

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Collins (Chair), K Briffett, A Kenyon, A Tink, B Scott, I Scott, A Tink, J Tucker, J Ward

ALSO PRESENT: Lesley Reuben (Town Clerk), Naomi Bibi (Senior Administrator) Matt Reynolds (Town Council Support Officer)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: B Moore, A Monk, S Sims, B Mead

1360. APOLOGIES: Apologies from B Moore, A Monk, S Sims and B Mead were noted.

1361. EVACUATION PROCEDURE: The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out in the Agenda.

1362. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. K Briffett declared an interest in Conygre House.

1363. SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- i)** A complaint was made over the number of PCSO's present in Filton and the response times from the Police. It was noted by Cllr I Scott that South Gloucestershire were making cuts and there were 9 PCSO's that were due to be cut.
- ii)** Complaints were made about the litter around the Filton area, particularly in the streets and on pavements. Queries were made about the number of South Glos litter pickers covering the area. The Chair reminded the public about the "Keep Filton Tidy" campaign which struggled through lack of interest, and suggested revisiting the idea if enough interest was declared. It was also noted that Little Stoke have a volunteer group to tackle litter in their area, and if enough interest was expressed a similar scheme could be set up in Filton.
- iii)** A complaint was made about the dog mess in Filton and three key questions arose. What happened to the "Green Dog Walking Scheme" in Filton? What to do if you witness people leaving dog mess? And would it be possible to reinstate dog bins? Cllr. K Briffett suggested that more signage be placed around existing waste bins, to clarify that they can be used for dog waste and general waste.
- iv)** Concerns were raised over the Occupational Therapist being cut from the area to assess people in their own homes. This was redirected to the South Glos surgery for further discussion.
- v)** Complaints were made over parking in the Filton area, particularly in Filton Avenue and Conygre Grove. The issue has been raised with the traffic management team, a designated officer is to investigate this but a consultation can take between 18 months and 2 years before the council will agree to introduce double yellow lines.

1364. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held 26th January 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

1365. MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING:

The Town Clerk proposes that the date of the Filton Festival be moved to the 24th July to avoid clashing with the Harbour Festival. This proposal was approved by Cllr. D Collins and seconded by Cllr. I Scott. All councillors were in agreement and the proposal was carried.

On behalf of Cllr. A Monk, the Town Clerk asked if anyone is opposed to establishing a Park Run on Saturday mornings at 9:00. There was no opposition. It was raised that some litter collection may be necessary for this event.

The question was raised as to whether the reduction in council tax for the green bins has been included in the new budgets. This was a south glos issue and this reduction of 50p per month per household to save on council tax was the reason for the cuts in PCSO presence in South Glos.

1366. FILTON BEAT TEAM: PRESENTATION FROM SGT. DARREN WARR

The Town Clerk reported that Sgt Darren Warr was keen to be involved with the meeting but had not been sent a reminder. Beat surgeries had been arranged around Filton. The February one has already taken place but upcoming dates will be circulated.

1367. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE REPORTS: For noting.

1368. SUBMISSION FROM MEMBERS:

Cllr Joanne Ward outlines the potential plans put forward in the South Gloucestershire Library Consultation and proposes that Filton Town Council are “united as a town council and we are opposed to any changes” in order to get the “best deal for residents.” This proposal was carried unanimously, and proposed by Cllr. J Ward and seconded by Cllr. B Scott. Cllr. D Collins also advised all residents to respond to the consultation via the provided forms. Cllr. A Kenyon also notified those present that there will be a paper petition in the Library shortly and that there is also an online petition circulating already.

1369. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND THE TOWN CLERK:

The planning committee on 16th February was inquorate and therefore did not take place.

- i) Conygre House planning proposal was reviewed with Ashley Rigg (new owner) present to answer queries. The plan is to restore the 18th Century building and convert into 8 flats. Concerns were raised over parking. However, the current plans include 15 parking spaces to be included in the redevelopment. Cllr. Ian Scott proposed that Filton Town Council support the application. Proposal carried with 7 votes approved and 2 against.
- ii) Councillors and the public were informed on plans for a nature reserve at the airfield site of the CPPN development. Temporary sheds to store aeroplane wings are to be installed on the land which will bring additional income into Filton.

iii) The Town Clerk raised the discussion on committee representation from councillors due to planning meetings becoming inquorate. The Chair, noted “It is important we have a say in the planning in our area.” Cllr. I Scott suggested the planning committee be placed after the finance committee at 7:30. The planning committee has now been scrapped as there are not enough members and has now been incorporated into the finance committee.

1370. OTHER REPORTS / CONSULTATIONS:

The Town Clerk reported that Bethany Hall will have changed their policy regarding meetings to be held at their venue. A new venue needed to be found for the March meeting. It was suggested that enquiries be made to Filton College. The Town Clerk to inform members accordingly.

1371. PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – February 2016. All payments were approved.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:50
CHAIR**