 CHIPPING NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

At the Council Meeting held, pursuant to notice on Monday 15th October 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. N. Bradley

Cllr. C. Butterworth

Cllr. A. Corfield

Cllr. J. Graves

Cllr. D. Heyes

Cllr. M. Jarratt

Cllr. S. Jordan

Cllr. J. Kitcher-Jones

Cllr. M. Tysoe

Cllr. M. Walker

Officer: The Town Clerk

7138 The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September2018 – were approved and signed at the meeting.

7139 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

7140 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. E. Coles, Cllr. A. Villars, Cllr. T. Hasan and County Cllr. H. Biles.

7141 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.

7142 Declarations of interest

Cllr. D. Davidson declared an interest in planning application 4399, 108, Burford Road, C/N as he lived in the same row of cottages in Burford Road. Cllr. D. Davidson left the meeting whilst the planning application was considered.

7143 Oxfordshire County Council

*County Cllr. Mrs. H. Biles* was not present at the meeting.

7144 West Oxfordshire District Council

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

Housing

WODC was buying Cottsway property for emergency housing and it was reported as an ever more problem in the District.

Cllr. M. Walker asked Cllr. G. Saul to explain Section 21, eviction. Cllr. G. Saul responded that this was when the person was asked to move on by the landlord or any other reason.

Oxfordshire Growth funding was providing funding towards extra care housing for the Rock Hill Farm site in C/N. This was to go towards providing eighty units consisting of sixty affordable and twenty shared ownership. WODC planned for this project to be complete within one year.

WODC have come up with a plan to use some of their reserves by investing or borrowing ten million pounds and transferring it to Cottsway to identify sites to build thirty two affordable properties and sixteen shared properties. WODC would lend the money to Cottsway with a small interest applied which would go directly into providing affordable housing in the District.

Cllr. M. Tysoe asked if there was any news of a master plan for the local plan yet and would the towns’ people be able to have an opinion on the master plan?

Cllr. G. Saul responded that this would be later in the year and there would be a consultation undertaken on the master plan.

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

Parking

There were problems with parking up the London Road, C/N outside Holy Trinity School as there were also construction vehicles and road works being undertaken along with parents trying to drop and collect school children.

A member of WODC’s environment was going to review this problem.

ACE Centre

The ACE Centre, C/N were going to be holding a Dig Day inviting members of the public to help in gardening projects at the ACE Centre. The Dig Day was planned for 3.11.18 from 10 am – 2 pm.

Child Care Provision

Cllr. Carter expressed that it would be helpful to get all of the schools together and discuss the towns’ needs and how this would work.

Governors

The ACE Centre were looking for more Governors.

7145 Planning

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

Appendix A – 15th October 2018, planning applications 4396 – 4399.

Cllr. D. Davidson left the meeting whilst planning application 4399 was being discussed and

Cllr. J. Kitcher Jones took the chair during this part of the discussion.

(b) Decision

An appeal decision had been received regarding 29 – 30 High Street, C/N (former Harpers

building) where planning permission had been granted to change use from retail to ground floor

retail and two flats on the first and second floor. Construction of nine dwellings with associated

access, parking and landscaping in accordance with the terms of the application

Ref: 17/002236/FUL dated 25.1.2017.

7146 Town Clerk’s Report

Council approved the following payments: -

1. Imprest Account for September 2018: £7,394.73.
2. General Account: Accounts for payment as at 15th October 2018: £35,731.88.

7147 Cemetery & Pool Meadow Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Cemetery & Pool Meadow Committee meeting held on 12th September 2018.

Cllr. M. Jarratt reported that seventeen people had turned up to the Cemetery Clear Up Day on

13th October 2018.

7148 Health & Safety Committee

The Council received the minutes of the H & S Committee meeting held on 17th September 2018.

7149 Traffic Advisory Committee

The Council received the minutes of the TAC Committee meeting held on 20th September 2018.

OCC were undertaking a consultation on a 20 mph speed limit for C/N. The Town Council asked for an extension to the time limit to provide comments on the consultation.

7150 Staffing Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 2nd October 2018.

7151 Grants to Voluntary Bodies

The Council received the minutes of the GTVB Committee meeting held on 8th October 2018.

7152 Audit

The Council received and approved the Annual Return and audit certificate for the year ended

31st March 2018.

7153 Update on WODC’s Local Plan

The Local Plan had been discussed under item 7144.

7154 Update from PCSO

There were no police present at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.