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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2023, AT 7PM, AT THE URWICK ROOM, FORD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr. Horn (Chairman), Cllrs. Carlyle, Clyne, Deane, Paterson, Southan, Wells, Walton

Absent: Cllr. Paterson

Public: SC Roger Evans, Loton Ward Councillor Ed Potter, Westbury Parish Councillor for Yockleton Ward
Cllr. Miles Thomas

In attendance: R. Turner (Clerk)

19/2324 **PRESENT, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Paterson.

20/2324 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

a) *Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.*

None declared.

b) *Dispensation requests*

No requests received.

c) *Gifts or hospitality*

None declared.

21/2324 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The chair said that as the members of the public had all come to speak about item 23/2324, he would raise Standing Orders and allow public to speak when that item is reached.

22/2324 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting dated 16th May 2023 as being a true record and to authorise the chairman to sign them.

23/2324 **BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

The chairman outlined the proposals. In summary, the review is focused on Shropshire Council Divisional Boundaries. In order to balance electoral numbers in other parishes, it has been proposed to move Ford Parish into Loton Division. Bicton Parish is proposed to move from Tern to Longden Division.

It was noted presently part of the area towards the Montgomery Road lies in Pontesbury Parish, but may have stronger connections to Ford. One concern is that if Ford moves into Loton, that this will mean the area is split across two divisions and would make it harder to move the area towards the Montgomery Road into Ford parish, as part of a later CGR. It was noted that alterations can be made to the Divisional boundaries, after they are adopted if it only affects one edge of it and number of electors moving are in single or low double numbers. It was unclear whether there may be too many houses in the area concerned to do such a minor amendment. Montgomery Road is in middle to higher double figures.

It was agreed to seek feedback from Ford Heath residents on which community they see themselves as being part of

Action: Cllr. Deane

It was noted that the Boundary Commission –have asked if Yockleton should move into Chirbury and Worthen? Yockleton's preference is to stay in Loton.

It was noted that Bicton is making representations to go into Loton Division. Ford and Bicton Parishes are similar numbers wise – circa 100 voters difference. In Ford there are 684 electors, growing to 784, compared to Bicton – 906 electors falling to 905. Bicton feels aligned with Loton not Longden.

It was **RESOLVED** to make representations that Ford stays in Longden Division citing the following. The clerk was delegated to write the response, in consultation with the chair:

- Ford shares more commonalities with other parishes in the Longden Division
- Staying in Longden leaves open the option of pursuing a boundary change
- Trinity CE School, Ford works closely with Hanwood and Longden schools and they are part of the same school development group.
- Communities on A458 look to Ford for facilities
- Support Bicton moving into Loton and Ford into Longden citing the following:
 - Ford and its Church of England School, as do others in the Longden Division, all lie within the Hereford Diocese. Bicton, its school and adjacent parishes lie within the Lichfield Diocese.
 - The main A5 is a big barrier to the sharing of community interests between the main part of Bicton and the proposed Longden Division
- Complain that Ford's representations to the last consultation were not logged.

24/2324 **PLACE PLAN REVIEW**

It was agreed to ask for community feedback in next newsletter.

Action: Clerk

25/2324 **FINANCIAL MATTERS -To approve payments including payments made between meetings**

26/2324 **ANNUAL ITEMS** – the need to agree amendments and re-adopt the following due to need to not include VAT in asset values was adopted:

- a) *Asset Register* – **RESOLVED** to adopt.
- b) *AGAR – Section 1 – Annual Governance* – **RESOLVED** to answer Yes to all applicable assertions and chair and clerk to sign the statement.
- c) *AGAR - Section 2 - Accounting Statements* – noted that the RFO had signed the statements prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Statements and chair to sign.
- d) *Electors' Rights dates* – 15th June to 27th July 2023.

27/2324 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1) 23/02015/FUL - Ford Pumping Station, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for installation of a kiosk, security fence and retention of a container housing ultraviolet treatment
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment.

28/2324 **NEXT MEETING**

- a) *Council meeting, 18th July 2023, 7pm*
- b) *Date of Annual Parish Meeting* – it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the 16th April 2024 but to hold the meeting in the Urwick Room, as the main hall is already booked.