

Minutes of the Full Council of **FILTON TOWN COUNCIL** held at 7:00PM on **Tuesday 25th February 2025**. Studio 1, Active Nation Leisure Centre, Elm Park Filton.

PRESENT: Cllrs: T Mewies (Chair), Ben Dewfall, A, Doyle, A.Bird, D. Harris, A.Kenyon, S.Milestone, J.Molloy, A.Monk.

ALSO, PRESENT: Simon Davies (Town Clerk & RFO), Peach Jones (TCSO)

APOLOGIES: B.Mead, J Baverstock, D. Boardman, E Adjeivi.

NON-ATTENDANCE: N/A

0546. EVACUATION PROCEDURE: The Chair outlined the evacuation procedures.

0547. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Noted.

0548. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

3.01 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda. – None Declared.

3.02 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any.) – None Declared.

3.03 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. – None Declared.

0549. EXCLUSION OF PRESS OR PUBLIC: – It was raised that Item 25 should be held in a closed session.

– *Cllrs. Milestone and Monk arrived at 7:07PM.*

0550. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: – An update was provided regarding the area behind The Bulldog at Northfield Community Junction. Queries were raised on enforcement issues relating to the car park which have been long standing, burning of waste and civil matters regarding public threatening behaviour and unsupervised XL Bully Dogs. Clarification was requested on whether they have permission to carry out remedial work to the paths with support of the council.

- Proposed by Cllr Monk that the local Beat team should be made aware of the civil enforcement matters with a gateway to an ongoing fix.
- The accessible parking area to be kept if desired, under condition of registered owners provide evidence under investigation that vehicles are taxed and insured.
- Town Clerk to investigate and update by April on the responsibility of the residents taking care of the gifted land on trust as per the covenants stated in the Title Deeds and to seek to grant permission, should this be true.

A member of the public made complaint of the leisure centre changing rooms smelling putrid and 'vile' stating that going there makes them feel physically unwell. They wish to attend this leisure centre as Active Nation is convenient for them, but this issue is making it difficult. They have been considering taking their child elsewhere and that this issue has been ongoing.

This issue was seconded by the member of public and understood the issue of foul smell of stale ammonia has been ongoing for months.

- Town Clerk to raise with leisure centre managers to escalate in respect of health and safety concerns.

- 0551. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28th January 2024.**
RESOLVED: Approved as an accurate record and signed by Cllr Mewies.

CLOSED SESSION 7:27PM

- 0552. CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS REVIEW**
RESOLVED: Councillors reviewed and discussed contractors annual repayments upon which an agreement with a passed vote.

OPEN SESSION 7:48PM

- 0553. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA:** – It was noted by Cllr Milestone that some emails they have sent have not been reaching the main Filton Town Council Office email and proposed that this should be investigated.

- 0554. ADOPT A POLICY FOR COUNCILLORS TO USE PERSONAL DEVICES FOR COUNCIL EMAILS:**

RESOLVED: Cllr Doyle proposed with Cllr Dewfall seconding that we accept the new policy going forward with arrangement of signing the GDPR Checklist for use of personal devices.

Vote: Unanimous.

- 0552. FILTON FOOTBALL FACILITIES**

Filton Athletic Football Club's proposal was discussed by councillors with agreement on efforts to upgrade the football facilities in Elm Park, in aim for the 'first team' to use elm park as 'home ground'.

RESOLVED: Cllr Harris Proposed we accept with encouragement of the majority of Filton Athletic Football Club's members seek to travel via alternative methods of transport to relieve any stress of car parking facilities at Elm Park.

Vote: Unanimous.

- 0562. SIMPLER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS ACROSS COUNCIL FUNCTIONS**
A discussion was held to create a policy and a plan of action to implement the 'Simpler Recycling' requirements across Council functions, as part of the Environment Act 2021 before July 2025.

RESOLVED: Cllr Doyle proposed that Filton Town Council should advocate to be a part of this new waste scheme with Cllr Harris Seconding.

Vote: Unanimous.

- 0552. Noted Items 20-24 and Deferred Items 14, 17 and 19.**

Cllr Bird proposed with Cllr Molloy seconding that Items 20-24 can be agreed as Noted with remaining items 14, 17 and 19 be moved onto the next Full Council Meeting.

Vote: Unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 17.57