



TO: Councillors R Schofield (Chairman), S Cattle, G. Chenery, P. Einchcomb, D. Gotel, A Gray, L. Holt, A. Hope, K Jasper, A. Oliver, D. Pierce, R Robinson, J Smith, N Walton, J. Wright

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given of

**A MEETING OF
THE FLEET TOWN COUNCIL**

on

Wednesday 3 February 2016 at 7 p.m.

in

The Harlington

All members are summoned to attend

SIGNED:

Town Clerk

Date: 28 January 2016

AGENDA

Item 1 APOLOGIES

Schedule 12 of the LGA 1972 requires a record to be kept of members present, and that this record forms part of the minutes of the meeting. A resolution must be passed on whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.

Item 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Local Authorities Localism Act 2011, members must declare any interest and the nature of that interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of a personal interest that they have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. A personal interest will be considered a prejudicial interest if this is one in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the members' judgement of the public interest.

Item 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(3 Min per person maximum 15 minutes)

To receive questions and statements from members of the public.

Item 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2016-copy attached

To receive resolutions and consider approval of recommendations from the following committees and to return to committees any issues for reconsideration.

Development Control Committee	11 and 26 January 2016
Policy and Finance Committee	25 January 2016 with its recommendation at item 5

- Copies attached

Part 1 – ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item 5 DRAFT BUDGET 2016/2017

To receive and approve the adoption of the draft budget for 2016/2017 as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee on 25 January 2016 –papers attached as follows:

- 5a Budget Summary(as at 20 Jan 2016 and recommended by P & F Cttee)
- 5b Budget detail
- 5c Summary Budget by cost centre

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the adoption of the budget as recommended by the P & F Committee held on 25 Jan 2016

Item 6 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING – Tuesday 5 April 2016

To agree the content and format of the Annual Residents' Meeting to be held on 5 April 2016.Copies of last year's agenda and poster are attached for information

Item 7 HYPE UPDATE

To receive an oral report on the latest situation regarding the HYPE storage facility in Victoria Road Car Park and agree any necessary action

Item 8 GRANT APPLICATION

To consider a grant application for £400 from Hart Voluntary Action Ltd to cover the cost of hiring accommodation at The Harlington for the HDC Chairman's Volunteer Recognition Event on 22 March 2016 – application papers attached

RECOMMENDATION

To determine the application for grant to Hart Voluntary Action Ltd

Item 9 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCY

The General Power of Competency (GPC) allows eligible local Councils “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” as long as they don't break other laws. This is the power of “first resort”.

Fleet Town Council now meets the eligibility criteria ie

- Two thirds of the Council must be elected (even if the election was not contested) For Fleet Town Council this is 13 members. Out of the 19 members that Fleet Town Council should have, there are currently 4 vacancies and 2 co-options.
- The Clerk must hold one of the sector-specific qualifications including the of passing Section 7 of CiLCA 2012 (GPC) - The Clerk is CiLCA qualified - including the GPC qualification.
- That the award to the Business Forum of £5,000 for the BID, as agreed by full Council on Wednesday 2 September 2015, be applied under the General Power of Competence

Fleet Town Council to consider and confirm its eligibility to use the General Power of Competence.

Papers attached

RECOMMENDATION

Members to resolve that Fleet Town Council meets the eligibility criteria to use the General Power of Competency as at 3 February 2016

- Fleet Town Council has 13 eligible Councillors
- The Town Clerk is fully CiLCA qualified including Section 7 (GPC)

Item 10 ASSET REGISTER

To note and approve the fixed Asset Register as January 2016- copy attached

RECOMMENDATION

To note and approve the Asset Register as at February 2016

Item 11 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND FLORAL DISPLAYS

In order to include the Fleet Commuter population as part of the local Fleet Community, members are asked to consider the installation of Christmas Lights and floral displays along the south east side of Fleet Road from Tackle up to The Premier Inn giving a welcome home to all those that travel out of Fleet each day for work.

An allowance has been made in the 2016-2017 budget for additional floral displays/Christmas lights and members are being asked to approve the extension of the Floral displays and Christmas Lights from Tackle-up to the Premier Inn in Fleet Road

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the extension of Christmas Lights and floral displays on the south east side of Fleet Road from Tackle-up to The Premier Inn.

Item 12 LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION / FLEET TOWN COUNCIL – WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

To consider an approach from the LTA in its initiative to increase public participation in tennis-report attached

RECOMMENDATION

- a) That members agree to working in partnership with the LTA
- b) That match funding (amount to be agreed) is made available from the Council's reserves.

Part 2 – ITEMS TO NOTE

Item 13 SECTOR LED AUDIT BODY REPORT

To advise Members that no updates have been received.

Item 14 NEW HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

To receive a verbal update on the New Harlington Development from Cllr Bob Schofield

Item 15 NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the newsletter "TownTalk" will be prepared in the next few weeks with a view to it being delivered in mid-March. The newsletter will include information about the Annual Residents Meeting, the Neighbourhood Plan, the Harlington Development.

Item 16 CASUAL VACANCY

To note that the notice for the casual vacancy for the Calthorpe Ward is currently being advertised on the Town Council Notice Board in The Harlington

Item 17 FLEET FUTURE

To receive any update on the work of Fleet Future

Item 18 HCC/HDC

To receive any update on any HDC/HCC matters concerning FTC

Item 19 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and note the Town Clerk's Report-copy attached

Item 20 RESIGNATION OF CLLR FORSTER

To note the resignation of Cllr Forster with effect from 27 January 2016

Item 21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2016 at the Harlington at 7pm

Part 3 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the public in accordance with Section 1(2) and by reason of the confidential nature of the business of the Council, the Public and Press will be excluded from the Meeting.

Item 22 To receive a confidential matter

