

Present: Cllr Mrs M Govier Mayor
Cllr Mrs S Bailey
Cllr D Best
Cllr I Jennings
Cllr Mrs A Johnson
Cllr Mrs J C Metcalf
Cllr R Pike
Cllr J Sellis
Cllr E Sanders
Cllr P Sanders
Cllr E H Sherrell
Cllr H Smith
Cllr B Trew
Cllr D Whitcomb D Mayor

In Attendance: Town Clerk
Assistant to the Town Clerk
One member of the press

QUIET REFLECTION

Members prepared themselves for the meeting by a few moments of quiet reflection led by Reverend Michael Brierley of St Eustachius Church.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Kevin Williams tabled the report attached to these minutes. Sgt Dave Anning was present and warned of thefts of agricultural machinery in the past month, particularly quad bikes.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Mrs Sellis, the Devon County Councillor for Tavistock, tabled the report attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

There were no questions.

564. APOLOGIES.

There were apologies for absence from Cllr M Harper, Cllr Mrs D Sellis and Cllr A Tossell.

565. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillors were reminded that this item allowed the Chairman to receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If they became aware, during the course of a meeting of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item they must immediately disclose it. They may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial. A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that is likely to prejudice the councillors judgement of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter.

566. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 2nd FEBRUARY 2010

The Mayor presented the minutes of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of this meeting be adopted.

567. PLANS COMMITTEE 2nd FEBRUARY 2010.

Cllr Jennings presented the Minutes. The Mayor asked what progress had been made in the bus stop for Tiddy Brook estate. Cllr P Sanders answered on behalf of DCC, in that a test had been made allowing a bus to stop on the A386 at the roundabout exit, but that had been found to be unsafe and not appropriate. Highways and the bus company were trying to find an affordable solution.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of this meeting be adopted.

568. PLANS COMMITTEE 16th FEBRUARY 2010.

Cllr Best presented the Minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of this meeting be adopted.

569. PLANS COMMITTEE 2nd MARCH 2010.

Cllr Jennings presented the Minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of this meeting be adopted

570. PROPERTIES COMMITTEE 9th MARCH 2010.

Cllr Trew presented the Minutes.

a. Concerning Minute 524c Cllr Trew said his committee had raised questions about the proposed TIO noticeboards, and why WDBC had not come to the Town Council as the building's owners earlier. Cllr P Sanders replied that the idea of sinking noticeboard uprights into the ground had been scrapped, and the conservation officer was now involved. It was **RESOLVED** not to make any decisions about the signs until more information was available.

b. Concerning Minute 530c Cllr Sellis on a point of information said the facts behind the Minute were incorrect, and that the Town Council were not trying to take the lead in the Higher Level Scheme, and would support the commoners in their application. A recent communication to the six landowners had suggested that they be represented by Mr Tom Stratton of the Duchy of Cornwall, and that was underway.

It was noted that Cllr Best had been present but was not on the list of those attending. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of this meeting as amended be adopted.

571. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 9th MARCH 2010

Cllr Smith presented the Minutes.

a. Concerning Minute 538, the facts were amended in accordance with the point of information raised for Minute 530c above.

b. Concerning Minute 542, the Mayor informed members that Superintendent Sharp had e-mailed the Police Station to order cessation of the abuse of parking in the Guildhall Square car park.

c. Concerning Minute 549, the Working Party for the revision of Standing Orders would be Cllr Smith, Cllr P Sander, Cllr Pike and the Mayor.

d. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 it was **RESOLVED** that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of staffing matters.

e. Concerning Minute 551 the Mayor reminded Members of the confidentiality of the matter, and that debates in the Chamber should not be reported to others.

f. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED that the public and press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of this meeting be adopted.

572. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS OR REPORTS AS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN MAYOR AND TO PASS SUCH RESOLUTIONS AS REQUIRED.

a. The Mayor reminded members of the opening of the Courtlands Play Park and the Civic Ball.

b. Cllr Trew asked that the Whitchurch Down briefing to be given at the next cycle of meetings should take place between the properties and the Finance and general purposes Committee to allow all Members to attend. It was agreed that representatives of the commoners and their agents should be invited. He would undertake that task.

573. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MAYOR

a. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

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b. The Clerk briefed Members about a squatter on Pixon Lane, and Members endorsed the actions taken so far. It was then unanimously **RESOLVED** to take all normal legal steps to ensure that the caravan and owner were removed from the Council's land at the earliest opportunity.

c. Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED that the public and press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

574. SEAL.

RESOLVED that the seal be affixed to the various Deeds and Documents to be made or entered into for the carrying into effect the several decisions and matters approved.

Rising 7. 50 p.m.

Signed.....

Town Mayor

Date.....