



## **FLEET TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

### **Present**

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

### **Also Present**

James Corrigan-Town Clerk  
Janet Stanton-Deputy Town Clerk  
Sheila Rayner- Committee Clerk

Cllr Parker-HDC  
Cllr Wheale-HDC/HCC

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Fisher, Pierce, Robinson and Hill

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

Cllrs Tilley and Perthen Item 10 – Fleet Future

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

There were no questions from the public

### **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 9 January 2013.

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings

Development Control	14, 28 January 2013
Policy and Finance	9 January 2013
Recreation, Leisure and Amenities	16 January 2013

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## **ITEM 5 BUDGET 2013/2014**

The Town Clerk confirmed that all Councillors had signed the necessary dispensation which allowed them to set the precept.

The Town Clerk presented the report and figures which showed that the Council tax increase could be held at 0%. The calculation as a consequence of the decrease in the tax base, but the addition of the Council Tax Revenue Support Grant increases the Precept received by £28,373. This results in a small surplus over the identified operating costs which could be utilised to fund some of the projects on the capital wish list. The final version of this list will be considered at a future meeting.

There was a discussion about the level of provision for grants and the size of the Harlington deficit which the Town Clerk reported he hoped to reduce to below £100,000 in future years. This will be primarily achieved through driving up revenues. Provision for CCTV at various locations was also explained.

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Council Tax increase be 0%**

Note there was no Agenda Item 6

## **ITEM 7 FLORAL DISPLAYS**

The members considered a report on the appointment of a contractor to provide floral displays during 2013.

Quotations had been obtained from 4 suppliers to provide, install and maintain floral hanging baskets, planters and barrier baskets throughout the town.

Following discussion and an acknowledgement of the success and popularity of the floral displays during 2012 the appointment of a contractor for 3 years was approved.

### **RESOLVED**

- **That subject to satisfactory performance and the inclusion of an appropriate break clause to achieve this, a three year contract be awarded to Amethyst Horticulture Ltd, in the sum of £41,058 (£13,686 pa)**
- **That the balance of the floral display be used to further enhance floral displays through additional displays at the gateways to the town**

## **ITEM 8 GRANT APPLICATION HART YOUNG MUSICIAN**

The members considered an application for grant in the sum of £ 200 as a contribution towards the running expenses of the 2013 competition, from the Hart Young Musician of the Year Competition.

### **RESOLVED**

**To approve a grant of £200 for 2013 to the Hart Young Musician of the Year Competition**

## **ITEM 9 GRANT APPLICATION ALDERSHOT AND FARNHAM CAMERA CLUB**

The members considered an application for grant in the sum of £200 to help finance a competition and support the expense of an exhibition at the Harlington on 12/13 April 2013, of the work of members of the Aldershot and Farnham Camera Club

### **RESOLVED**

**To approve a grant of £200 to the Aldershot and Farnham Camera Club**

## **ITEM 10 GRANT APPLICATION FLEET FUTURE**

The members considered an application for a grant of £1,000 from Fleet Future to assist in funding the initial administrative costs necessary to set up the Town Team and establish a means to engage with the Fleet community.

### **RESOLVED**

**To approve a grant of £1,000 to Fleet Future**

## **ITEM 11 FOOD FESTIVAL**

The application was withdrawn

## **ITEM 12 FUNDING FOR ARTIFICIAL FLOODLIT FOOTBALL PITCH**

The members considered a report on the availability of S106 funding initially intended for an artificial football pitch at Hitches Lane. The members noted that there were time restrictions when this money could become available for a five a side facility. Members were anxious to ensure that the Town Clerk pursue the release of this funding for the Town Council.

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to pursue the funding for Fleet Town Council.**

## **ITEM 13 FLEET TOWN CENTRE-ON STREET PARKING**

The members considered a report which explained that following the submission of FTC's proposals regarding 30 minute free parking in Fleet Road, HCC had suggested that one additional disabled bay is added outside 'Subway'. There was a detailed discussion, including input from Cllr Wheale(HCC) and Cllr Parker (HDC) . Members referred to the perceived abuse of blue badges and the high provision of disabled spaces which FTC hopes will be addressed when the parking scheme is reviewed in the coming 12 months.

## **RESOLVED**

- **FTC supports the installation of a disabled bay outside Subway in lieu of one space outside McDonalds i.e. the overall number of disabled spaces is maintained**
- **That FTC informs HCC and HDC of its concerns about the perceived abuse of blue badges, the perceived abuse of disabled spaces and the perceived lack of monitoring and enforcement.**

## **ITEM 14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report on progress since the last meeting, including matters relating to:

- Budget development
- Fleet Future
- Rates review – The Town Clerk was thanked for his success regarding the Business Rates Register and the refund of overpayments to FTC
- Reconfiguration of the Harlington Building
- Car Parking Review in Fleet
- Staff Handbook
- Ancells Community Centre contribution to car parking maintenance costs
- Skate Park insurance claim
- Edenbrook Play Area
- Cycle link through Calthorpe Park and The Views ( Contract to be signed by Town Clerk after his return from leave on 18 February 2013)
- Development of Capital Wish List
- Development of cost saving and income generating ideas
- Addressing administrative shortages
- Staff development
- Calthorpe Park Development Plan
- Ancells Park Development Plan
- Oakley Park Development Plan
- Tree survey
- Community Hub ( noted that the Council will be updated once information regarding the proposed scheme for Gurkha Square is finalised)
- Awards for All Grant ( The Town Clerk was thanked for this success)
- Collating and cataloguing leases held by FTC
- Targets for January and February

## **RESOLVED**

**That the Town Clerk's report be noted**

## **ITEM 15 HDC/HCC MATTERS**

The members considered the report of Cllr Collett(HCC) and Cllr Evans (HDC) (copy attached to record minutes)

Cllr Appleton also reported that the HDC Leisure Centre Working Group was now considering the options and Cllr Schofield reported that the cycle way contract had been agreed and would shortly be signed with a 24 week programme to complete the work in both Calthorpe Park and The Views

**RESOLVED**

**That these reports be noted**

**ITEM 16 ROAD CLOSURE ORDER**

The members noted a Road Closure Order at Hitches Lane between Pilcot Road and Calthorpe School on 6 May 2013. It was noted that a request would be made by FTC that measures be taken to prevent parking on the highway verge.

Members were also reminded of the imminent closure of Aldershot Road for sewer repairs.

**ITEM 17 ALTERATION TO 2010 RATING LIST**

The Members noted a proposal to alter the 2010 Rating List regarding the Sports Pavilion at Basingbourne Park

**ITEM 18 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 at 7.30pm at The Harlington.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28 pm

**Signed**.....

**Date**:.....