



To Councillors: R Schofield (Chairman), R Ashworth, G Chenery, P Einchcomb, L Holt, A Hope, K Jasper, J Kirkpatrick, A Oliver, M Peddell, D Pierce, R Robinson, S Tilley, S. Wheale, P Wildsmith, R Williams, G Woods, J Wright

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given of

A MEETING OF

THE FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

on

Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 7p.m.

in

The Harlington

All members are summoned to attend

There will be a presentation on the pre-planning application of the proposed extension to Calthorpe Park School by Mark Saunders (Strategic Development Director), Martin Amos (Head Teacher), Charlotte Gregory (Project Architect) and Cllr Forster at 6.30pm prior to the start of the Council meeting

SIGNED:

Janet Stanton,
Town Clerk

Date: 1 November 2018

A G E N D A

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 and the confidential minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 October 2018 and the extraordinary Council meeting held on 17 October 2018- copies 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	8 and 22 October 2018
Policy and Finance Committee	15 October 2018

Item 5 HCC/HDC

To receive any update on HDC/HCC matters concerning FTC

Item 6 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

a) Members are asked to consider the questions recommended by The Harlington Working Group to be asked of HDC in relation to the future of The Harlington Development as follows:

Q1 HDC have 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 do HDC propose to proceed?

Q2 If HDC elect 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 **wish** 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?

b) The result of the recent consultation indicated that the majority of those who responded were not in favour of building a new Harlington community complex on Gurkha Square. Although the preservation of Gurkha Square was the principal focus of the concerns expressed through the consultation, it was aired that the cost of the development being borne solely by the residents of Fleet was also high on the list of those concerns, as was the desire for the Harlington to be recognised as a District, rather than a Town Council amenity.

The option of alternative sites has been raised and this is something that Hart District Council can respond to. Possible plans for the Civic Quarter which may include the current Harlington site have not yet been stated and therefore no timeframe has been declared. In addition, alternative sites do not address the concerns regarding the cost of the Harlington redevelopment being borne by Fleet residents.

The Town Council acknowledge the direction that has been indicated by our Fleet taxpayers and to respond accordingly. Given the decision we cannot justify to the people of Fleet that they should bear the burden for the future repair or refurbishment of The Harlington facility whilst the current building remains a Hart asset.

The proposed motion is to clarify the council's position both to Hart District Council and to our residents.

"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 freehold of the building.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the questions in relation to the future of The Harlington Development to be asked of Hart District Council
2. To approve the proposed motion to clarify the council's position both to Hart District Council and to our residents.

Item 7 PRECEPT/ BUDGET 2019/2020

To receive and agree the draft budget for 2019/2020 as proposed by the Budget Working Group-copy attached

RECOMMENDATION

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

Item 8 POLICIES

a) Co-option Policy

To ensure compatibility and alignment, Members are asked to approve an updated co-option policy and accompanying forms-copies attached

b) Public Participation Policy

To consider a new FTC Public Participation Policy in order to improve the process.

c) Standing Orders

To receive page 2 of the current Standing Order to reflect changes at SO1f relating to the Public Participation Policy (as above)

RECOMMENDATION

- a) To approve the FTC Co-option Policy and forms
- b) To approve the Public Participation Policy
- c) To approve the amendment to Standing Orders at SO1F to reflect the changes to Public Participation Policy.

Item 9 LEASES

a) Cricket Club

The Lease Working Group has investigated the retrospective use of the Fleet Cricket Club Pavilion and recommend approval be given to Rosie and Bean Play Café subject to:

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

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the retrospective permission to allow the use of the Fleet Cricket Club Pavilion by Rosie and Bean Play Café subject to the use being restricted to Monday-Friday 9am-3pm (no weekends or Bank holidays) and the management being responsible for the parking of their visitors within the park

b) Basingbourne Scout Den

The Lease Working Group has received a request from 1st Basingbourne Scout Group to install a wooden shed on the site of the previous Carnival Association shed. They have also requested permission for two sublets as follows:
Jiggy Wrigglers – Tots Playgroup – 1-2 hours on a Friday morning
Four Seasons Art - Adult Art Classes – Wednesday morning or afternoon.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) To approve the installation of a replacement wooden shed subject to establishing that planning /building permission is not required
- b) To approve the activities of the sublets (Jiggy Wrigglers playgroup and Four Seasons Adult Art classes) taking place provided that no nuisance is caused to other users of the park and local neighbourhood and Members of the Groups do **NOT** bring vehicles up the track or park on any part of the track.
Failure to adhere to these terms will result in permission being withdrawn.

Item 10 HART YOUTH FORUM

To consider a request from Peter Wildsmith for local councils, including Fleet Town Council, to offer support in the setting up of a Hart-wide Youth Forum (copy email attached)

RECOMMENDATION

To indicate any level of support that FTC may wish to offer to help establish a Hart-wide youth forum

Part 2 – ITEMS TO NOTE

Item 11 ANCELLS FARM BUS UPDATE

To receive a verbal up-date from Cllr Woods on the latest situation

Item 12 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To receive and note the update report of the Town Clerk

Item 13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 5 December 2018 at The Harlington at 7pm.

