



## **FLEET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**6 March 2013 at 7.30pm**  
The Harlington  
Fleet

### **Present**

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Richard Appleton, Chris Butler, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Steve Forster, Dennis Gotel, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Dai Pierce, Helen Perthen, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, Wallace Vincent, George Woods, Sue Fisher

### **Also Present**

Ten members of the general public

James Corrigan-Town Clerk  
Cllr Evans-HDC

### **ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Axam and Oliver

Cllr Parker -HDC

### **ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

However, Cllr Woods recorded that he was a personal friend of Cllr Axam –Item 9  
Cllr Chenery - Member of Fleet Lions – Item 9

### **ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public who instead were permitted to participate in agenda item 10

### **ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Town Council received and approved as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 2013.

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings

Development Control

11 and 25 February 2013

## **ITEM 5 MEMORIALS POLICY**

Members were reminded that requests had been received from local residents to place memorials in local parks. These requests had led to the establishment of a Working Party who in consultation with the local Friends Groups, had produced a draft policy which was now considered by the members.

Following discussion it was agreed that paragraph 3f and 4e be amended to place a full stop after the word "statement" and delete the remainder of the sentence from e.g. to accepted. The final sentence of each paragraph to be retained.. An additional clause be added stating that charges will be on a cost recovery basis only.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the Memorials Policy, as amended, be adopted by the Council**

## **ITEM 6 MEETING TIMETABLE 2013/2014**

The members considered a draft meetings timetable for 2013/14 but decided to adhere to the same pattern as the existing timetable with the exception that the Planning Committee should be held on Tuesday, immediately after a Monday Bank Holiday.

The officers will prepare and circulate a revised timetable for 2013/2014 as soon as possible.

## **ITEM 7 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING**

The members considered the format to be followed at the Annual Residents' Meeting to be held on 22 April 2013.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following should be considered for inclusion:

- Fleet Town Council Successes including Grants, Car parking etc
- Presentation by Market Towns Association on the Town Centre Bench Marking exercise
- Fleet Future presentation.
- Update on Development of Fleet (follow on to last year) to include proposed school extensions and update on the Harlington
- Police issues (invite local Beat Sgt)

Other possible topics included:

- Highway issues (HCC to be invited to attend)
- Update on the rebuild of the Station (Network Rail to be invited to attend)

The presentations would be augmented by:

- display stands utilising photos from the Fleet Future displays
- Invited local groups display stands
- Friends Groups displaying their draft Redevelopment Plans

## **RESOLVED**

**That the Town Clerk be authorised to finalise the programme in consultation with a Working Party, comprising Cllrs Appleton, Vincent, Tilley, Woods Schofield and Chenery.**

## **ITEM 8 CEMETERY BUS SHELTER**

Members considered a report on the proposed installation of a bus shelter near the cemetery in Crookham Road.

During discussion members expressed the view that HCC should be informed of FTC's concern that it had taken so long to organise the necessary street works especially as the facility was intended mainly for elderly people.

The members considered the original decision to select an Adshel metal/glass style shelter, with seats should be retained .

## **RESOLVED**

**That FTC proceed with the installation of an Adshel style metal and glass bus shelter at a cost of £3,000 with works to commence at the start of 2013/14 when HCC has completed the footpath widening works**

**That the Clerk write to HCC Highways expressing the concern of the Town Council at the delay in providing the base for the shelter.**

## **ITEM 9 HDC CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY**

The members considered a request for a grant of £276 from the HDC Chairman's Charity to help support a Rock Choir event through providing the hire of the Chernocke Hall/Function Room free of charge.

## **RESOLVED**

**To approve a grant of £276 to support a Rock Choir event for the HDC Chairman's Charity event**

## **ITEM 10 REQUEST TO PLACE 36 CAR PARKING SPACES ON MERIVALE**

**( Considered at item 5 as all the members of the public were in attendance for this item)**

Cllr Schofield presented a report on a request to place 36 car parking spaces on Merivale to provide parking for parents accessing the nearby schools and park users.

With comments contributed by local residents the following issues were raised:

- Concern that a single entrance would cause congestion

- Concern that travellers could gain access
- Possible problem of motor bikes and other vehicles using the car park
- The parcel of land adjacent to All Saints School entrance is unsightly and could be converted into a more convenient drop off area.
- Concern that any car park may lead to more development
- A belief that there is only a small number of people who park badly and break the law
- Most residents accept that there will be some inconvenience living near a school
- Desire to see more enforcement action
- Parents need a drop-off point, not a car park
- New cycle path could increase the numbers travelling by bike to school.

Following discussion it was

## **RESOLVED**

**That the proposal to develop a car park is not pursued and that the option to provide land for a drop-off point outside the school be investigated further.**

Cllrs Evans (HDC) and Cllr Perthen entered the meeting during discussion on this item

## **ITEM 11 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The members discussed and noted the Town Clerk's report

## **ITEM 12 REPORT FROM HDC**

Cllr Appleton reported on the following matters from HDC:

- Waitrose had met with HDC and confirmed that they wished to remain in Fleet
- An amendment to the HDC budget provided for £160,000 to be set aside for a Pay on Foot system in the car parks, subject to the demonstration of a business case
- The development of the new Leisure Centre is progressing with a projected build date of 2017

The verbal report on HDC matters was noted.

There was no report from the County Council representative.

## **ITEM 13 UPDATE REPORT FROM FLEET FUTURE REPRESENTATIVE**

Members received and noted a report on Fleet Future covering the following:

- A Steering Group is now in place with working groups for all areas
- An analysis is currently being undertaken of all available data
- The project plan is very tight on time
- Any knowledge of further surveys would be appreciated
- £200 was awarded at the recent HVA event

**ITEM 14 STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS/POLICIES etc**

Members noted the report of the Town Clerk and agreed that Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Polices etc would be referred to the next Policy and Finance Committee meeting on 18 March 2013.

**ITEM 15 ACTION DAY 13 APRIL 2013**

Members noted that the next Action Day would be held on Saturday 13 April 2013. Further details will follow in due course

**ITEM 16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 April 2013 at 7.30pm at The Harlington.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.14 pm

**Signed**.....

**Date:**.....