

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 8 February 2022 at
Christchurch Library, Room 14, High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AW

Present:-

Cllr Mrs S Bungey – Mayor

Cllr A E Coulton – Deputy Mayor

Present: Cllr V Charrett, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr H Farrell-Jarvis, Cllr C A Gardiner, Cllr W Grace, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr S J McCormack, Cllr Mrs S Spittle and Cllr M J Tarling.

Apologies: Cllr S Fotheringham, Cllr Mrs F Cox, Cllr D C Jones and Cllr G E Polson.

Officers Present: James Atkinson, Projects Officer, Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk and Susan Roxby, Democratic Services Officer.

Members of the Public present: 7

Members of the Press present: 0

324. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Charrett declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.326 (Community Grants Awards) as she is Chairman of Christchurch Carnival Committee and remained present, but took no part in the voting thereon.

Cllr Spittle declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.326 (Community Grants Awards) as she is a Guide ambassador and remained present, but took no part in the voting thereon.

Cllr M J Tarling declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.325 (BCP Local Plan Issues and Options Q & A) regarding the former Police Station site as he had been a member of a group called 'Discover Science in Christchurch' and remained present for the discussion and voting thereon.

325. BCP Local Plan Issues and Options Q & A

Members raised the following points on the BCP Local Plan Issues and Options consultation:

Cllr Farrell-Jarvis joined the meeting at 6.07pm.

Q3. We aim for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to be the UK's newest city region brimming with prospects, positivity and pride.

Strongly agree

Vote: 9:2 (Tarling wished is objection be recorded)

Q4. Christchurch is being used for building homes and houses on Green Belt, whilst retaining character and heritage.

Whilst retaining the character and heritage of our region.

Voting: 11:0:1

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the objectives?

Agree

Voting: 8:4

Cllr M Cox joined the meeting at 6.25pm.

Q6. N/A

Q7. 5 selected most important objectives: F, G, C, E, J

Voting: unanimous

Regenerating our town centres

Q8. Please tell us your comments about the recommendations for regenerating our town centres in the Local Plan, including any other issues or ideas you feel that we should consider.

At 4.1 of issues and options consultation -Strike out south of High Street, object to redevelopment at the Lanes in Saxon Square, support improvements to (and delete 'at') Riversmeet, and support the permitted development change of designation polices removing PP rights class E.

Voting: Unanimous

1. New market and affordable homes

Q.9

a) The number of homes we need

Lower housing needs figure (highlight Christchurch constraints of heathland sea, cliffs, food plains)

Voting: unanimous

b) Where new homes could be built

Q.9

Knapp Mill Water treatment site - 55 – 70

object due to being unsuitable for housing due to Dorset heathland and flood plain.

Voting unanimous

Avon Trading Park site – phase 1:40 – 90 homes allocated phase:2 150-300 homes

Object due to loss of employment land

Voting: unanimous

The Lanes, carpark – 16 homes

Object

Voting: unanimous

Saxon Square, carpark – 18-50 homes

Object

Voting: unanimous

Beagle Aerospace 85 -125 homes

Support

Voting: 12:1

Land at Stoney Lane Retail Park 100 -200 homes

No objection

Voting 12:0:1

7 Stoney lane

No objection
Voting 12:0:1

Land at Stour Rd – 40 homes

No objection
Voting 12:0:1

Former Boylands 65 – 90 homes

No objection
Voting: unanimous

(a) Land at Stoney Lane South – Gas Works - 150-190 homes

Voting:

(b) Land at Avon Works – Mostyns - 70 – 90 - homes

Voting:

(c) Former civic offices – 70 homes

sites a, b, c should be considered together as one development – BCP should have a masterplan for all 3 zones – site to have its own specific policy Support

Voting: unanimous

2 riversmeet carpark - 25 – 45 homes

Want to keep car park for 2 riversmeet leisure centre.

