



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 6 February 2019

at The Harlington at 7pm

Councillors

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, James Kirkpatrick, Alan Oliver, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, Sharyn Wheale, Peter Wildsmith, Ruth Williams, George Woods, Jonathan Wright

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HCC
Cllr Collett –HCC
Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC

Representative of Friends of Oakley Park
Representative of Fleet and Church Crookham Civic Society

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Ashworth, Jasper and Pierce

Chairman's announcements

- The Chairmen reminded members to make use of the microphones and to behave respectfully
- FTC had been nominated as a 'super' Council by NALC
- The Chairman and Town Clerk would be attending a NALC conference in London on Monday 11 February 2019

FC EB 2019 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

With the correction to item 5 (insert Cllr Collett, delete Cllr Bennison), the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman

It was noted that the community event reported in Cllr Forster's update had been postponed due to bad weather

The Council received the minutes of the following Committees

Development Control 7 and 21 January 2019

It was noted that street names of Hartland Village would reflect local historic names

FC Feb2019 ITEM 5 HCC/HDC UPDATE

HCC

Cllr Bennison reported on the following:

- Council tax set to increase by 2.99%
Equates to Band D £35 increase

Cllr Collett reported on the following:

- Backlog on highway repairs now amounted to £285m
- Road works between Cove Road and J4 of the M3 with some full road closures required
- Vandalism to bus shelter at Ancells Farm
- Ancells School bus- still no guarantee of spaces available for purchase.
Deputation to proceed to HCC on 14 February 2019

Cllr Forster reported on the following:

- Meeting regarding Calthorpe Park School expansion and associated road improvements held on 7 February 2019
- Pale Lane Inspector's decision to be delayed until after Local Plan Inspector's decision is known
- Kennel Lane road works
- Reporting of potholes in Fleet not already identified by white marking
- Road safety education

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 6 MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTING-FAULKNERS CLOSE ANCELLS FARM

Members were advised that HCC had discontinued the maintenance of the lamp posts in Faulkner Close on land owned by FTC. The cost of maintenance would therefore fall upon FTC. HCC had proposed a 17 year maintenance agreement at a cost of £160 pa

RESOLVED

To enter into a maintenance agreement with HCC for a term of 17 years at a cost of £ 160 pa

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 7 EXTENSION OF FESTIVE LIGHTING CONTRACT

The members were reminded that the Christmas Decorations contract ended after Christmas 2018 but that it included a provision for the extension of the contract for a further two years

In view of the excellent service provided by the contractor and the outstanding display of Christmas lights it was

RESOLVED

That the contract with Festive Lighting be extended for a further two years up to and including Christmas 2020

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 8 ACTION DAY

The members considered the suggested date for Action Day 2019 and

RESOLVED

That Action Day be held on Saturday 18 May 2019

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 9 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The members noted a report setting out the current position together with the report to the Harlington Working Group in January 2019.

It was confirmed the Contract for the Condition Survey will be issued during February.

It was suggested that a diary date should be fixed with HDC as soon as possible for a meeting with HDC representatives. Cllr Schofield confirmed that this request had already been made

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 10 FLEET TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

The members noted the potential opportunity presented by a government initiative to provide funding to assist with town centre regeneration. The lead can only be taken by County or District/Borough Councils but Town/Parish Councils and other community groups can be included. A positive response has been received from HDC and a report will be made to Council when a proposed way forward has been received from HDC

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 11 ANCELLS FARM BUS

Cllr Woods updated the meeting on the latest situation regarding the school bus including:

- £600 per space per school year to be charged for a seat. Future certainty of this being sought
- Unanswered FOI requests
- Outstanding issues including safe walking route, lines of sight, road crossings, school travel plans, impact on parents

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 12 COMPLAINTS

The details and recommendations of the HDC Monitoring Officer regarding a Code of Conduct complaint , and the views of the Establishment Panel were noted. Appropriate action had been taken and the matter was now closed

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 13 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The members received and noted the Town Clerk's report

FC Feb 2019 ITEM 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday, 6 March 2019 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.59pm

Signed.....

Date:.....

Chairman

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