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

466. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs E. Whitehouse (Mayor), Mrs P. Upton (Deputy Mayor), I. W. Plant, B. Charlesworth, J. Mason, C. Clark, P. Routledge, S. Ellis, D. Wilson, G. Bentley, P. Keeling, Mrs V. O'Shea, Mrs K. Mills and P. Jackson.

467. APOLOGIES – Councillors R. Talbot, J. Aberley, M. Haines, Miss.Z. Routledge, and W. Willis (Dispensation).

468. 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 the Planning Application SMD/2023/0622 as he lives in the locality.

Councillor S. Ellis declared an interest the Planning Application SMD/2023/0609 as he is known to the applicant/residents who have an interest in the Application.

469. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None.

470. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

PCSO A. Nowicki provided a brief report on local policing figures, stating that ASB figures were down on the previous month and Car Crime had seen a rise in the local area. PCSO Nowicki reassured Council that Cheadle was a safe place to live, and that all of the incidents that had occurred over the Christmas period were under investigation. Councillor P. Jackson urged Councillors and members of the public to report matters, no matter how important, as these reports would set the policing requirement for the area. PCSO Nowicki was thanked for her attendance.

471. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr A Thomas addressed the council, and asked whether the Community Speedwatch for Cheadle could be made a priority, and to ascertain whether the Speed Indicator Devices could be checked/calibrated by Staffordshire Police for accuracy. Mr. Thomas made a further request to include some new equipment in the forthcoming budget, and the Chair of Finance and Resources, Cllr S. Ellis, agreed to look at this request.

472. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

473. REPORT OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023

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

474. REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM MONDAY 18th DECEMBER 2023

All items on the report were accepted and approval was given to all items, however Cllr Mrs V. O'Shea and other Councillors re-iterated the need for local facilities and schools to be notified of the road closure in Watt Place, and to ensure that sufficient signage is in position to reduce the risk to parents and children attending school and nursery, and those attending the hospital for appointments.

475. REPORT OF THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE FROM WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2023

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

476. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25- PROPOSED BY FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The draft budget for 2024/25 was unanimously approved was given to all items recommended by the Committee.

477. WEST MIDLANDS AMBULANCE SERVICE – PARISH ASSEMBLY CONSULTATION

The Clerk reported that the Moorlands Parish Assembly were wishing to collate data on the performance of the West Midlands Ambulance Service for the Moorlands, and it was agreed that Councillors would pass on any comments to the Clerk.

478. CO-OPTION PROCESS -VACANCIES ON THE NORTH EAST WARD AND SOUTH EAST WARD

The Clerk informed Council that there had been a challenge to the previous decision to Co-Opt the two persons who had registered an interest from a member of the public, who had stated that the positions had not been advertised in line with previous Council protocol. As a result of this, the Clerk had sought some legal standing on the matter through the SPCA, who stated that whilst advertising had taken place through the banners in the town, it would be prudent to put out a short advertisement in this instance, given the previous Motion was 'unsafe'. Councillors agreed to do this by majority, and the were two Councillors who voted against this Motion. Therefore, the positions would be advertised from the 9th January 2025, for a two week period, and then the Co-Option process would be run at the meeting of the Full Council in February.

479. REPORT ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr P. Routledge reported on the Parish Assembly, and confirmed that the minutes from Parish Assembly Meetings would be made available to Councillors. He also stated that there had been an agreement that Clerks would be invited to attend Parish Assembly Meetings in future. Cllr Routledge further stated that the Parish Assembly Meeting was attended by the SMDC Wellbeing Officer, who had provided an overview of their role and detailed some of the organisations within the Moorlands who are currently looking for support.

480. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs E. Whitehouse reminded Councillors that the Full Council had taken the decision to adopt a policy whereby Agendas would be provided on request only, in order to try and save paper where possible. The Mayor thanked those Councillors who had attended the Christmas Carol Service in December, and confirmed that she was hoping to arrange further Charity Fundraising events leading up to May.

481. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SMD/2023/0622 – Serenity Childrens Care Home, Harplow Lane, Cheadle

Change of use from dwelling house (Use Class C3) to Care Home for children (Use Class 2).

Mr Alex Haywood and Miss Louise Fresson from Serenity Childrens Care Homes came to speak on the Application, and provided Councillors with a detailed overview of its work with children and its facilities. Councillors were advised that this would be an Ofsted regulated facility for up to 3 children on a 1 to 1 care basis, which centred round equine therapy and assisted learning. On this basis, Cheadle Town Council have no objections to this Application, and would support the proposed Application in principle.

SMD/2023/0609 – Land off Monkhouse, Cheadle

Proposed detached dwelling.

Cheadle Town Council offer an objection to this Application on the basis that there are real concerns in respect of gradient levels and earth movement particularly, given historical landslides have occurred in the general location, and also visual aspects that may affect other residences in the area.

SMD/2019/0662 – Land off Brookhouse Way, Cheadle

Approval of reserved Matters following outline approval for residential development of 36 dwellings.

Cheadle Town Council have no objections to this Application, and would support the proposed works in principle, however observations were made that there must be some demonstration that this development is economically viable, the Ecology Reports may have expired from previous submissions and there are a number of designated footpaths in the area proposed for development.

SMD/2019/0643 – Land off Brookhouse Way, Cheadle

Variation of Condition 4 relating to SMD/2014/0655.

Cheadle Town Council deferred this item as the consultation document did not provide any detail of Condition 4, and therefore Council were unable to determine the implications for making a response on this matter.

SMD/2023/0600 – 16, Patch Meadow Road, Cheadle

Retrospective Planning Application for none compliant rendered finish to permitted development extension.

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

SMD/2023/0657 – Land to the rear of 82 – 84 High Street, Cheadle

Proposed new residential development.

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

SMD/2023/0576 – 5, Park View, Mill Road, Cheadle **Deferred from DS Committee**

Rear extension to form enlarged kitchen, adapt outbuildings to form utility/WC area. The erection of a 2m fence on the rear/side boundary to form parking area and garden amenity space by removal of roof and steel posts.

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

482. PLANNING APPEAL – LOWER GRANGE FARM, OAKMOOR ROAD, CHEADLE

Council fully supported the Appeal made by the applicant for this proposal and will respond to the Planning Inspectorate in due course with confirmation of this.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

483. QUOTATION IN RESPECT OF BODY WORN VIDEO CAMERAS FOR THE COMMUNITY REASSURANCE OFFICER

The quotation was accepted for the MPT 220 at & £525 plus VAT and Councillors approved the purchase of the equipment. (Minute 465)

484. QUOTATIONS FORN THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND PROJECTS

The quotations received from AJ Beaman and RG Joiners were accepted for the Bowling Pavilion £104,750.00 plus VAT and the Football Changing Rooms £11,090.00 plus VAT/Public Toilets £19,925.00 plus VAT respectively. (Minute 464)

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

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