

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7pm, Tuesday 9th January 2018 held in the United Reform Church. 54 Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea.

Present: Councillors King (Chairman), Miss H Cornford, Nightingale, Mrs. P O'Connor, Mrs. H Page, Pennington, Rolfe, Ms. H Scott, M. Scott and Mrs. S Stewart.

Also present: Gill Gray (Town Clerk) & Roy Wade (Locum Town Clerk)

958 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave the usual "housekeeping" instructions and welcomed the new Town Clerk Mrs Gill Gray.

959 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Laura Bungard (KCC Community Warden).

960 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

961 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Stewart and seconded by Councillor Mrs. O'Connor and

RESOLVED: That The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th December 2017, subject to an amendment to Minute No. 950 - Motion by Councillor Pennington, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

962. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman apologised that two late planning applications had been received today and reported that there were 21 days to respond, please see Addendum 2 for full details:

- (i) F/TH/17/1673 – 45-49 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea**
Council gave consideration to the planning application proposed for 45-49 Sea Road and the comments were that the application is not advertised using the correct address; although the development has been taking place for some time. There have been complaints from some local residents and it is considered that a review should be undertaken to ensure that the parking proposed for the development is in accordance with traffic regulations. The development comprises of 7 blocks with 4 blocks having secured planning agreement. There is also a potential issue with traffic entering St Mildred's Road from the site and it is recommended that traffic should turn left when crossing the wide road. The comments were noted and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should send the observations to TDC Planning before the deadline for comments.
- (ii) F/T/17/1754 – 97 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea – Variation of Condition**
Council gave consideration to the planning application proposed for 97 Sea Road and the comments were that no immediate neighbours had raised

objections to this proposal; although there were earlier objections from residents on Carlton Road East but the TDC Conservation Officer has supported the proposed development. No further comments and no objections be raised by the Council.

- (iii) L/TH/17/1730 – Waterside Stables, Westgate-on-Sea – Listed Building Consent

Council gave consideration and Roy Wade advised that this property belongs to the Town Clerk. Council are awaiting comments from Westgate-on-Sea Heritage Society, none received to date.

- (iv) F/TH/17/1790 – 10 Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea

Council gave consideration to the planning application proposed for 10 Adrian Square and the comments were that the provision for parking would not be sufficient to support an additional dwelling and the use of UPVC in a conservation area was not ideal as it could impact on future funding initiatives; although it was acknowledged that the windows proposed were conservation style sash and were favourable for energy efficiency for older properties. It was suggested that the size and colour of the proposed windows should be considered as well for aesthetics in the area.

Council discussed the two late planning applications that had been received and the comments were that there was likely to be an impact on parking and the location of 21 Station Road, Westgate-on-Sea was required to make informed comments; it was agreed that all Members should send any comments to the Town Clerk for collation and submission to TDC Planning department.

Council discussed the proposal for 38 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea and the comments were that there were historic problems with this particular stretch of road having few fire escapes for the multiple occupancy buildings, there was an issue with the disposal of waste from the properties in the vicinity as well as a lack of adequate parking. The over-development potential also raised concerns with Members. It was agreed that these comments should be submitted to TDC Planning department by the Town Clerk.

Council gave consideration to the determined applications and there were no further comments.

963. THANET DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

No reports were received from a Thanet District Councillor.

964. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY WARDEN

Laura Bungard, the Community Warden, was not in attendance and the Chairman read the report of the Community Warden to the meeting. A copy of the Community Wardens report was circulated to all Members. One item discussed in further detail was the problem involving Scam Doorstep Salesmen; it was suggested that the Town Clerk should contact the Community Warden to request contact details for the residents affected so

that the Council can provide them with flyers/leaflets to help to combat the problem. The information should also be made available on the Council website and on the noticeboards.

965. PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK

The Chairman advised that no members of the public were scheduled to speak; one member of the public requested that Roy Wade repeat the figure quoted which was an amendment for Minute 950 as he had not been able to hear correctly when it had been mentioned earlier in the meeting. Roy Wade confirmed that the revised figure was £132,207.00. The member of the public concerned queried the exact figure and Roy Wade accepted the comment.

Note: Following the meeting the Town Clerk confirmed the precept figure with TDC which is in the sum of £132,400.00 and the basis for the compilation is the precept divided by the Tax Base for Westgate (£2415.60 and then the figure is rounded up to £54.81)

966. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported upon the following matters:

- (i) **Data Protection Compliance and Data Protection Officer for the Council – it was agreed that the Town Clerk should research training opportunities for Members and report back to Council at the next meeting**
- (ii) **Local Government Settlement and Restraint on Precepts –**
- (iii) **Community Policing Volunteers trialling in West Kent – it was agreed that the Town Clerk should collate any questions or suggestions from Council and pass these through to the consultation process**
- (iv) **Thanet Community Lotto and Self Promotion to Community**

967. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Ms. Scott presented the minutes of the Working Group held on the 12th December 2017 and these were noted by Members. Members were advised that discussions were still taking place and that it was anticipated that specific people on the Working Group would be writing individual reports to form the Neighbourhood Plan very shortly. The Local Plan is due to be heard at TDC offices on 18th January 2018 by TDC Extraordinary Council for decision.

