

Agenda Item 3 (a)

MINUTES

of the Meeting of the **TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock on **TUESDAY 12th APRIL, 2016** at **7.29pm**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Bailey (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs M Ewings (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors T Gibbins, Mrs A Johnson, P Palfrey, Mrs L Roberts, C Rogers, E Sanders, A Venning, P Ward, Mrs J Whitcomb, P Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk, General Manager, Assistant to the Town Clerk

Note - Prior to the Meeting:-

Councillors received a presentation from Mesdames N Trout and C Aubertin on the role and responsibilities of the Borough Council Locality Team;

There was an opportunity for quiet reflection led by Reverend Sean Brassil of St. Andrew's Church, Whitchurch, together with reports from County Councillor Mrs D Sellis, Borough Councillor G Parker and a question from a member of the Public in connection with precept levels.

334 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A Lewis, J Moody, P Sanders, J Sheldon and H Smith.

335 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

336 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of the Tavistock Town Council held on Tuesday 1st March, 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

337 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Council considered the following reports of Standing Committees.

(a) Plans Committee – 8th March 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 8th March 2016 (Minute No's 300-307 inclusive)

(b) Plans Committee – 29th March 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Plans Committee held on 29th March 2016 (Minute No's 308-315 inclusive).

(c) Properties Committee – 5th April 2016

Subject to the deferral of Minute No's 321-323 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 5th April, 2016 (Minute No's 316-320 inclusive).

(d) Finance and General Purposes Committee – 5th April 2016

Subject to the deferral of Minute No's 332-333 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th April, 2016 (Minute No's 324-331 inclusive).

Noted That arising from consideration of Minute No 330 (c) Members were requested to advise the Assistant to the Town Clerk should they require/request a Council Diary and Year Book for the new Civic Year.

RESOLVED THAT subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing reports of the Committee Meetings be approved and the reports be received.

338 NOTICE OF MOTION

The Council considered a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor C Rogers, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Roberts and subscribed to by 3 other Members pursuant upon the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 (a). Namely to the effect that the decision of Tavistock Town Council in connection with Committee arrangements (Minute No 193 refers) be dis-applied.

Following a period of discussion in which a range of views were expressed both in favour of, and in opposition to the motion, it was:-

RESOLVED THAT the provisions of Minute No 193 seeking the discontinuation, for a period of 12 months, of the operation of the Finance and General Purposes and Properties Committees be dis-applied and current committee arrangements be retained.

339 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was:-

RESOLVED THAT the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business.

340 COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

(**CONFIDENTIAL** – by virtue of relating to legal matters, and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council).

The Council considered the outstanding reports of the following Standing Committees held on 5th April, 2016, consideration of which had previously been deferred (Minute No 337 refers).

a. Properties Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Properties Committee held on 5th April, 2016 (Minute No's 321-323).

b. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th April, 2016 (Minute No 333).

In connection with Minute No 332 it was further:-

RESOLVED THAT the recommendation be adopted subject to the inclusion of the following words to follow "report" and precede "to secure" namely "or commercial rent arrears recovery".

RESOLVED THAT subject to any amendments listed above the recommendations included in the foregoing reports of the Committee Meetings be approved and the reports be received.

The Press and Public were readmitted to the Meeting.

341 COUNCIL SEAL

RESOLVED THAT – the Seal be affixed to the various deeds and documents to be made or entered into for the carrying into effect of those decisions or matters approved by the Council this day.

The Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____