Object

Voting: unanimous

South cliff car park 10 – 15

Want to keep car park

Object

Voting: unanimous

c) How to provide affordable housing:

reconsult on any unmet needs coming forwards from joining authorities, 60% cap of market rental value on affordable housing, 40% of 10 or more units then affordable housing should be required.
voting: unanimous

d) Providing the right mix and types of homes

24 homes or more have to comply with housing mix.

Voting: unanimous

e) Providing custom self-build housing plots

Not applicable

f) Providing homes for older people and those with disabilities

All applications should have an M42 assessment approved document which should to be submitted with planning applications – planners to meet criteria and developers should build out the required standard accommodation.

Voting: unanimous

g) Student accommodation

Not applicable

h) Pitches for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people

Option 4 – Requiring pitches to be provided as part of larger strategic sites.

Voting: unanimous

2. A prosperous economy

Q10.

Bringing forward strategic employment sites

No issue

Protecting existing employment areas

Option 2 - be more flexible and allow a wider range of uses in employment areas including housing.

Isolated employment areas

Option 2 –

Visitor accommodation

Option 1

Visitor attractions

Not applicable

Voting: unanimous

3. Adapting our high streets and retail areas

Q11.

a) Our needs for shopping and other town centre uses

No issues

b) Town centre boundaries and primary shopping areas

Check classification of town centres to major and minor local centres.

Voting: unanimous

c) Sequential tests and impact assessments

Option 1 – adopt a threshold of 400 sqm. Impact assessments

Voting: unanimous

Cllr M Cox and Cllr L Dedman left the meeting at 8.25pm.

d) Vibrant centres

Option 1 and option 2 together

Voting: unanimous

4. Providing a safe, sustainable and convenient transport network

Q12

a) Our future transport strategy

No issue

b) Transport infrastructure

BCP Council should promote transport for young people.

c) Transport impacts from new development

Endorse

Voting: unanimous

5. Our natural environment

Q13

a) Conserving and enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity

b) Protecting Dorset heathlands and mitigating development impacts

**c) Provision of strategic suitable alternative natural greenspaces
SANGS**

SANGS to be in Stour Valley Park only – SANGS should not be on golf courses or any open spaces which have an already existing community benefit.

Voting: unanimous

d) Improving air quality on the Dorset heathlands

No issue – happy to endorse

e) Dealing with Poole harbour recreational pressures

Not application

f) Dealing with Poole harbour nitrate pollution

Not applicable

g) Supporting green infrastructure and open space

Options 2 and 3

Voting: unanimous

6. Our built environment

Q14

a) Ensuring good placemaking and urban design

No issue

b) Planning for urban intensification which could specifically affect 26 areas

No issue

c) Tall buildings

Add Introduction of 3 storey rule across 5 Christchurch wards

d) Preserving and enhancing our heritage

Option 1 and 2

e) Preserving coastal and landscape character

Option 1

Voting: unanimous

7. Promoting health and wellbeing

Q15

Supporting health and wellbeing

Option 1

Voting: unanimous

Ensuring a high standard of amenity

High standard – option 2

Voting: 10: 1

8. Tackling climate change

Q16

a) Ensuring new buildings will be built to reduce their energy use and minimise carbon emissions

Option 1

b) Maximising the uptake of energy from renewable sources.

Option 1 and 2

Voting: unanimous

9. Providing the infrastructure that supports development

Q17

a) Delivering the infrastructure to support growth

Pass comment that BCP should revisit the by-pass/ relief road issue. The Town Council should be a consultee.

b) Balancing delivery of infrastructure with viable development

No comment

c) Telecommunication and digital infrastructure provision

No comment

d) Community facilities and services

Amend recommendation to: 'We propose to protect existing community facilities and services', (strike out): ~~unless it can be demonstrated that they are no longer needed or can be provided elsewhere in an accessible location to serve that community.~~

Voting: 8:3

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated to respond on behalf of the Town Council to the BCP Local Plan Issues and Options consultation.

