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CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

held at 7:00pm on Monday 20th February 2017 at the Market House, Castle Cary:

Present: Penny Steiner, Chair, Terry Philpott, Barbara Williams, Justin Birch, Sally Snook, Martin Atkins, Nick Weeks, Barry Moorhouse, Pek Peppin, Judi Morison

Town Clerk: Sue Hake

District Councillor: Henry Hobhouse

County Councillor: Mike Lewis

3 members of the public

Roy Higgins-spoke ref Refurbishing Scout Hut requesting letter of support from the Council

Lisa Thomas -environmental consultant gave a detailed explanation about the high acid levels and pollution from initial testing of the river Cary at 4 specific points

Further set of testing at 3-4 month intervals with the suggestion of 4 rounds of sampling over a 12 month period stating the total cost would be than £1500 for the 16 tests

2017	Minutes	
TC15	Apologies for absence and approval for reason Bob Gilbey, PCSO Tim Russell	
TC16	Declaration of interest. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Councils Code of Conduct, and to note the grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting. No Declarations were made	
TC17	Exclusions of the press and public: To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press have been excluded. (A resolution to be passed by Councillors) No Items were requested to be excluded	
TC18	Confirmation of the Town Council Meetings held on Monday 16th January 2017 8.3 BM name should be against the CCTV 7.5 JM the library are looking for additional storytelling Resolved: Agreed subject to amendments	
TC19	Community Safety and Security 19.1 Police statistics report to be received and distributed PCSO Tim Russell sent his apologies to the meeting JM reported retrieving a spreadsheet from Avon and Somerset Police explaining the research completed was quite positive in terms of the crimes in Castle Cary HH informed the Council there is currently no plan to remove PCSO's in Somerset PS reported sending a letter to the police commissioner about local residents reporting finding evidence from the recent break-ins and the apparent delay on progress made by the police	

	<p>19.2 Fire Officer-John Wenglorz-not in attendance NW requested the Town Council make a Donation of £100 to the fire brigade for assisting the Council with the Town Clock Resolved: Agreed</p>	SH
TC20	<p>To receive any reports/items of information from Councillors (not listed separately on the agenda)</p> <p>20.1 Mike Lewis, County Councillor ML reported Somerset County Council Tax increase will be 3.99% with a further 1.25% for the Rivers Authority</p> <p>ML informed the Council the A303 Consultation is open until 29th March showing the two options being considered. He suggested that the Council may wish to consider making a comment SS to forward information to Pek to be put out through the Cary Crier</p> <p>20.2 Nick Weeks, District Councillor NW reminded Councillors the New Local Plan will soon be completed by SSDC. He raised his concerns that it should not be permitted to continue to allow new developments for Castle Cary in the new local plan</p> <p>NW explained the proposed distribution of costs to be made between Babcary, Carymoor and Castle Cary for the testing project on the River Cary. Each Council to pay for a set of tests which would be in the region of £500 each and the fourth shared between them. This will be proposed at the March meeting</p> <p>HH explained Viridor were given a license to pollute the River Cary in 1992</p> <p>20.3 Henry Hobhouse, District Councillor Nothing further to report</p>	SS/PP
TC21	<p>Chairs Report</p> <p>21.1 Recommendation: to provide a letter of support for the Scouts Association to support their Viridor application for the refurbishment project</p> <p>Resolved: Agreed to provide the Scouts a letter of support and a second letter to discuss plans for their future involvement in projects for new facilities in CC for sport and young people.</p> <p>21.2 Report on committee structures Town Council Objectives 2017-18 Agree date for Town Council Away Day</p> <p>PS thanked councillors who had sent their views on restructuring the committees. PS and TP will review the suggestions and will produce a draft proposal for discussion with all.</p> <p>Resolved: to have on two evenings Friday 7th and Monday 10th at 6.30pm Market House to decide Committee structures and Town Council Objectives rather than an away day.</p>	PS/TP

	<p>21.3 Agreement for reinstating bench onto the Cobbles Resolved: agreed to initiate repair and reinstate by 10th March</p> <p>21.4 Feedback from Wales and West</p> <p>PS reported sending thankyou letter and that they were very grateful for the positive feedback</p> <p>21.5 Letter to Sue Mountstevens See Item TC19</p>	SH/MS
T22	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Horsepond cleaning SSDC revisited Monday 13th February. SH gave feedback on the clearance of the pond for an agreed a cost of £250 and although additional visits have been required to complete the clearing no further cost would be paid. NW requested this is closely monitored to continue to remove new weed growth Action: NW to inform SH at the time further clearing is required</p>	NW/SH
TC23	<p>Committees Reports, Recommendations & Progress Major Projects</p>	
TC24	<p>Planning Committee & Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>24.1 PP drew attention to the Housing and Economic Land Availability assessment Report which SH had circulated to everyone. The report identifies sites suitable for development In Cary/Ansford to be included in the Local Plan. She reported on the appendix 3 showing who attended the meeting in June 2016 -, 5 planning officers and 8 developers; no one from Town/Parish councils were there or consulted. Nor were Nick, Henry or Mike present.</p> <p>PP will look at the document and draft a strong letter of objection and will circulate to all for approval before sending off. NW raised the need to be aware the consultation will commence in March</p> <p>24.2 PP reported on the waste transfer station. The Somerset Waste Board will be having a meeting on Friday in Taunton. Carymoor PC, Ansford PC Castle Cary TC and Care 4 Cary and will once again try to delay the decision while it is under scrutiny</p> <p>ML informed the Council a decision is required before scrutiny can commence and confirmed his agreement once the decision is made he will take it to the scrutiny committee</p> <p>24.3 PP informed the Town Council David Holt is to move away to relocate for his work in the next three months and so it is hoped to progress with the Neighbourhood plan as much as possible during this time</p> <p>24.4 Nominations for council representation on Neighbourhood Planning group Action: to be deferred to the next meeting</p>	PP SH

TC25	<p>Properties/Infrastructure Committee, Pither Project & Fairfield</p> <p>25.1 Maintenance Report-circulated SS wished to thank Mike Stokes for such a comprehensive report</p> <p>25.2 Feedback on Fairfield paths, fencing, gulleywork and funding PS reported delays on the fence installation due to bad weather but this will commence on 1 March. Clearing of the boundary and gulley will commence on 22 February and a working party will clear the brambles over the next 2 weeks. PS chasing 4George on funding applications.</p>	
TC26	<p>Market House/Market</p> <p>Market House Maintenance update</p> <p>NW reported all rafters beside the chimneys has been replaced and have been lead soldered in. Only able to decorate half of the dance studio window due the scaffold NW highlighted the cable is still in place to reinstate the CCTV camera. SH gave a brief update for the last piece of gutter breaking at the end of the afternoon but work should be completed by Friday 24 February</p>	
TC27	<p>Prom and Comm</p> <p>Update on Town event PS was disappointed by the lack of support from the community for this and noted concerns have been about the need to have a road closure. PS will report back on progress at next Full Council meeting.</p>	
TC28	<p>Finance & Human Resources Committee</p> <p>To receive the Budget Summary to date and bank reconciliation The Budget Summary and bank reconciliation were noted</p> <p>Recommendation to Approve February payment Schedule Resolved: Agreed the payment schedule for the amount of £10.351.04</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed 8.35pm Items for the next meeting Nomination for council representation on Neighbourhood Planning group Co-Option of new councillors?</p>	

Members of the Council are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of its functions, that "No member of the public, job applicant, elected member or employee shall receive less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation, marital status or disability".

The March 2017 Monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday 20th March at the Market House at 7:00pm