



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 2 July 2014
at The Harlington at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors Bob Schofield (Chairman), Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Steve Forster, Denis Gotel, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Alan Oliver, Kathy Jasper, Dai Pierce, Richard Robinson, Jeff Smith, Neil Walton, Richard Woods

Also Present

Janet Stanton- ActingTown Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Mike Bye-chairman Friends of Oakley Park
Local residents from Knoll Road for item 5

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Wright

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Forster- Item 5 Parking in Knoll Road
Item 9 Co-option
Cllr Oliver -Item 5 Parking in Knoll Road
Cllr Woods -Item 5 Parking in Knoll Road

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2014 2014 were approved. Cllr Oliver asked to be removed from the Lease Working Group (item 8) because of a conflict with his position within Hart District Council.

The Council received the minutes of the following meetings:
Development Control Committee 9 and 23 June 2014 (noted that Cllr Gotel was present and
Cllr Hope was not present on 23
June 2014)

Establishment Committee 18 June 2014

ITEM 5 PARKING IN KNOLL ROAD

The Chairman welcomed residents from Knoll Road who were present to contribute to the debate on issues regarding parking in Knoll Road.

Local resident Mr Turnbull, presented the residents' concerns regarding parking in Knoll Road and asked for FTC to support their request for measures to be installed to prevent all-day parking.

There followed a debate and comments from those councillors who had made on-site observations of the parking behaviour in Knoll Road including rat runs, speeding and dangerous corners.

Members were also reminded that the new upper deck of parking was now available at the station and contractors' vehicles had reduced on completion of the Premier Inn construction. There were also concerns about the knock-on effect on adjoining roads when new parking measures are introduced.

After careful consideration members agreed that HDC should be informed of FTC's view as follows:

RESOLVED

- a) FTC supports a request to carry out a review looking at the measures available in the wider area including an extension of the double yellow lines by approx. 10metres on Knoll Road from the junction with Elvetham Road
- b) FTC supports the implementation of an afternoon parking restriction ending not later than 3.30pm or alternative measures to prevent parking and increase safety

ITEM 6 TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The members considered a report which explained that at the commencement of the financial year all residual Earmarked Reserves had been carried forward and additional reserves were added in accordance with the resolution of the Council meeting on 7 May 2014

Some additional project funding not identified within the development of the 2014/15 Budget had now been identified, namely;

- i. Additional computer requirements within the office, primarily a new server, two laptop computers and the replacement of three desktop computers initially transferred from HDC.

- ii. Digitised mapping of the cemetery.
- iii. Memorial Testing within the Cemetery

Some reserves to specific projects had been completed and some small residual sums could be returned to General Reserves.

A few items carried forward i.e. elections, were no longer required and could be returned to General Reserves

In conducting this review councillors were reminded that:

- s106 monies relating to Highways had been agreed to improve footpaths, primarily in Basingbourne Park.
- S106 monies for Leisure Projects now stood at a little over £99,000 including the money for the sensory garden

RESOLVED

To adopt the following schedule of Earmarked Reserves including the proposed transfers to and from General Reserves

900 SERIES EAR MARKED RESERVES		Funds at 01/04/14	14/15 Additions	Expenditure to 31/05	Current Balance	Suggested Action
9002	Website Development	£1,425			£1,425	
9004	Cemetery Extension	£4,000	£15,000	£8,900	£10,100	
9006	Park Improvements	£3,123	£25,000	£2,024	£26,099	
9007	Coffee Shop Improvements	£6,018			£6,018	
9008	Elections	£10,000			£10,000	Return to General Reserve
9009	Table Tennis in Parks	£11,212			£11,212	
9010	Computers (1)	£640	£9,000		£9,640	See Note 1
9011	Tree Surgery	£7,250			£7,250	
9014	Office Support	£5,000			£5,000	
9015	Park Signage (s106)	£4,556			£4,556	
9016	Dog bins (s106)	£18			£18	Return to General Reserve
9017	Salary Provision 12/13	£3,186			£3,186	Return to General Reserve
9018	Ancells Farm Decoration	£180			£180	Return to General Reserve
9019	CCTV Harlington	£6,250			£6,250	
9020	CCTV Calthorpe	£9,900		£4,575	£5,325	
9021	Edenbrook Play Area GM	£117,463			£117,463	
9026	Salary Provision 13/14		£10,000		£10,000	
9023	Computerised Tills		£10,000	£480	£9,520	
9027	Carnival Hall Conversion		£14,000		£14,000	
	Basignbourne Paths (grant)		£2,000		£2,000	
	Cemetery Mapping (2)		£2,400		£2,400	
	Cemetery Memorial Testing (3)		£2,500		£2,500	
TOTALS		£190,221	£89,900	£15,979	£264,142	

