

Minutes of an extraordinary Town Council meeting held in The Old School Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 August 2018

Present: Cllrs. Paul Bishop (Chair), Margaret Godwin, Loveday Perceval-Maxwell, Robin Stone, Steven Kimminau, Davina Neale;
Julia Burge (Town Clerk); one member of the public

1.	<p>To receive apologies for absence and confirmation of acceptance of apologies. It was reported that Cllr Marchant had sent his apologies. These were accepted.</p>	7.30pm
2.	<p>To receive declarations of members' interests and consider requests for dispensation. None.</p>	
3.	<p>Planning To make a decision on the Town Council's response to the planning authority on:</p> <p>DC/18/1360/HH: 41 Hertford Road, Clare, CO10 8QH, single storey rear extension, front porch and demolition of conservatory.</p> <p>The planning working party ("PWP") reported that the proposals appeared to accord with policies DM1 (Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development), DM2 (Local Distinctiveness) and DM24 (Development within the Curtilage). Other properties on the same development had similar extensions, the proposal would not result in over development of the site, and it should not impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.</p> <p>DC/18/1495/TCA: Ancient House, High Street, Clare, CO10 8NY, fell dogwood and reduce crown of rowan.</p> <p>Cllr Godwin reported that she had looked at the tree report and visited the trees. There was substantial epicormics growth from the roots and trunk of the dogwood. Its trunk was right up against the boundary wall which had a large, vertical crack at that point. The rowan overshadowed the garden behind it. Ancient House is grade I listed and this appeared to be sensible tree management. There were no objections online to the proposals. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.</p> <p>DC/18/1476/LB: Old Bank House, Market Hill, Clare, CO10 8NN, remove external signage.</p> <p>As the bank is due to close in October, it appears to make sense to remove the signage. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.</p> <p>DC/18/1342/ADV: fishing ponds, Stoke Road, Clare, two non-illuminated fascia signs.</p> <p>It was noted that the signs were already in place. They were outside the town boundary and made clear the location of the fishing ponds. Pre-application advice had been sought and there were no objections online. It was felt that the signs would not adversely affect amenity or public safety. It was agreed unanimously to support the application.</p>	
4.	<p>To consider a proposal that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 5, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as it involves the disclosure of information relating to an employee of the Council. Agreed unanimously.</p>	

5.	<p>To consider a proposal for a temporary acting up allowance for a Council employee.</p> <p>It was noted that this had been agreed in principle at the meeting on 26 July 2018, but was being put to the Council at this meeting as the agenda of the 26 July meeting hadn't specifically covered it.</p> <p>The proposal was explained by the Clerk and agreed unanimously.</p>	
6.	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 20th September 2018.</p> <p>Confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.50pm