 CHIPPING NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Council Meeting held, pursuant to notice on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber, the Town Hall, the following members were present: -

Cllr. D. Davidson, Town Mayor

Cllr. R. Averill

Cllr. R. Benfield

Cllr. C. Butterworth

Cllr. A. Corfield

Cllr. T. Hasan

Cllr. D. Heyes

Cllr. M. Jarratt

Cllr. S. Jordan

Cllr. J. Kitcher-Jones

Cllr. M. Tysoe

Officer: The Town Clerk

7155 The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October2018 – were approved and signed at the meeting.

7156 Public Participation

Rita Heritage, resident of C/N was in attendance to present a petition with local residents’ signatures requesting re-instatement of a bus shelter in Walterbush Road, C/N.

The Town Councillors present acknowledged the issues put forward by Rita Heritage and would discuss this further under item 7165 later in the meeting.

7157 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. E. Coles, Cllr. J. Graves, Cllr. M. Walker and

Cllr. N. Bradley.

7158 Mayoral Announcements

The Mayoral Announcements had been circulated with the agenda showing the functions which the Mayor had attended since the previous Town Council meeting.

The Mayor stated that the launch of the History Trail was to take place after the December Town Council meeting.

Cllr. J. Kitcher Jones reported that at a recent OCC meeting the Burford High Street weight restriction was granted for a trial period of eighteen months. OCC were working on technical issues before implementing the weight restriction.

Cllr. M. Tysoe stated that the biggest problem Burford had was the cost of putting the weight restriction in place. CNTC have already approved of contributing up to £15,000.00 towards the cost.

Other towns and parishes which would be affected were being approached to seek funding towards the weight restriction.

7159 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest to report at the meeting.

7160 Oxfordshire County Council

*County Cllr. Mrs. H. Biles* reported on the following: -

HGV’S

A camera was to be installed to monitor the HGV’s coming through Chipping Norton.

Services

It was reported that when the services dig up the road they were to mend the road to the standard it should be. OCC were going to be issuing heavy fines if the work was not done to satisfaction.

Budget

OCC were preparing the budget for 2019/20.

Remembrance Day

Cllr. Biles reported that the Remembrance Day parade in Chipping Norton went very well and with a very good amount of people in attendance.

Drains

Cllr. M. Jarratt asked for an update on the list which he had sent to Cllr. Biles identifying the blocked drains in Chipping Norton.

Cllr. Biles stated that she had handed the list over to the department at OCC who would be dealing with this matter.

Cllr. D. Davidson reported that whilst resurfacing Burford Road, C/N they had covered over the Thames Water and B.T. inspection covers.

Cllr. Biles offered to look into who had undertaken the resurfacing of the road.

Street Light

Cllr. R. Benfield stated that a street light was not working at the top of Rock Hill.

Cllr. Biles asked Cllr. Benfield to send an email to OCC reporting the non-working light.

7161 West Oxfordshire District Council

*Cllr. G. Saul reported on the following*: -

Planning

WODC’s cabinet would be reviewing the supplementary planning document on 12.12.18.

WODC were considering a compulsory purchase of the ex. Unicorn Public House at Great Rollright.

Re-cycling Bins

West Oxfordshire residents could swap their re-cycling bins for a large bin if they wished to.

Modern Slavery

WODC had adopted a policy against modern slavery.

*Cllr. L. Carter reported on the following: -*

Council Tax

Cllr. Carter reported that care leaders would be exempt of Council Tax.

Social Economic Meeting

WODC had arranged a Social Economic Meeting for next Thursday.

7162 Planning

(a) Council decided to make the observations set out under the heading ‘comments’ on

Appendix A – 19th November 2018, planning applications 4400 and 4401.

(b) Decision

An appeal decision had been received regarding Cotswolds Hotel and Spa, Southcombe, C/N

where approval had been granted but also had conditions applied to the application.

7163 Town Clerk’s Report

Council approved the following payments: -

1. Imprest Account for October 2018: £7,800.91.
2. General Account: Accounts for payment as at 19th November 2018: £10,877.00.

Correspondence Received

CN Visitor Service

Mrs. P. Simmons had forwarded a report on the activities of the VIC over the past year and the document had been circulated to all Town Councillors.

The Town Council thanked Mrs. P. Simmons for all the work which she put into the VIC.

Street Names

A letter had been received suggesting future street names.

The Town Clerk was to respond to the letter received.

7164 Recreation Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 11th October 2018.

Two new pieces of recreation equipment had been installed at New Street recreation ground.

The Chairman reported that he had been very pleased with the company who had supplied and installed the equipment to a very good standard.

7165 Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Council received the minutes of the F & GP Committee meeting held on 30th October 2018.

The Chairman reported that the budget for 2019/20 was being work on.

7166 Bus Shelter, Walterbush Road

The Council recapped why the bus shelter was removed from Walterbush Road, C/N and considered the request for a replacement bus shelter.

The Council took a vote and a decision was made to install a small bus shelter in a metal frame with perspex glass and a very narrow seat into the same position at Walterbush Road. The Council would monitor this area after installation.

7167 Lease for New Street recreation ground

The Town Councillors agreed that an addendum was to be added to the New Street recreation ground lease agreeing that the Field Reeves would extend the lease for a further ten years and the rent would be reviewed every three years.

7168 Provision of Dog Area at New Street

A suggestion had been put forward to install a fence along the far end of the New Street recreation ground to provide a dog walking area. No dogs would be allowed in the rest of the children’s play area.

The Cornish Road recreation ground was already set up for dog walking area and children’s play area. The new Cotswold Gate recreation area would also be fenced off.

It was agreed that this project would go to the Recreation & Sports Committee to come up with a plan to incorporate a dog walking area at New Street recreation ground.

Cllr. H. Biles agreed to consult with OCC’s Public Right of Way Officer to check that dogs could be banned from a recreation ground with a public right of way across it.

7169 Update on WODC’s Local Plan

There was no update on the Local Plan to report at the meeting.

7170 Update from PCSO

There were no police present at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.