

MINUTES OF THE FLEET TOWN COUNCIL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

27 October 2010 7.30pm
The Harlington

Councillors

R. Appleton (Chair), R. Schofield, D Pierce, S. Forster, S. Fisher, S. Forster, C. Macallan.

Also Present

Shar Roselman – Clerk
Cllr Healey.
Cllr Woods arrived at 7.55 pm.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 2: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Forster declared an interest in aspects dealing with guide dogs for the blind. This item was not on the agenda, but was referred to in terms of the budget for small works from Hampshire County Council.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 3: PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Healey raised the question of HGV's travelling down the High Street and through the Parish.

This point will be raised at the Highways Partnership Meeting. Shar Roselman to action.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 4: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved to receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the H&T meeting held on the 27 September 2010.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 5: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

The minutes of the Highways and Transportation Partnership Consultative Group were received.

It was resolved to write to the District Council to request information on the ownership of benches in Fleet Road. Shar Roselman to Action

It was further resolved to raise again at the Partnership meeting the issue of speeding on Elventham Road especially at the Church Road Junction. Other speeding concerns were also to be raised. **Shar Roselman to action.**

Cllr McClellan will produce a plan of the dangerous curb at the Canal Bridge for the next Partnership Meeting.

It was resolved to create a Town Council list of small capital works projects at the next Highways and Transport Meeting, suitable for the Small Capital works budget held by Hampshire County Council. **Councillors to bring items for consideration to the meeting.**

It was noted that the letter sent to residents on road closure of Fleet Road was incorrect.

Resolved that the issue of Fleet Town Council contributing 50% of the funding for signs at Town Entry points will be put into the agenda for the next meeting.
Action: Shar Roselman

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 6: SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The following roads were identified for SID's during the meeting.

Elventham Road,
Reading Road North
Basingbourne Road
Velmeed Road
Crookham Road
Ancells Road
Reading Road South
Aldershot Road.
Tavistock Road
Hitches Lane
King's Road
Albert Street

Resolved that Cllr Forster would produce a list of exact locations for SID's on these road, adding in individual councillor's concerns as produced in the list circulated by the clerk. These would be communicated to John Foggo, through the Town Clerk. Action: Cllr Forster

It was noted that only 7 locations were listed during a year. The committee discussed considering Connel Road for a 20 m per hour limit.

Resolved to consider a blanket speed limit through Fleet at the next meeting.
Action: Shar Roselman

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 7: GRIT BINS

It was discussed that in principle the Town Council were happy with the policy for grit bins. Cllrs Wheale's comments on placement of bins were discussed as was the need for a bin at

the bottom of Basingbourne Road. Cllr Woods requested that the Grit Bins allocations policy be circulated again.

Resolved that the Town Council write to Steve Pellett to request a new date for the distribution of grit bins, as the anticipated date of end of October has already expired. Action: Shar Roselman

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 8: FLEET LINK

The council discussed the usage figures that were distributed. It was noted that these figures of approximately 50 users indicate that the same users are making use of the service, without much growth. It was established that the Fleet Link does not go to the hospital at Frimley Park.

A discussion ensued about how to promote the service. The following points were raised:

There was a need to create a map which could go into major centres.

Advertisements should be placed at the Hart Leisure Centre, and the Station.

We could establish whether major stores in town would be willing to place advertisements in their stores.

It was important to target destinations rather than where people live.

We would like to establish how much spare capacity there is on the bus.

The Harlington could be used for advertising, and more brochures were required as those that had been delivered had gone quickly.

Could routes to the Harlington be scheduled, particularly when events were taking place?

It was resolved that Cllr Woods and Cllr Schofield would be the Town Council representatives for a meeting on the Fleet Link Bus.

Action items: Posters in shops and doctors offices. Cllrs Fisher and Forster. Cllr Fisher to provide a human interest story in the first Fleet Town Council Newsletter. A better leaflet/poster to be produced. Cllr Woods would discuss this during a meeting with the Fleet Link Bus Service.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 9. HELICOPTERS/SMALL AIRCRAFT

This item was withdrawn from the agenda before this meeting, to be put onto the next agenda.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 10. COMMUNICATION WITH S.W. TRAINS

Cllr Appleton circulated minutes of the meeting he had with S.W. Trains.

It was noted that the mainline would be overcrowded in Farnborough by 2016 and that Hart District Council would be discussing extra parking as part of the LDF process.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 11: BLACKWATER VALLEY MEETING REPRESENTATIVE

It was resolved that a representative would be appointed when the opportunity to do so arose again.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 12: ANNUAL PARISH TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE

It was resolved that on this occasion we do not have a representative, but would write to Laura Webb asking whether councillors from other local parishes had been invited, also to request more notice and an agenda for next year's meeting.

Action: Shar Roselman

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 13: RUSHMOOR AND HART PASSENGER TRANSPORT FORUM

The council discussed whether Fleet Link could be used as a back-up to public transport.

It was resolved that Cllrs Fisher and Schofield would represent Fleet Town Council at this forum.

H&T OCT 2010 ITEM 14: PARKING CHARGES

It was resolved that, in the light of budgets being prepared, the Town Clerk would write to Hart District Council, discussing the concerns of the council regarding parking charges in the town, and any proposed increases, and requesting the opportunity to open meaningful dialogue with the District Council on this subject, particularly in relation to how the District Council, through its parking policies, could help make the Harlington a successful and thriving community facility.

Action: Cllr Forster, Cllr Schofield and the clerk to meet on this issue.

The following were highlighted as concerns:

That there is a need to promote Fleet Businesses, and parking charges are a major issue in attracting people to the town.

That there be no decrease in red bays.

That there be no increase in short term parking fees.

That we would like to put in a bid to the District Council that parking be free after 7 pm in order to revitalise the Harlington and the Town Centre.

That there is a lot of public disquiet about parking charges.

That businesses would support anything that encourages dwell time.

That smart cards don't allow parkers to benefit from evening rates.

Whether there is a possibility of changing meters to give tickets for the amount of money put in.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.47 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23rd November 2010 at 7.30 at the Harlington. Please note that this is a change of date to allow for the Fleet Festivities event on the 24th November.

Signed.....

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