

FLITWICK TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Corporate Services Committee held on
Wednesday 26th September 2018 at The Rufus Centre**

Present: Cllr P Thompson (Chairman)
Cllrs I Blazeby A Lutley

In attendance: Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk

Apologies for Absence Received: Cllrs A Larkins G Mackey M Sheehan

Open Forum - There were no items.

432 **To note any Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

433 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

434 **Town Clerk's Report**

There was no Town Clerk's Report.

435 **Action Log**

The Chairman advised that the Action Log had been amended within the new style, work on it was progressing and it would soon be useable. Cllr Blazeby thanked Cllr Lutley for her input in the Action Log.

436 **To consider a quotation on risk assessments**

Members were advised that a quotation had been obtained for Ellis Whitam to review and reproduce Risk Assessments for all Council and Rufus Centre activities. The reasoning behind this idea was explained to Members and it was felt that with the Amenities Officer due to go on Maternity Leave soon, this one-off fee would be worthwhile.

It was **Recommended** for Ellis Whitam to review and reproduce Risk Assessments to the value of £1,500. The Amenities Officer was to do further reviews in-house.

437 **To discuss the proposed CBC Crematorium**

- (i) Cllr Blazeby had attended the crematorium consultation and questioned CBC Officers regarding the proposal. The Officers in the Assets Team had distanced themselves from the Planning Department and said they acted with a high degree of independence.

(The Town Clerk left the meeting at this time).

- (ii) Cllr Blazeby had explained that he had been surprised that CBC proposed the crematorium baring in mind the Town Council had included it in their initial plans within the new Country Park/Burial Ground project. He added that CBC had originally advised that the mini crematorium idea as part of the Town Council's project had been dismissed due to the site being in too close proximity to other crematoriums however CBC's proposal did not have the same rule applied.

- (iii) CBC Officers reiterated that there was a need for the crematorium, which Cllr Blazeby echoed, and that CBC had looked at 15 potential sites and the land at Steppingley was most ideal. Elaborations into why the other sites were not progressed were not given however they did explain that the Maulden Road site had been considered.

(The Town Clerk re-entered the meeting at this time).

- (iv) A high number of residents had attended therefore a good response was anticipated. Many highways enquiries and access issues were raised due to the one planned entrance on an already dangerous road. Other questions related to the traffic impact and the number of funerals per day (5) being incompatible with the intended route through an already congested Flitwick. As part of the Planning process, CBC had spoken to the Highways Department who had advised on changes to the roadway if it went ahead. Cllr Blazeby commented that the TV news story reporter had mentioned that there would be no cost to the taxpayer and he questioned who would be paying for the development. A second consultation would be held at Steppingley Village Hall on 9th October from 1pm - 8pm.
- (v) The Town Council's contractor from Cemetery Development had attended the event to ask key questions. The Town Clerk added that residents were confused as to which Council (CBC or the Town Council) were providing the crematorium. Residents were confused as to why the crematorium was not going on the CBC land beside the Industrial Estate.
- (vi) Members agreed to continue their discussion on this in the Confidential Section.

Confidential Section

In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) the public and press to be excluded for items 8, 9 & 10 in view of the confidential nature of the information to be discussed relating to financial and contractual negotiations and item 11.

437cont **To discuss the proposed CBC Crematorium**

Members continued their discussion on the proposed CBC crematorium.

It was **Recommended** to liaise with CBC Ward Members in relation to the need for a crematorium and to establish whether the alternative location of Maulden Road could be progressed.

438 **To discuss the re-location of a community building**

Members discussed the re-location of a community building.

439 **Projects Update and Cost Breakdown**

i) Market Towns

ii) Country Park

iii) New Burial Ground

iv) To consider proposals for the disposal of unwanted land

v) Update on leases

All of the above items were discussed.

It was **Recommended** to approach the developers and CBC Assets regarding the disposal of the unwanted land.

440 **To review a Resolution (TC Minute No. 4638) relating to a land offer**
Members discussed the Resolution made under TC Minute No. 4638.

441 **Questions**
There were no questions.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

Signed
(Chairman)