

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, ST ANDREWS ROAD, EXMOUTH, ON MONDAY 6TH AUGUST 2018 AT 7.15 PM.

PRESENT: Councillors: J Trail (Chairman)
B De Saram (Vice Chairman)
M Chapman C Nicholas
T Hill J Humphreys
B Bailey K Norton
T Dumper A Sadiq
S Gazzard B Taylor
P Garbutt B Cole
F Caygill L Elson
R Scott

C Channon (DCC)

OFFICERS: Lisa Bowman, Town Clerk & Chetna Jones, Deputy Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Toye, M Williamson, B Nash, P Stott, R Masding, C Gough, D Nicholas & T Darville.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and informed members that he and Councillor B De Saram had attended many events as part of their mayoral duties including welcoming twinning visitors from Langerwehe, Germany. The Chairman also thanked former Mayor Brian Cole for his fundraising efforts for his Mayor's Charity which raised £3,610 for Brain Tumour Research.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting that requested to speak.

C18/106. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 9th July 2018, which had previously been circulated, were noted as a true record.

C18/107. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

Councillor Steve Gazzard declared a personal interest as a user of Stagecoach buses.

Councillor Steve Gazzard welcomed some of the responses which Stagecoach had issued via its press release but raised concerns on behalf of Withycombe Village residents regarding the proposed changes to the 98E bus service as it was felt this was not a compromise to the concerns raised through the consultation. If a change needed to take place, residents were happy to forgo the service between 8.30am – 9.30am and 3pm – 4pm, to avoid the school traffic. There was also concern that the minibus may not be accessible to wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs.

Councillor Steve Gazzard requested that both Devon County Council Transport and Stagecoach be asked for a response to the invitation to attend a Town Council meeting and discuss these concerns.

The Town Clerk will re-iterate the request for a response to the invitation to attend a Town Council meeting.

Councillor Steve Gazzard requested that the National Trust be reminded to provide a response to the letter sent from the Town Council regarding a safety audit of their publicly accessible areas.

It was suggested that the press may wish to include a reminder to their readers to avoid getting too close to the edge when walking along the cliff paths.

C18/108. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Item	Councillor	Declaration type		Reason
		Pecuniary	Personal	
C18/107	Councillor Steve Gazzard		X	Regular bus user

C18/109. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There was one item on the agenda that would be discussed in Part II of the meeting that involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

C18/110. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES, OTHER LOCAL BODIES, THE TOWN CLERK / DEPUTY TOWN CLERK as appropriate (Standing Order 6.2)

- **Planning Committee**

Councillor L Elson proposed, seconded by Councillor B Bailey that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25th June, 2018 and 9th July, 2018, (as previously circulated) be accepted.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25th June, 2018 and 9th July, 2018, be accepted and adopted.

- **Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk's report, which had previously been circulated was noted.

- **Deputy Clerk's Report**

The Deputy Clerk's report, which had previously been circulated was noted.

In respect of the Queen's Drive development which was discussed at the Officers' Information Sharing meeting, Councillor L Elson confirmed that 30% of the population did not have access or the ability to use on-line facilities so will not be able to provide comments through Hemingway Design's on-line portal and had raised this concern with EDDC. However, she was not satisfied with the response from them.

A request was made for hard copies of the consultation as well as the proposed on-line portal.

Councillor J Trail proposed, seconded by Councillor T Dumper that the Town Council correspond with EDDC and request that they organise additional methods of consultation to the on-line portal to ensure the whole population had the opportunity to respond.

RESOLVED that the Town Council respond to EDDC and request that they organise additional methods of consultation to the on-line portal to ensure the whole population had the opportunity to respond.

- **Gorfin Hall Management Committee**
The notes of the meeting dated 27th June, 2018 were accepted.
- **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**
The notes of the meeting dated 17th July, 2018 were accepted. It was agreed that once the Plan had been submitted for examination the NPSG would draft an Implementation Strategy and the Town Council would review and agree this in an Extra-Ordinary meeting prior to the plan being made.
- **Town Team & Tourism Forum**
The notes of the meeting dated 26th July, 2018 were accepted.
- **COLP**
The notes of the meeting dated 30th July, 2018 were accepted
- **District Councillor Reports**
District Councillors gave brief reports in their areas of responsibility.
- **County Councillor Reports**
Councillor Christine Channon gave a report on behalf of three County Councillors. Councillor Christine Channon provided details of Locality grants given since April 2018.

The Town Council discussed whether the Town Maintenance Team were able to clear the overgrowth on Long Lane. It was felt that the work would be more than the Town Maintenance Team could manage with their limited equipment and resources. The Town Council requested that Councillor Christine Channon raise this with DCC Highways to complete the work on Long Lane.

C18/111 RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION COPY OF THE EAST DEVON AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY (AONB) DRAFT PARTNERSHIP PLAN

The Plan that had previously been circulated was noted.

Councillor S Gazzard proposed, seconded by Councillor L Elson that response be made stating that the Town Council had no objection to the draft plan.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk respond to the consultation stating that the Town Council had no objections to the draft plan.

PART B of the meeting.

C18/112. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE HR GROUP MEETING HELD ON 2ND AUGUST, 2018 AND RATIFY ANY DECISIONS THEREIN

The confidential notes of the HR Group meeting held on 2nd August 2018, were circulated, reviewed and noted by members.

C18/113. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday 4th September, 2018 at 7.15pm at the Town Hall Council Chamber.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.

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