Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee

held at the Town Hall, Milford Haven

on Monday, 11th April, 2016 at 6:00 pm

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PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor S. G. Joseph)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor W. D. Elliott BA QTS)

 Councillors: E. R. Harries (Chairman) J. W. Cole

 A. W. Eden M. P. Rickard

C. A. Sharp Mrs. C. Stevens Mrs. C. T. Williams

327. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were not received from Councillor Mrs. J. Hawkins.

328. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH MARCH, 2016:

 RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of

 the Public Works and Planning Committee held

 on 7th March, 2016, be approved as a correct

 record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

329. INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR:

 Members were advised that there was no information from the Mayor.

330. CEMETERY:

 (a) Report:

 RESOLVED THAT the Cemetery Report, as

 presented by the Clerk for the month of

 March, 2016, be accepted.

 (b) Removal of Green Waste:

 The Chairman said that Members will recall that, at a recent Meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee, the Cemetery Supervisor had asked for a skip to dispose of green waste at the Cemetery. It had been agreed that, prior to committing to disposing of the green waste at the Cemetery by skip, the Clerk was to check the availability of alternative waste systems provided by the

 Pembrokeshire County Council.

The Clerk advised that she had contacted the Pembrokeshire County Council to ascertain whether they had any facilities to dispose of green waste, and had been informed that the only option available was brown garden waste bins at a

cost of £41.50 per bin which would be emptied fortnightly.

The Clerk had spoken with the Cemetery Supervisor, who said that this bin would be full within 20 minutes of grass cutting. As a result, the Clerk asked Members for confirmation that the Cemetery staff could be provided with a skip to dispose of green waste. A skip suitable for disposing of green waste costs £107 plus VAT.

 RESOLVED THAT the Clerk orders a skip,

 when required, for the Cemetery staff to

 dispose of the green waste at the Cemetery.

331. PLANS:

 RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of

 the Chairman of the Public Works and Planning

 Committee (which have been made in consultation

 with Members of the Public Works and Planning

Committee) in respect of the planning applications detailed on Pages 1 and 2 of the attached report

 (see Appendix B) be approved with the exception of

 Planning Application No. 15/1275/PA.

1. Planning Application No. 15/119/DC – Discharge of conditions 2, 3 and 5 of

Planning Application No. 14/0318/PA at The Light House, Stratford Road,

Milford Haven:

The Mayor, Councillor S. G. Joseph, declared a prejudicial interest in this planning application, which was not discussed at the Meeting.

1. Planning Application No. 15/1275/PA – Proposed Residential Development comprising 117 Houses, Flats & Bungalows:

The Mayor, Councillor S. G. Joseph, declared a prejudicial interest in this planning application and left the room during the discussion of the planning application.

 RESOLVED THAT the following points be added

 to the Chairman’s observations:

 (i) Are the sewerage and drainage

 systems capable of serving this

 additional development;

 (ii) Are traffic calming measures in place

 to facilitate the extra traffic;

 (iii) Are pedestrians catered for with

 adequate footpath provision;

 It was FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the

 Pembrokeshire County Council be asked how

 it disposes of its land, if it makes any

 land of which it wishes to dispose available

 to private developers, and was the land under

 discussion under Planning Application No.

 15/1275/PA made available to private developers.

 Councillor S. G. Joseph re-joined the Meeting at this point.

1. Planning Application No. 15/1330/PA – Siting of Single Mobile Classroom at the Meads Infant and Nursery School, Priory Road, Milford Haven

 RESOLVED THAT:

 (i) the Milford Haven Town Council recommends

 that the application be approved, but believes

 that adding an increasing number of

 temporary mobile classrooms does not solve

 long term educational problems and severely

 reduces the amount of essential recreational land;

 (ii) the Town Council urges the Pembrokeshire County

 Council to adopt a plan to address the long term

 problems, with permanent accommodation for an

 increasing population.

332. LICENSING:

1. Gordon Bennett’s Fish and Chips, Units 1, 2 and 3 Agamemnon House, Nelson Quay, Milford Marina, Milford Haven.

RESOLVED THAT the Chairman’s recommendation

in respect of the above be approved.

333. CLOSURE OF POINTFIELDS PATH, HAKIN, MILFORD HAVEN:

A Member stated that he is frequently asked about this issue, as this relates to one of the most popular walks west of the Victoria Bridge. He suggested that this Council should get an indication from the Pembrokeshire County Council on the progress that is being made to reinstate this commonly used footpath.

 RESOLVED THAT a letter be written to the

 Pembrokeshire County Council asking for an

 indication on the progress that is being made to

 reinstate this commonly used footpath.

334. BUS SHELTER AT MARKET SQUARE:

An Officer from the Pembrokeshire County Council has contacted the Clerk to explain that this shelter is regularly vandalised and is costing a substantial amount of money to keep maintained. A replacement bus shelter would cost £2,750.

It was proposed that due to vandalism and the concern of constantly repairing the bus shelter the Town Council supports the Pembrokeshire County Council’s request to remove the bus shelter.

An amendment was made that the bus shelter be retained and that the Pembrokeshire County Council continues to maintain the shelter in a good state of repair. The amendment was defeated by 3 votes to 5.

 RESOLVED THAT due to vandalism

 and the concern of constantly repairing

 the bus shelter, the Town Council supports

 the Pembrokeshire County Council’s request

 to remove the bus shelter from the Market

 Square and a letter of support be written

 to the appropriate Officer.

335. FLY TIPPING AT MANCHESTER SQUARE CAR PARK:

A Member said that people are undermining the use of the car park which is essential to the Manchester Square Health Centre. In the last 2 weeks a second caravan, which has been vandalised, has appeared at the car park.

The Mayor, Councillor S. G. Joseph, advised Members that he was asked for his assistance regarding this matter by the Practice Manager of the Barlow House Surgery. He has taken advice from the Legal Department of the Pembrokeshire County Council and been provided with a template of the prohibition notice used by the Pembrokeshire County Council, which has been placed on the caravan. The Mayor will be responsible for the safe removal of the caravan. This has been confirmed with the Practice Manager of the Barlow House Surgery who is happy with the way forward.

 RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, Councillor

 S. G. Joseph’s, offer to use his goodwill

 and connections to facilitate the removal

 of what is now causing a major problem

 be accepted.

336. UPDATES ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN LAND ALLOCATIONS AND LARGER DEVELOPMENT SITES IN THE NATIONAL PARK:

A letter was received from the Planning Officer (Park Direction) giving April’s updates on larger residential sites in the National Park.

 RESOLVED THAT the letter be received.

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