



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 6 April 2016

at The Harlington at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Steve Cante, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Denis Gotel, Alex Gray, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Kathy Jasper, Alan Oliver, Dai Pierce, Jeff Smith, Neil Walton, Jonathan Wright

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HCC
Cllr Wheale-HCC/HDC
Mr Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park
Mr Richard Hunt

Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Schofield thanked everyone who had contributed to the successful Annual Residents' Meeting held on the previous evening, including the excellent display by local organisations

It was also reported that Cllr Schofield, representing SPLAT rather than FTC, would be appearing on BBC South on Thursday 7 April 2016 to comment on the latest developments about the Pyestock site. Cllr Parker HDC and the Developer of the site would also be interviewed

Cllr Schofield would report more fully on activity during March 2016 at a future meeting

FC/Apr 16/ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Robinson

FC/Apr16/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Gray-Item 5 Co-option of Mr Richard Hunt

FC/Apr 16/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

FC/Apr16/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes and the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Council received the minutes of the following meetings:

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| Development Control Committee | 14 March 2016 |
| Establishment Committee (confidential and non-confidential) | 9 March 2016 |
| RLA Committee | 16 March 2016 |

FC/Apr16/ITEM 5 CO-OPTION

At the meeting of Council held on 2 March 2016, Members were reminded that a casual vacancy had arisen in the Calthorpe ward due to the resignation of Cllr Forster. No registered voters had requested a by-election.

However an application for co-option had been received from Mr Richard Hunt. The members had deferred consideration until Mr Hunt had the opportunity to provide information regarding his community interests and involvement

Mr Hunt presented himself to the meeting and explained his previous experience including serving as Chairman of the local Planning Advisory Group (PAG), and serving as a councillor on HDC for 6 years.

Mr Hunt explained that his main area of interest was planning and would like to contribute to the slowing down of development in the area.

Mr Hunt explained his interest in Fleet Town Football Club and the development of young people in the sport.

As a Chartered Accountant Mr Hunt would also be able to contribute to overseeing the financial affairs of the Council

RESOLVED

To co-opt Mr Richard Hunt as the Calthorpe Ward member for the remainder of the term of the current Council

FC Apr16/ITEM 6 HCC TRANSPORT ENGAGEMENT ON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Members were advised that HCC had published a transport engagement on community transport questionnaire for completion by 6 May 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Highways and Transportation Working Group, at its meeting on 12 April 2016, be authorised to complete the questionnaire on the Council's behalf with any comments by members to be submitted to Cllr Jasper

FC/Apr16/ITEM 7 LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION GRANT

Members were advised that as part of the grant application, FTC, in conjunction with the LTA, had produced a business plan for the development of tennis in Fleet. The business plan required the establishment of a sinking fund to be used to fund the re-surfacing of the courts after ten years. Members were reminded of the benefits the partnership with the LTA would bring and members expressed the wish that the scheme would help to promote both tennis and FTC. The self-funding nature of the plan after the first year was explained to show that the LTA's involvement was not reliant on government funding.

Issues regarding parking including the imminent adoption of the cycleway through Calthorpe Park were discussed, together with the need to secure an alternative site for any future MUGA

RESOLVED

To approve the establishment of a sinking fund (earmarked reserve) to be used to ring-fence funding for the tennis facility to be re-surfaced at the end of its lifespan

FC/Apr16/ITEM 8 WINCHFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council was advised that Winchfield Parish Council had invited comments on the Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan.

The Plan focussed entirely on the needs of the village and its own requirements and it was explained that it would need to be revised in the light of any emerging Local Plan as it was currently in line only with the existing Local Plan

RESOLVED

To refer the Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan to the Planning Committee to formulate any comments for submission by 29 April 2016

FC/Apr 16/ITEM 9 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members were advised that as a matter of good practice, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations would be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of Council on 11 May 2016. Councillors were therefore invited to submit any suggested areas for amendment to the Town Clerk by 20 April 2016

FC/Apr 16/ITEM 10 SECTOR LED AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS

Members noted that FTC had now opted into the SAA scheme for 5 years to assist with minimising resource implications

FC/MApr16/ITEM 11 POLICE REPORT

No report was available but it was hoped that the local Policing Team would be represented at the next meeting

FC/Apr 16/ITEM 12 FLEET FUTURE

It was reported that Fleet Future, under the leadership of Michael Butcher, had been successful in obtaining a grant to undertake work looking at community deficiencies including youth services and public transport.

Fleet Future had received a certificate to mark the quality of its work

FC/Apr 16/ITEM 13 HCC/HDC

HCC

Cllr Wheale

- Bollards in Stockton Avenue
- Parking for allotments
- Church Road slow signs and markings
- Avondale Road continuing problems with TWA
- Cycle route complaints from Merivale
- Church Road resurfacing
- Fleet Road speed tables
- Glen Road speed tables
- Driver training Kings/Connaught Roads
- Oakley Park fencing
- 20MPH survey results.

Cllr Bennison

- County boundary –Boundary Commission Review
- Fire and Rescue Service changes update

HDC

Cllr Oliver

- Progress on outsourcing the car parking service
- Charity Dinner at Hook Tandoori Monday 11 April 2016

Cllr Gray

- Leisure Centre bookings -report any issues or concerns to Cllr Gray

FC Apr 16/ITEM 14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The report of the Town Clerk was noted with particular attention drawn to:

- Action Day on 23 April 2016 and the need for volunteers
- The installation of a banner across the highway to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday

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 further business of the Council , the Public and Press were excluded from the Meeting.