



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 4 April 2018

at The Harlington at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT**

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Alex Gray, Leslie Holt, Richard Hunt, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Michael Peddell, Dai Pierce, Richard Robinson, Jeff Smith, Sharyn Wheale, George Woods

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk

Sheila Rayner -Committee Clerk

Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC

Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park

Michael Jebson-local resident

Cllr Schofield, the Chairman of the Council, opened the meeting by thanking all those who had attended and those who made a presentation, to the Annual Residents' Meeting on Sunday 25 March 2018.

The Town Council and Harlington staff were also thanked for their contribution to the work of Fleet Town Council over the last year and to the tremendous job done in developing the range of events and room hires at the Harlington

Members were thanked for their work for the Council and the contribution this made to the many comments about the appearance and vibrancy of the town

**FC/April 2018/ ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Gotel, Hope, Walton and Wright

**FC/April 2018/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**FC/April 2018/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Jebson asked how the Council proposed to deal with the objections raised to the Harlington planning application.

It was confirmed that the Council's consultants had responded to all the comments relating to the Library and highways issues

Other issues raised were not directly planning issues

The planning application would be considered by HDC on 11 April 2018

The application could be viewed on the HDC website

It was explained that there would be no individual responses and the process of taking the project forward had been explained at the Annual Residents' Meeting.

Mr Jebson made comments regarding the seating numbers, the focus of the entrance to the proposed building, the walkway near Bakers and trees in the public realm.

The role of the professional designers, Charcoal Blue, was explained

#### **FC/April 2018/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings:

Development Control Committee	26 February, 12 and 26 March 2018
Planning Committee	26 February 2018
RLA Committee	14 March 2018
Establishment Committee	21 March 2018

#### **FC/April 2018/ITEM 5 HCC LTP PRIORITIES**

The members received and considered the proposed priority schemes for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan priorities

It was explained that originally 151 schemes had been presented but various filters relating to deliverability and the strategic nature of schemes, had reduced the number to 15 priority schemes

Members discussed safety, school buses , FTAP and S106 funding issues and ,

#### **RESOLVED**

To endorse the proposed 15 schemes as priority schemes

#### **FC/April 2018 ITEM 6 FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The members received:

- List of payments –February 2018
- Payments received-February 2018
- Reconciliation-February 2018 (confirmed by Cllr Robinson)

## **RESOLVED**

a) To receive into the minutes the :

- List of payments –February 2018
- Payments received-February 2018
- Reconciliation-February 2018

b) That the amount of financial information to be distributed as hard copies be reduced to the minimum possible

## **FC/April 2018 ITEM 7 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

The members were reminded that it was good practice to review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations from time to time

Members were asked to consider whether the existing FTC Standing Orders should be reviewed or whether the opportunity should be taken to suitably modify and adopt the NALC model Standing Orders which were written in a modern and clear style. Members commented that there was not a significant difference in the two versions and there were some errors in the NALC model

It was agreed that as this review was not a priority exercise the existing FTC Standing Orders should remain in place

Members were invited to submit any suggested amendments, particularly regarding the terms of delegation to Committees, to the Town Clerk by 20 April 2018

## **RESOLVED**

To consider any suggested amendments to the existing FTC Standing Orders for consideration by Annual Council on 16 May 2018

## **FC April 2018 ITEM 8 APPROVAL TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY**

The background to the delay in progressing proposed salary review was explained.

Members were then reminded that at the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 21 March 2018 it was resolved to seek authority from Council to delegate authority to the Establishment Committee to implement the recommendations of Morland Gil in relation to the salary review if the existing level of delegated authority was insufficient.

However Morland Gil had since confirmed that they were unable to complete the task before the end of April 2018

## **RESOLVED**

- a) It be confirmed that Morland Gil undertake the full salary review
- b) That an accrual be arranged to meet any suggested increased salary levels arising, so that although any payment had been delayed, it would not be denied

## **FC April 2018 ITEM 9 WAR MEMORIAL**

The members considered a request from the Royal British Legion for the Council to arrange to illuminate the war memorial to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. Discussions had taken place and agreed with HDC officers regarding the power supply subject to final plans

By way of background, it was explained that the RBL had arranged for the refurbishment of a grave in Church Crookham of a soldier awarded the Victory Cross in the First World War, but a more general remembrance was suggested

### **RESOLVED**

To approve the illumination of the war memorial in Gurkha Square, with the scheme to be funded from the community support grants budget and a request to HDC to meet the ongoing cost of the electricity

## **FC April 2018 ITEM 10 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

It was confirmed that the planning application relating to the new Harlington development would be considered by HDC on 11 April 2018

The detailed planning application would be submitted once the detailed design has been progressed and approved by FTC members

Issues relating to a possible land swap and whether HDC would require compensation for land in Gurkha Square were raised. It was explained that the piece of land owned by FTC that provides access to Victoria Road Car park may form part of the land swap negotiations but there will be no development on The Views

## **FC April 2018 ITEM 11 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING**

The members received the notes of the Annual Residents' meeting held on 25 March 2018. The committee clerk was thanked for the minuting of the public meeting

## **FC April 2018 ITEM 12 HCC/HDC**

### **HCC**

Cllr Forster reported on:

- HCC electric charging framework
- Calthorpe Park school extension briefing
- The Fleet half marathon postponed until 29 April 2018
- Road works in Hitches Lane
- Meeting with the MP and SW Trains
- Pot hole repair programme

### **HDC**

Cllr Forster reported on:

- Fleet Friendly initiatives

Cllr Oliver reported on :

- New waste management contract

**FC/April 2018 ITEM 13 TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE**

The members noted the Town Clerk's update report

**FC/ April 2018 ITEM 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at the Harlington at 7pm

Cllr Oliver proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Schofield who had served another four years as a very hardworking Chairman of FTC. There was unanimous support from all members of the Council who expressed their appreciation to Cllr Schofield

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....Date.....