

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of Council held in the Bingham Gallery, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th March 2007.

PRESENT: Councillor N E Whereat – Mayor
Councillor Mrs S A Alexander – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: G T Adams
R Bourne
Mrs M T Eccles
Dr P A Hedges
B D Hudson
J B Leicester
Mrs R A Leicester
J D Leigh
R G Lock
D J Nash
Mrs B A Potter
Mrs M S Rickman

Andrew Rennie Crook - Town Clerk
Clive Sherwood – Deputy Town Clerk
Johan Newman – Personal Assistant

A Prayer was read by the Mayor.

168.07 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs S A le Noury.

169.07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

170.07 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th February 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to Minute Nos. C166.07 and C167.07 to be considered under confidential matters.

171.07 PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the availability of recently considered applications and decisions be noted. (These files being available for inspection both in the Council Office during the working week and at Council Meetings.)

172.07 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported as follows: -

“The Civic Reception was held on Friday, 9th March 2007 at Bingham Hall. Thank you to all those Members who attended.

Please refer to the Newsletter and draw attention to the Bingham Library Trust meeting at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 25th March 2007.

Also referring to the Newsletter, I particularly draw attention to the presentation by candidates on Wednesday, 21st March 2007. The presentations will take place in the Gallery during the course of the morning and those Members who wish to be present are asked to be in their seats by 9.45 a.m. at the latest. Members will be able to ask questions relating to the presentation and in the interest of fairness, only those Members who can be present for all four presentations should attend.”

173.07 QUESTION TIME FOR ELECTORS

None were received.

174.07 QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS

None were received.

175.07 RESOLUTIONS MOVED ON NOTICE – STANDING ORDER NO. 19

None were received.

176.07 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

177.07 COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

No questions were asked of this authority.

178.07 PROJECT BOARD

The Chairman of the Project Board, Councillor D J Nash, outlined his report of the meeting held on 19th February 2007 (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

179.7 ABBEY GROUNDS PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Members received a report from the Clerk regarding the current state of the facilities with a view to identifying what action should be taken (a copy of which is appended to the signed Minutes).

Members considered whether the facility justified the expenditure and whether consideration should be given to other arrangements.

Members were reminded that the Abbey Grounds is a Scheduled Monument and that any consent for an alternative site would take a considerable amount of time.

RESOLVED that: -

- a) the Council does not undertake lining works to the drain in the Abbey Grounds at this time;**
- b) the works as identified by the surveyor to secure the roof timbers to the walls internally be approved;**
- c) the Clerk explore opportunities to measure the usage of the facilities over the period April to September 2007 SUBJECT TO the agreement of the existing cleaning contractor to continue with his duties during this period.**

180.07 ARCHAEOLOGICAL STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Following the setting up of the Cirencester Archaeological Strategy Working Group to create a Cirencester Archaeological Strategy, the Council had resolved at its last meeting on 13th February 2007 to approve the Strategy in principle and that a management plan for the Abbey Grounds and St. Michael's Park form part of the same.

The Clerk reported that as the Abbey Grounds and St. Michael's Park are Scheduled Monuments, it involved a long process in gaining consents for example, siting a memorial seat, planting trees or additions to the play areas. The management plan would accordingly be of great benefit to the

Town Council as custodians of the two assets. The Clerk stated the plan would need expertise and sought approval of funding to employ a recognised organisation, such as Cotswold Archaeology, to pursue this exercise.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be given authority to employ a recognised organisation to prepare a management plan for the Abbey Grounds and St. Michael's Park at a cost of up to £6,000.

181.07 ENHANCING OF POLICING IN CIRENCESTER

The Clerk reminded Members that the Council had resolved that £22,500 be identified in the budget for 2007/8 to support the enhancement of policing in Cirencester, subject to a clear audit trail.

Members were delighted that Cirencester will be the first town/parish in the country to have such a liaison.

RESOLVED that delegated authority be given to the Clerk, as Proper Officer, to sign a contract on behalf of Cirencester Town Council with the Gloucestershire Constabulary, the terms having first been approved by the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

182.07 REVISION OF CHARGES 2007/8

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ST. MICHAEL'S PARK	
Tennis	3.80 per hour
Tennis (Concessionary Rate)	2.40 per hour
Lights	3.80 per hour
Croquet	3.80 per game
Golf (Adults)	1.50 per game
Golf (Children & Concessionary)	.75 per game
Golf (Family Ticket - 2 Adults & 3 Children)	3.00 per game
Barbecue (inc. Charcoal)	7.00
ALLOTMENTS	
Rental (City Bank & Chesterton Two Acres)	10.00
Rental (Beeches)	75.00
FOOTBALL	
Per Match	45.00
Youth Football	25.00

183.07 TOWN CLERK – INTERVIEW PANEL

RESOLVED that the Interview Panel comprising the Mayor and 4 more Members, i.e. Councillors G T Adams, Mrs S A Alexander, R Bourne and Mrs B A Potter, be authorised to appoint a new Clerk on 21st March 2007 or some date thereafter.

184.07 REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Councillor Mrs B A Potter advised that she had attended a meeting of the Stratton School Governors, at which applications for a teaching assistant were being considered.

185.07 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

None were identified.

PART TWO

CONFIDENTIAL

C186.07 COUNCIL MINUTES
C187.07 PERSONNEL

See Confidential Minute Book.

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

The meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.

Councillor N E Whereat
Mayor