Voting: unanimous

Cllr M J Tarling declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item regarding the former Police Station site as he had been a member of a group called 'Discover Science in Christchurch' and remained present for the discussion and voting thereon.

326. Community Grants Awards

A list of Community Grants was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider recommendations from the Community Grants Working Group meetings held on 24 January 2022 and 25 January 2022 for Community grants to be awarded.

RESOLVED that Community Grants be awarded to the following organisations:

- a) **£114 to 4th Christchurch Brownies and Guides**
- b) **£350 to Mudeford Guide Hall**
- c) **£1,000 to 10th Christchurch (Mudeford) Sea Scouts**
- d) **£1,000 to Mudeford Cricket Club**
- e) **£1,000 to Stanpit Village Hall**
- f) **£1,000 to Christchurch Carnival Committee**

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr S McCormack

Seconded: Cllr C Gardiner

Cllr Charrett declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as she is Chairman of Christchurch Carnival Committee and remained present, but took no part in the voting thereon.

Cllr Spittle declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as she is a Guide ambassador and remained present, but took no part in the voting thereon.

327. Town Clerk's Report

The schedule of payments for the period 01.01.2022 to 31.01.2022 was submitted and approved and signed, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these minutes in the minute book.

The monthly accounts for the period to the end of January 2022 was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that:

a) the schedule of payments for the period 01.01.2022 to 31.01.2022 be approved; and

b) the monthly accounts for the period to the end of January 2022 be noted.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr P Hilliard

Seconded: Cllr M Tarling

328. Mundeford Cricket Pavilion

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider a change of contractor to supply shutters at Mundeford Cricket Pavilion as the original contractor had gone into receivership.

RESOLVED that Town Council:

- a) considered the report and appendix that included an updated quotation and brochure outlining the specification of the install;
- b) agreed to the change of contractor to Absolute Shutters UK Ltd;
- c) agreed to the updated specification as detailed in the quote;
- d) delegated to the Project Officer to engage Absolute Shutters to install the solution; and
- e) authorised the Town Clerk to pay the invoice in line with the agreed quotation of £8,080 plus VAT £1,616 with the total sum payable £9,696.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr McCormack

Seconded: Cllr G Jarvis

329. Interim Audit Report

The Town Clerk reported that this agenda item was to be considered for deferral at the request of the Mayor and Chairman of Resources.

RESOLVED that the interim Audit Report be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Resources Committee.

Proposed: Cllr P Hilliard

Seconded: Cllr W Grace

Voting: unanimous

330. Town Crier – Costings

A recommendation from the Community Committee held on 26 October 2021 was approved at the Full Council meeting held on 22 November 2021 that:

a) the Town Council seeks a Town Crier on a voluntary basis with the successful candidate to be chosen by way of a contest in Saxon Square determined by a panel of Judges (chosen by the Mayor, Cllr Mrs Sue Bungey); and

b) the outfit and bell to be provided by way of donations/ volunteers with no cost to the Council.

The Mayor updated Members that the original Town Crier outfit had been located at Winchester Museum and hopefully would be available for use by the successful candidate. There would be a cost to the Council for the annual membership to the Town Criers' Guild, travel and parking costs.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Crier's Guild had provided an estimate of approximately £3,500 to make a Town Crier's outfit should the original outfit not fit the individual.

Members agreed to the Town Crier's Guild cost of £35 per annum, travel and parking costs and associated sundry costs only being paid by the Council, but did not agree to the cost of £3,500 for a new Town Crier's outfit and requested that this be considered at a future meeting of the Full Council should a new outfit be required.

RESOLVED that the Town Council:

- a) approved the membership of the Town Crier's Guild cost of £35 per annum, travel and parking costs and associated sundry costs; and**
- b) if a new Town Crier's outfit is required, then the cost to be considered at a future meeting of Full Council.**

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr S McCormack

Seconded: Cllr C Gardiner

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

CHAIRMAN

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