Note 1 Additional request for new server, 2 laptops and 3 replacement desktop computers

ITEM 7 THE HARLINGTON-PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Members considered a report on the instigation of a public consultation exercise to determine the public demand for future facilities, activities and events at a renovated or new Harlington. It was generally agreed that a more comprehensive public survey including more varied forms of questionnaire than just the electronic survey should be included.

Following debate it was

RESOLVED

- a) To brief an independent consultant (Fenton Market Research) to undertake a survey of public opinion on the future facilities, activities and events at the Harlington
- b) That £5,000 from General Reserves be allocated to fund the consultation and analysis of results

ITEM 8 OAKLEY PARK PAVILION-POSSIBLE CAFÉ

The members considered 'in principle' an expression of interest in the possibility of using Oakley Park pavilion to provide a café.

Following discussion it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the RLA Committee on 16 July 2014 together with the Business Plan submitted by the applicant

ITEM 9 CO-OPTION

The Chairman reported that three applications had been received from candidates expressing an interest on being co-opted onto FTC. One applicant did not meet the criteria previously set by the Council. Letters of application from two other candidates were considered and discussed

RESOLVED

Mr Alex Gray and Mr Steve Cante be co-opted onto FTC to represent the Courtmoor Ward for the remainder of the term of the current Council

ITEM 10 ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Prior to the consideration of the Acting Town Clerk's report, the Chairman, Cllr Schofield, made the following announcements:

- The High Street would be closed for resurfacing works between 8pm-6am for 3 nights from 7 July 2014
- A composite rubber material (Soft Mulch) had replaced the bark under the zip wire and laid around the junior children's play equipment at Ancells Park
- A new Facilities Officer had been appointed and was settling in very well

- HDC wished to initiate discussions on legal aspects regarding the lease of the Harlington. A meeting of the Harlington Development Working Group would be called in the near future
- The cricket club and Basingbourne Scouts lease finalisation was progressing well
- There had been no meeting of the Highways and Transportation partnership on 1 July. Cllr Wheale was away on holiday the other Parishes had indicated no interest in continuing the Partnership as they had their own arrangements.
- The BBC had filmed pond dipping in Oakley Park for Cbeebies
- Judging of Oakley Park and Ancells Park would take place by South and South East in Bloom on Tuesday 8 July 2014

The members then considered and noted the update report of the Acting Town Clerk

ITEM 11 RECRUITMENT OF FACILITIES OFFICER

The appointment of Deborah Kirby as the new Facilities Officer was noted and welcomed

ITEM 12 FLEET FUTURE

Cllr Schofield reported that he had attended a recent Steering Committee. Three reports on Parking, Rates and Empty Buildings were due to be published. The Fleet Film Club had also been launched which was as a result of a Fleet Future initiative

ITEM 13 HDC/HCC UPDATE

- The planning application for Edenbrook Phase 2 had been approved
- Funding for the design phase of the Hart Leisure Centre had been approved
- Planning applications were imminent for Grove Farm, Watery Lane and Pale Lane
- A consensual Cabinet representing the three main groupings had been formed

ITEM 14 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was noted that Cllr Woods had decided to join the RLA Committee rather than the Policy and Resources Committee

ITEM 15 STAFF

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 business of the Establishment Sub Committee, the Public and Press will be excluded from the Meeting.

ITEM 16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 3 September 2014 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.19 pm

Signed:..... Date.....

Chairman