Chard Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Jason Baker Town Clerk: Paul Russell

COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Chard Town Council meeting held in the Guildhall Auditorium, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP on Tuesday 27th July 2021 commencing at 6:00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Baker (Mayor), Cllr Carnell (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Mrs Bates, Cllr Mrs Brown, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Kenton, Cllr Mrs Kenton, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs. Wootton (6:08pm).

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Russell, Executive Officer.

Public Participation Time
There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Mrs Wootton arrived at 6:08pm.

2021/52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Morrison (illness), Cllr Mrs O'Brien (illness), Cllr Mrs Orchard (personal), Cllr Shortland (work) and Cllr Mrs Young (work).

2021/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
The following Declarations of Interest were made:

- Cllr J Kenton (Personal): SSDC, Tatworth & Forton Parish Council;
- Cllr Bulmer (Personal): Tatworth & Forton Parish Council.

2021/54 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
Proposed: Cllr Carnell Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed under agenda item 2020/275, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2021/55 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS
As certain items to be discussed included the consideration of exempt information it was **RESOLVED** under Item 2021/54 that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure

of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

(a) **Staffing Matter** – Council received the request submitted to Council for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer Seconded: Cllr Carnell

For: Cllr Baker, Cllr Carnell, Cllr Mrs Bates, Cllr Mrs Brown, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Kenton, Cllr Mrs Kenton, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs. Wootton

Abstention: Cllr Eggins.

RESOLVED:
- To accept the request received;
- That the employee works the three-month notice period.

Cllr Eggins left the room at 6.38pm.

(b) **Purchase of Land –** Council noted the report provided.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Brown Seconded: Cllr Mrs Kenton

For: Cllr Baker, Cllr Carnell, Cllr Mrs Bates, Cllr Mrs Brown, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Kenton, Cllr Mrs Kenton, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs. Wootton

Abstention: Cllr Bulmer.

RESOLVED:
- Not to submit an informal tender for the purchase of the land at Chaffcombe Road;
- That Council investigates the possibility of securing alternative land with Tatworth & Forton Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs Kenton left the room at 6.50pm.

(c) **Zembard Lane Car Park –** Council noted the report provided.

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Mrs Bates
Unanimous

RESOLVED:
- To decline the offer made by Somerset County Council;
- To continue to work with Somerset County Council to achieve a solution;
- To insist that only the crane be located in the proposed compound and that the welfare cabins be relocated elsewhere on the construction site;
- To insist that the diverted footpath be fully DDA compliant;

- To delegate authority to the Mayor with support from the Executive Officer to undertake the negotiations and reach an agreement

Cllrs Eggins and Mrs Kenton returned to the meeting at 7:04pm.

There being no other business the Mayor thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7:04pm.

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MAYOR: **DATE:**