



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

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given of

**A MEETING OF
THE FLEET TOWN COUNCIL**

on

Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7 p.m.

in

The Harlington

All members are summoned to attend

SIGNED:

Town Clerk

Date: 1 October 2015

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.

- Further investigate the development of a new building both with and without the library. This can be accommodated as a retro-fit third floor if the necessary decision from HCC is not immediately forthcoming.
- Explore the positioning and orientation of the new building on Gurkha Square to maximise the adjacent open public space. This is to take account of HDC's ownership of the access road between the car park and the Prince Arthur public house.
- Prepare some street scene elevations to demonstrate the relationship of the proposed building within the existing environment.

These proposals will be emailed to members prior to the Council meeting. Hard copies for viewing will be available at the meeting.

The Council's view/comments are required prior to obtaining the public's view on the outline proposals at the Open Day on 31 October 2015

RECOMMENDATION

To authorise the display of draft proposals to the public at the Open Day on 31 October 2015

Item 7 BASINGSTOKE CANAL JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONSULTATION ON THE REPRESENTATION OF HART PARISHES

At its last meeting the JMC (which oversees management of the Canal) resolved to review its current membership. This is as a result of a vacancy amongst the Committee's current Special Interest Group members, but also as a result of a request from Fleet Town Council wishing to become a full voting Member of the Committee.

The Committee resolved to postpone any decision until its October meeting. This was in order to allow expressions of interest from special interest groups for appointment to the vacant position; but also to allow consultation with partners, riparian parishes and existing special interest groups on whether there was a need to review voting rights.

Further details about the consultation are attached. Responses to the four questions are requested by **Friday 9 October 2015** so that the outcome can be reported to the Joint Management Committee at its meeting on 29th October 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

To indicate suitable responses to the four questions

Item 8 CRISIS RELIEF

To consider a paper prepared by Cllr Smith regarding the Syrian Refugee crisis-copy attached

RECOMMENDATION

To consider Cllr Smith's request

**Item 9 TRANSFER OF ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PARK
FROM BLACKWATER AND HAWLEY TO FTC**

To consider a report on the transfer of land-copy attached

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the transfer of Ancells Farm Community Centre (HP 531515) and Ancells Farm Park (HP531521) to Fleet Town Council

Item 10 COMPLETION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR 2014/2015

To receive the Annual Return and report on the External Audit from BDO for the year ended 31 March 2015. The actions relating to the minor matters raised by the External Auditor, concerning the Action Plan recommended by the Internal Auditor, were reported to The Council on 3 June 2015 and are being progressed

RECOMMENDATION

- a) The report of the external auditor for 2014/2015 is approved and accepted by Full Council

Item 11 NALC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

To receive members' views on the attached survey in order to form a response from FTC to NALC- copy of survey attached

RECOMMENDATION

The instructions of Council be given

Item 12 CO-OPTION

A request from a member of the public for co-option has been received. In view of the Community Governance Review and the number of FTC Councillors, members may wish not to co-opt until this review has been completed

RECOMMENDATION

To confirm that no co-option takes place at this time pending the completion of the Community Governance Review

Item 13 CHRISTMAS CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS-FTC OFFICE

Members will be aware that Christmas Day falls on a Friday. Members are asked to approve the FTC office closure arrangements but are assured that The Harlington will be manned throughout the busy pantomime period and cover will be provided for the cemetery service.

It is requested that the FTC office close at 1pm on Thursday 24 December 2015 and re-open at 9am on Monday 4 January 2016. FTC officers will be required to take annual leave to cover the period 29-31 December 2015 (3 days).

All arrangements will be publicised on the Council's website and noticeboards

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the closure of FTC offices from 1pm on 24 December 2015 until 9am on Monday 4 January 2016

Part 2 – ITEMS TO NOTE

Item 14 FLEET FUTURE

To receive any update on the work of Fleet Future

Item 15 HCC/HDC

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

Item 16 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

Item 17 LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

To note the contents of the local police report up to 31 August 2015

Item 18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at the Harlington at 7pm