968. SPEEDING TRAFFIC IN SEA ROAD, WESTGATE-ON-SEA

The Chairman gave a brief background explanation to Members; Council discussed and made observations that the advice from the Chairman was good information and the further evidence was as speeding in Westgate-on-Sea town as a whole continues to be a problem. Council discussed the use of Speedwatch as a data capture tool to monitor certain problem areas, education of community, approaching Police and Community Warden for

suggestions, illuminated speed awareness signage for the entry points to the town and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should research the options including costings available whilst seeking advice and report back to Members at the next meeting.

969. COUNCILLORS' REPORT

- (i) **Councillor Miss Cornford** – Had attended the St Mildred's Court Torchlight event and requested that the Town Clerk contact the KCC Community Warden in relation to bins.

970. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) **Westgate Football** – Cllr Mrs Stewart reported the facilities were undergoing improvement works in order to support the Council initiative and there is a scheduled Quiz Evening at the Community Centre on 24th February 2018.

(ii) **Thanet Community Trust (Monkton Nature Reserve)** – Cllr Ms. Scott reported that the Monkton Nature Reserve had commissioned a new hide for the Scouts and Cubs for 2018.

971. SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman gave an overview to Members and information to explain the concept was circulated to Council during the discussions. It was agreed that further investigation and research was needed which the Town Clerk should initially carry out on behalf of Members. It was suggested that Councillors should consider inviting a guest speaker to a future meeting and that the Town Clerk could facilitate this on behalf of Members. Council agreed that a public meeting was needed to advise the local community of the facts around proposed STPs.

972. Allotments Sub Committee

The Chairman reported that two representatives from the allotments association had been nominated to serve on the Allotments Sub Committee and quarterly meetings should now be undertaken to be arranged with the three Members of the Council by the Town Clerk.

973. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEW SCOTT

- (i) **Notice Board on South Side of Westgate** – Costings should be sought by the Town Clerk for the manufacture of a notice board and KCC approached to enquire if any permissions are required from the Highway authority

- (ii) **Litter Bins** Councillor Scott advised that the prepared map of possible locations for the siting of bins was now with the Town Clerk. **The Town Clerk should investigate costings and report back.**
- (iii) **Members Surgeries** Councillor Scott reported that he was keen to commence these in 2018.
- (iv) **Speedwatch - Town Clerk to arrange the facilitation of this initiative.**

974. COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Christmas Lights – Cllr Mrs Page requested a complete report for the Christmas Lights provided by Westgate-on-Sea Town Council including costings and lessons learned to be provided for the next Council meeting.

Bins – Cllr Ms Scott requested that the siting of any new bins should coincide with the increase in hours of the Westgate-on-Sea operatives in April. Town Clerk to investigate the removal of Dog Faeces Bin at the bottom of the steps in West Bay at request of Cllr Miss Cornford.

Defibrillator – Cllr Miss Cornford enquired if there was any progress with siting the defibrillator in the Town; the Chairman explained that the train station was no longer available as a potential site and Members were advised that it will need to be under cover and in a secure location.

Strategy for 2018 – Cllr Miss Cornford suggested that the Council adopt a strategy for 2018 and invited ideas from Members; the Chairman advised that a Foreward Plan will be updated following the Town Meeting following input from the local community. Cllr Ms Scott suggested that this should be an item on the next Council agenda so that discussions can take place between Members.

Town Meeting 2018 – Cllr Pennington requested that a date be set for the Town Meeting; the Town Clerk to confirm by the next meeting.

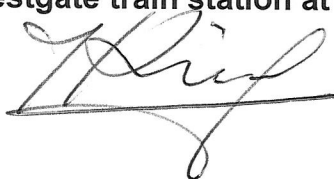
Dog Faeces Issue on Promenades – Cllr Ms Scott requested that this problem should be discussed at the next Council meeting and that posters should be used to highlight the issue.

Website – Cllr M Scott to email Town Clerk with information for the Council website.

Litter Pick – Cllr Miss Cornford advised that there is a litter pick taking place on Sunday, meeting at Westgate train station at 10am.

Signed:

Chairman of the Council



Dated: 12th January 2018

Time concluded: 8.47pm.