



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 5 April 2017

at The Harlington at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT**

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

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk  
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Cllr Forster-HDC (entered the meeting at 7.20pm)

Mike Bye-Friends of Oakley Park

Cllr Schofield thanked all those members who had attended the Annual Residents' Meeting on 28 March 2017, which had been attended by 180 people

**FC/April 2017/ ITEM 1                      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was an apology for absence from Cllr Walton

**FC/April 2017/ITEM 2                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest

**FC/April 2017/ITEM 3                      QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public

## **FC/April 2017/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

With the addition of those not present to be added to the confidential minute of the Council, the minutes and the confidential minute of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2017 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 27 March 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Schofield reported that after the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 27 March 2017, the Harlington Working Group had met earlier in the day on 5 April 2017 and had been advised of a query regarding the postcodes of some respondents to the consultation on the Harlington had arisen. It was confirmed that postcodes had been checked by Fenton Market Research and a couple of anomalies had been corrected.

Furthermore, on Monday 20 March 2017, following closure of the consultation period on Saturday 18 March 2017, a further 42 responses had been delivered to the civic offices in error or through the post. As those delivered through the post would have been posted before the deadline, they were all passed to Fenton Market Research so that the final numbers could be adjusted. Respondents now numbered 1523 and the documentation would be amended accordingly and circulated to members.

A note of the revised total would be noted on the minutes of the Annual Resident' meeting on the website

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meeting:

Special meeting of the Establishment Committee 5 October 2016 whose presentation to Council on 2 November 2016 had inadvertently been overlooked. It was considered by Council that item 3 of the minutes be so **RESOLVED**

Development Control Committee	27 February and 13 March 2017
Policy and Finance Committee	20 February 2017
RLA Committee	15 March 2017
Establishment Committee with its recommendation	22 March 2017

The recommendation at item 7( Duty Managers hourly pay rate from 1 April 2017) be so **RESOLVED**

Cllr Forster entered the meeting at 7.20pm. Cllr Schofield passed on the condolences of the Council to Cllr Forster on his recent sad loss.

## **FC/April 2017 ITEM 5 THIRD INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

The Council received the third interim internal audit report and associated action plan.

### **RESOLVED**

To receive and note the third interim internal audit report and plan dated 10 March 2017

**FC/April 2017/ITEM 6 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Members were reminded that as a matter of good practice, arrangements were in place for the officers to review Standing Orders/Financial Regulations and for any proposed amendments to be considered at the Annual meeting of the Council on 10 May 2017. For example, a query had arisen regarding SO 12 Rescission of previous resolutions and whether SO 12 applies to both committee and council resolutions or only council resolutions

Members are therefore invited to suggest, for consideration by Council, any revisions to Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. These should be submitted to the Town Clerk by 20 April 2017

**RESOLVED**

That members submit any proposed changes to the Standing Orders or Financial Regulations to the Town Clerk by 20 April 2017 for consideration at the Annual Council meeting on 10 May 2017

**FC/April 2017/ITEM 7 2017/2018 BUDGET ALLOCATION**

The final version of the 2017/2018 budget allocation was presented and received

**RESOLVED**

Subject to the correction to £8450 (from £8650) at Ancells Farm, the final allocation of the 2017/2018 budget was adopted

**FC/April 2017/ITEM 8 FINANCIAL MONITORING**

Cllr Robinson having confirmed that the bank reconciliation for February 2017 was satisfactory, it was

**RESOLVED**

To receive into the minutes the Cash Book, and the List of Payments and Receipts for February 2017

**FC/ April 2017 /ITEM 9 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE 2017/2018**

Members considered the revised version of the meetings timetable for 2017/2018. The revisions were noted and with one further adjustment it was

**RESOLVED**

That the revised timetable be submitted to the Annual Council meeting on 10 May 2017

**FC/ April 2017 /ITEM 10 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION PETITION**

Members noted that a petition had been received from members of the public regarding the Harlington Development (as the petition contained names and addresses the actual petition document was treated as confidential)

## **FC/April 2017 /ITEM 11 FLEET HALF MARATHON**

The members were pleased to note the receipt of a letter of thanks from the organisers of the Fleet Half Marathon which had been held on 19 March 2017 and had been a very successful event

## **FC/April 2017 ITEM 12 HCC/HDC**

### **HDC**

Cllr Forster reported on :

- A meeting with the Blackwater Valley Transport Advisory Committee and SW Trains which had considered issues at Fleet Railway Station regarding
  - free use of disabled parking spaces
  - clamping of vehicles belonging to persistent non-payers
  - planned 80 extra parking spaces at Winchfield station
  - installation of ticket gates
  - extra fast service at peak times from April 2018
- Possibility of FTC representation on Blackwater Valley Transport Advisory Committee for discussions related to Fleet Station and the associated rail service.
- An update on the waste service
- Electric vehicle event with over 300 in attendance
- Update on development at Elvetham Chase with regard to traffic alleviation schemes

Cllr Oliver reported on:

- SW Trains work at Waterloo
- SW trains franchise change (not timetable or staff)

## **FC/April 2017 ITEM 13 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The report of the Town Clerk was noted and in particular:

- Recruitment to the two vacant posts
- Possible cooption drive as there were now 4 vacancies on FTC
- Fleet BID AGM on 24th April 2017

## **FC/April 2017/ ITEM 14 ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING**

The minutes of the Annual Residents' meeting held on 28 March 2017 were noted and will be placed on the FTC website

**FC/April 2017 ITEM 15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 10 May 2017 at the Harlington at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8 pm

Chairman.....Date.....