as a correct record. Cllr Mrs. E Whitehouse abstained from the approval as she was not in attendance.

652. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024

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

653. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024

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

654. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024

Approved and confirmed as a correct record, however Councillor J. Mason asked for an amendment to add his name to the attendance list as he was present. It was noted that some of the minute numbers had been repeated, and therefore these were approved for amendment to read 617A,618A and 619A.

655. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024

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

656. REPORT OF THE BTEC COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2024

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items recommended by the Committee. Councillor S. Ellis expressed his thoughts on the EV Charging Points for the town centre (Minute 640) and said he was disappointed that SMDC had not appeared to support the Rapid Charging Points for the Tape Street Car Park. Cllr I. Plant abstained on the vote relating to the Tape Street flower beds (Minute 641).

657. BOURNE FOUNTAIN & MONUMENTS

Councillor Mrs K. Mills thanked Councillor G. Bentley for his cleaning work on the towns monuments, particularly the Bourne Fountain which she said had been done to a high standard. Cllr S. Ellis also thanked Cllr Bentley. Cllr Bentley accepted the thanks and this item was well received by Councillors.

658. SIGNAGE & ADVERTISING IN CHEADLE

Councillor Mrs K. Mills stated that the amount of signage and advertising in the town centre was having an adverse visual effect on the town, and asked if Councillors would support some interaction with SMDC in respect of this. It was accepted that this could be reviewed in due course.

659. CO-OPTION PROCESS -VACANCIES ON SOUTH EAST AND WEST WARD

The Clerk confirmed that no elections had been called and that the two positions had been advertised up a deadline of Friday 26th April 2024. It was agreed that any perspective candidates would be put to Council thereafter.

660. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS/REPORTS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES SMDC CAR PARK STRATEGY FEEDBACK/CONSULTATION

Councillor G. Bentley advised Council that SMDC were conducting an in-house car parking strategy for the Staffordshire Moorlands and that District Councillors representing Cheadle would be asked to form part of the working group. It was agreed to put this onto a Committee within the Town Council to submit any ideas for this.

661. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None

662. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs E. Whitehouse thanked Council for their support following her bereavement, saying that the flowers and messages of support have been most comforting. The Mayor also reminded Councillors of the of the forthcoming date for the Mayor's fund raising, Saturday 27th April for the Afternoon Tea at 3pm.

663. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2024/0063 – Harewood Park Nursing Home, Leek Road, Cheadle

Erection of three units of accommodation for semi-independent living in conjunction with supported living services provided.

Cheadle Town Council had provided a Planning Response for this Application at their previous meeting.

SMD/2024/0122 – 8, Tuscan Close, Cheadle

Proposed two storey side and rear extension.

Cheadle Town Council have no objections to this Application, and would support the proposed works in principle.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

664. QUOTATON FOR THE TEAN ROAD RECEREATION GROUND PROJECTS – ADDITIONAL WORKS TO UPGRADE THE INTERIOR OF FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOMS

The quote received from RG Joiners was approved.

665. SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOLAR PANELS ON TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The specifications put forward were approved.

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

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