



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 7 November 2018

at The Harlington at 7:15pm

The meeting was preceded by a presentation on the pre-planning application of the proposed extension to Calthorpe Park School

Councillors

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Dai Pierce, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, Sharyn Wheale, Peter Wildsmith, Ruth Williams, George Woods

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner –Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison –HCC
Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC
Cllr Makepeace- Browne-HDC

A representative of the Fleet and Church Crookham Society
9 Local Residents

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllrs Ashworth, Peddell and Wright

HCC Cllr Collett also asked for his apologies to be recorded particularly in view of item 11 Ancells Farm Bus update

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of interest from Cllr Wildsmith-Item 10 Hart Youth Form

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two local residents commented on item 8 , Public Participation Policy, and raised concerns about the possibility of proposed changes to the policy stifling public questioning.

the members considered the questions that the Harlington Working Group had recommended be put to HDC

The members also discussed the known public concerns about the cost of any Harlington scheme being borne solely by the residents of Fleet

RESOLVED

a) That the following questions be put to HDC:

Q1 HDC has declared that "*the support of the population of the Fleet Town Council area must be evidenced by a public vote or similarly comprehensive expression of public support*"
Based upon the evidence of FTC's recent consultation how does HDC propose to proceed?

Q2 If HDC elects not to proceed with negotiations on Gurkha Square
FTC wish to know whether any other District Council land would be made available within Fleet Town Centre for a new Harlington?

Q3 If no suitable District Council owned land is available within Fleet Town Centre, and Fleet Town Council **wishes** to continue to operate and manage a refurbished building,
Will HDC offer the ownership of the existing building to FTC?

Q4 If the existing building continues to be operated and managed by Fleet Town Council: *Will HDC continue to honour the Heads Of Lease Terms and limit the Town Council's exposure to a maximum of £1500 for any one event?*

Q5 If FTC elected to withdraw from the management and operation of the Harlington, *What services will HDC put in place to maintain this facility for the benefit of Hart residents?*

It was further **RESOLVED** that :

b) Given the result of the recent consultation, Fleet Town Council will not enter into any plans to repair or refurbish the existing building, as defined in the 2017 consultation, if it means that Fleet taxpayers alone have to bear that financial burden without the security of the long term tenure of the building.

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 7 PRECEPT 2019/2020

The members received and considered the draft budget for 2019/2020 as proposed by the Budget Working Group

RESOLVED

- a) To provisionally approve the draft budget for 2019/2020 as proposed by the Budget Working Group
- b) To provisionally approve the recommendation of the Budget Working Group for a 0% increase to the 2019/2020 council tax rate

- c) Once the Tax Base to be used has been received from HDC, and in the light of any significant economic adjustments to present the finalised version of the 2019/2020 budget to Council in January 2019 for formal adoption.

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 8 POLICIES

a) Co-option policy

Members were asked to approve an updated co-option policy and accompanying forms to ensure compatibility and alignment with statutory requirements

RESOLVED

To approve the updated co-option policy and accompanying forms

b) Public participation policy

The chairman explained the difference between the Standing Orders which allowed only questions relevant to the agenda, and the proposed public participation policy, that allowed questions on any matter relevant to the business of the Council.

There was a detailed discussion about the need to secure a process that was manageable but allowed reasonable opportunity for public engagement and involvement

Following discussion and careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

Questions from the public to be retained as set out in Standing Orders, but with a written copy of the question to be passed to the clerk before the question is asked. The questions and the answers will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The public participation policy to be amended accordingly

c) Standing Orders

In view of the decision above, Standing Orders will stand as currently written

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 9 LEASES

a) Cricket Club

It was reported that the Lease Working Group had investigated the use of the Fleet Cricket Club Pavilion by Rosie and Bean Café.

The members discussed the recommendation of the Lease Working Group and

RESOLVED

To give approval to the use of the Fleet Cricket Club pavilion by Rosie and Bean subject to:

- Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm ONLY. No weekends and Bank Holidays
- That the cricket club management is responsible for their visitors' parking within the Park

b) Basingbourne Scout Den

The Lease Working Group considered a request from 1st Basingbourne Scout Group to install a wooden shed on the site of the previous Carnival Association shed and to permit a sublet to Jiggy Wrigglers Tots Playgroup 1-2 hours on a Friday morning

RESOLVED

- a) To approve the installation of a replacement wooden shed subject to establishing that planning/building permission is not required
- b) To approve the sub-let to Jiggy Wrigglers playgroup provided that no nuisance is caused to other users of the park and local neighbourhood and members of the playgroup do not bring vehicles up the track or park on any part of the track, with failure to adhere to these terms resulting in permission being withdrawn
- c) To delegate to the Clerk authority to approve other bookings within existing policy, similar to the delegation to approve the use of the FTC parks
- d) The granting of formal sub tenancies will continue to require the permission of Council

FC Nov 18 ITEM 10 HART YOUTH FORUM

Mr Peter Wildsmith (not in his capacity as a Fleet Town Councillor) explained that he had asked a range of local organisations for their support in his attempt to set up a Hart-wide Youth Forum.

Following questions about publicity to reach young people it was

RESOLVED

To offer general support and the free use of the RVS accommodation for meetings.

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 11 ANCELLS FARM BUS UPDATE

Cllr Woods updated the members on the Ancells School Bus situation. The independent Safety Report, had been submitted on 18th October 2018. Following a reminder from the Town Clerk, an acknowledgement had finally been received on 7th November 2018. However, as a result of a meeting held on 6th November 2018 between HCC and Ancells residents, HCC had indicated that the safe walking route report would not be taken into account as HCC had followed guidelines produced by Road Safety GB. However the report could be used in evidence at the HCC Appeal on 21st November.

The designated HCC Councillors will walk the route at 7.30am on 21st November 2018 with an appeal to be held by HCC that afternoon.

FC Nov 2018 ITEM 12 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT'

The Town Clerk's report was noted and special attention drawn to:

- Good progress on the Garden of Remembrance
- Christmas switch-on event on Wednesday 28 November 2018
- Remembrance Sunday arrangements
- Staff changes

FC Sept 2018 ITEM16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday, 5 December 2018 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....

Date:.....

Chairman

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