

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2016 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: B Cole (Acting Chairman)
L Elson (Acting Deputy Chairman)
B Bailey F Caygill
B De Saram T Dumper
P Garbutt S Gazzard
P Graham A Greenhalgh
T Hill J Humphreys
B Nash C Nicholas
B Taylor B Toye
J Trail

Officers: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Sue Cody, Minute Taker.

C16/045. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Williamson, Councillor Clare Gough, Councillor Rob Masding, Councillor Maddy Chapman, Councillor David Chapman, Councillor Pauline Stott, Councillor Richard Scott, Councillor Terry Darville.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum. Please see Appendix for details. The meeting was then reconvened.

C16/046. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th April 2016 were agreed and noted as a true record.

Proposer: Cllr. Brian Bailey **Seconder:** Cllr. Fred Caygill

C16/047. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

C16/048. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests or dispensations.

C16/049. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items to be dealt with under urgent business.

C16/050. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed that Agenda item 12 & 13 would be discussed in Part II of the meeting as they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

C16/051. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions under Standing Order 10.

C16/052. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, THE TOWN CLERK / TOWN MANAGER as appropriate (Standing Order 6.2)

- **Planning Committee**

Councillor L Elson proposed, seconded by Councillor Hill that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th April 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th April 2016 be accepted and adopted.

- **Finance Committee**

Councillor Cherry Nicholas proposed, seconded by Councillor Elson that the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 8th February 2016 and 21st March 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 8th February 2016 and 21st March 2016 be accepted and adopted.

- **Regeneration and General Purposes Committee**

Councillor John Humphreys proposed, seconded by Councillor Tim Dumper that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meetings held on 7th March 2016 (as previously circulated) be received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regeneration and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th March 2016 be accepted and adopted.

- **Local Action Group**

Councillor B Nash gave a verbal report from the LAG meeting held on 20th April 2016.

- **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Members had previously received notes from the meeting held on 23rd March 2016. Councillor Alison Greenhalgh passed around a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire which had been distributed throughout the town and confirmed that 495 responses had been received by the 27th April. Approximately 150 residents had attended the open day in the Town Hall and Councillor Greenhalgh thanked those Councillors who had attended and helped out on the day.

Councillor Lynne Elson expressed concern that a number of residents in the Halsdon ward had not received the questionnaire and might therefore feel disenfranchised. It was noted that the closing date of the 9th May for the return of the questionnaires was flexible and that the non-deliveries had been reported to the delivery company. It was also noted that a request would be made to the Exmouth Journal to confirm the extended

closing date and also that spare copies of the questionnaire were available to collect from the Town Hall and could be completed online. There would be additional consultations in late May / June at which extra questionnaires would be available.

- **COLP**

Members had previously received notes from the meeting held on 6th April 2016. Councillor Alison Greenhalgh highlighted the formation of the Coastal Community Team and the Exmouth Economic Plan

- **Town Team and Tourism Forum**

Cllr. B Nash gave a verbal report on the meeting held on the 21st April 2016 and in particular the Town Team's dinosaur trail project which had recently been publicised in the Exmouth Journal.

- **Town Management Officer Report**

The report from the Town Management Officer, Suzanne Birkett, was noted.

C16/053. BUDGETARY CONTROL AND AUTHORITY TO SPEND

As per our Financial Regulations (adopted in Nov 2015), approval was being sought for the following payment(s):

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| 4th April, 2016 | Northgate Vehicle | £4592.81 |
| 18th April, 2016 | DALC | £2326.09 |
| 18th April, 2016 | The Results People | £2142.00 |
| 18th April, 2016 | CAB | £2500.00 |
| 18th April, 2016 | Exmouth Community Transport | £4500.00 |

Councillor Pat Graham proposed, and Councillor Brian Bailey seconded, the approval of the payments.

RESOLVED to approve the above payments.

C16/054. TO DISCUSS THE OUTCOME OF THE PARISH POLL AND AGREE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE PART OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors discussed the outcome of the poll and acknowledged the strength of feeling which had been voiced by those who voted.

Bill Nash proposed, seconded by Alison Greenhalgh that a letter should be sent to the District Council to recommend that before any further planning applications are approved with regard to the Queen's Drive development area, additional independent

consultation should be carried out in addition to that required by the applicant and the Local Planning Authority.

Councillors requested a recorded vote and voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

RESOLVED to send a letter of recommendation to the District Council.

C16/055. TO REVIEW AND AGREE MEETING DATES FOR 2016

The meeting dates were agreed with the proviso that the August 2016 meeting would be held as an optional date.

C16/055. TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL FROM THE TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICER IN RESPECT OF A VISIT EXMOUTH WEBSITE

This item was deferred on the basis of insufficient information.

C16/056. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE TOWN CLERK ON THE TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT AND DISCUSS OPTIONS IN RESPECT OF ALTERNATIVE PREMISES FOR THE TOWN COUCNIL DUURING THE REFURBISHMENT.

This agenda item was discussed under Part ii of the meeting and the minute is held by the Town Clerk.

C16/057. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be the Annual Town Council Meeting to be held on Monday 23rd May 2016 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

Signed..... Date.....
(Chairman)

Mr Eastwood spoke in favour of the Parish Poll and stated that he expected the Town Council to send a strong letter to EDDC. He requested a recorded vote to show the strength of support from ETC.

Jane Ashton spoke in favour of the Parish Poll. She stated that the District Council's comment that 17.8% is a low turnout was disingenuous to those who had voted and that the percentage turnout was significant in comparison to those who had previously responded to the Masterplan consultation. Ms Ashton also compared the outcome of the Parish Poll to the recent Town Council election and stated that the public's faith in Exmouth Town Council needed to be restored.

Nick Ajderian spoke in favour of the Parish Poll and highlighted the attraction of the seafront from a developer's view. He wanted to know what the people of Exmouth would gain from the development in contrast to a developer.