



**FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of

THE FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

**4 July, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.
The Harlington**

All members are summoned to attend

To: Cllrs R Schofield, (Chair), R Appleton, C Axam, C Butler,
G Chenery, P Einchcomb, S Fisher, S Forster, D Gotel, A Hill, L Holt,
A Hope, A Oliver, D Pierce, H Perthen, R Robinson,
S Tilley, W. Vincent, G Woods.

Signed:
TOWN CLERK

Date: 27 June 2012

AGENDA

Item 1 APOLOGIES

Schedule 12 of the LGA 1972 requires a record to be kept of members present, and that this record forms part of the minutes of the meeting. A resolution must be passed on whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.

Item 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) order 2007, members must declare any interest and the nature of that interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of a personal interest that they have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. A personal interest will be considered a prejudicial interest if this is one in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the members' judgement of the public interest.

Item 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

(3 Min per person maximum 15 minutes)

To receive questions and statements from members of the public.

Item 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2012.

To receive the minutes of the following committee meetings and to return to committees any issues for reconsideration.

Highways & Transportation Committee 30 May 2012

Planning Meeting 11 and 25 June 2012

Development Control Meeting 11 and 25 June 2012

Policy and Finance 18 June 2012

Recreation, Leisure and Amenities 20 June 2012

** Attached minutes of meetings as above

To note the minutes of the Police Liaison Meeting 12 June 2012-copy attached

Part 1 – ITEMS FOR DECISION

5 HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULATION ON A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND TAVISTOCK AND ALL SAINTS SCHOOLS

The Planning Commiittee at its meetings on 11 and 25 June 2012 considered the Education Authority's proposal to extend Tavistock and All Saints Schools. After lengthy deliberation the Committee formulated the following draft comments:

1. Fleet Town Council is of the view that

- 1 The preferred solution is a new school to meet the current and future needs of an expanded Fleet and Church Crookham and surrounding area
- 2 The proposed solution of providing additional classrooms is not sufficient . The quality and ethos of the schools will be affected without a corresponding extension to the schools' core facilities. If there is not a new school, the disconnect between the timescales of the LDF and the School Places Plan will lead to an extension of every primary school in Fleet and Church Crookham and will still result in a shortage of school places.
- 3 There is a lack of additional parking spaces within the school grounds at All Saints School. It is not possible to see if the same is true of Tavistock School from the plan.
- 4 There should be protection of amenity of the area for surrounding residents during the construction phase
- 5 These plans will create additional traffic problems and parking issues. FTC does not consider that School Travel Plans are effective because:
 - a. Currently pupils are allocated to the schools from a wide catchment area
 - b. All Saints is a Church School and therefore has a wider catchment area
 - c. There are 3 schools in this area, and Hampshire County Council (HCC) separately is preparing plans to expand the

other one (Calthorpe Park secondary school) by 45%. The plans for all 3 need to be taken together when assessing the impact on the surrounding area. For instance, it is possible to provide a drop off point for all 3 schools as part of the plans for Calthorpe Park school expansion. By consulting separately on the plans for the 2 primary schools it looks as if HCC is not considering any such options that might reduce the negative impacts on the surrounding residents. FTC considers that it should.

- d. Experience over the last 6 years, since school travel plans were introduced, has been shown to have little impact and little support from HCC.
 - e. Many parents drop pupils off on their way to work or have multiple school drops which renders other means of transport to school as less attractive.
 - f. There is concern that there has been no equality assessment with so many women taking children school
6. In future there should be improved joint planning between HCC Education Authority and HDC(Planning / Housing / Service provision)
2. FTC should request a meeting with School Governors to discuss the issues and implications of the proposals

RECOMMENDATION

That the comments set out above be adopted by Fleet Town Council for onward transmission to Hampshire County Council and that a meeting be sought with the Governors of the schools.

Item 6 INVESTMENT STRATEGY

To receive a report and recommendation from the Town Clerk on the Council long and medium term investment strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Town Clerk be delegated to invest the Councils long term reserves, earmarked reserves and shorter term reserves in appropriate term accounts paying the highest interest rates.

That the investments are with the Co-operative Bank in the First instance.

That the choice of Banks to use in the future is delegated to the Finance committee.

That the Town Clerk reports back to the Finance Committee at least twice a year on investment performance and strategy.

That this policy be incorporated within the Council's Financial Regulations

report attached

Item 7 REQUEST BY CROOKHAM VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL TO JOINTLY DEVELOP AN UNDER 12'S PLAY AREA ON GROUND AT SWAN WAY.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council advises on what further action should be undertaken at this early stage.

** Town Clerks' Report attached**

Item 8 REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION GRANT TO HAVE STALL IN HARLINGTON FREE OF CHARGE, COST £12 plus VAT

Request for free stall to raise funds for Heart2Heart Appeal, Frimley Park Hospital.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Grant is approved and the Town Clerk reviews the system to provide facilities free of charge or at a reduced rate with a view to reducing bureaucracy.

Application attached

Item 9 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting cycle

That the attendance of an officer at a Working Party is only required when there is a compelling case to justify the attendance.

That the Finance and Policy meeting takes place immediately following full Town Council every month except for August and that this is to consider income and expenditure and Bank reconciliation except for the Months of June, September, December and March when a full analysis of financial performance will take place.

That Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee reduce its frequency to quarterly sitting in the months of April, July, October and January.

That the Highways and Transport Committee is suspended and an agenda item of the same name is added to the full Town Council meeting in the Months of June, September, December and March. Also that a Highways and Transport Working Party is established to meet if deemed necessary.

That the changes take immediate effect.

Delegation of Budgets to Officers / Committees

That all budgets are delegated to relevant officers or committee as set out below.

101	Central Administration	-	Deputy Town Clerk
105	Civic and Democratic	-	Town Clerk
110	Grants	-	Finance committee
201	Harlington Centre	-	Operations Manager
205	Ancells Community Centre	-	Operations Manager
208	Ancells Farm Sports pavilion	-	Sports & Recreation Officer
301	Open Spaces	-	Sports & Recreation Officer
310	Calthorpe Park	-	Sports & Recreation Officer
315	Oakley Park	-	Sports & Recreation Officer
320	Basingbourne Park	-	Sports & Recreation Officer
320	Cemetery	-	Deputy Town Clerk
900	Earmarked reserves	-	Finance Committee

** Town Clerks' Report attached**

Item 10 ADOPTING THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopts the new personal and prejudicial interest clause in addition to the existing scheme with a view to adopting the new scheme when the Monitoring Officer makes his recommendations to Parish and Town Councils.

**** Town Clerks' Report attached****

**Item 11 TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE TO HCC TRAFFIC STATEMENT
CONSULTATION**

To consider draft response and to decide on a final response to HCC.

RECOMMENDATION

To agree a final response to HCC's Traffic Statement

****Core Strategy Working Parties draft response to be circulated****

Part 1 – ITEMS TO NOTE

None

Item 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting:

Wednesday 5TH September 7.30pm at The Harlington, Fleet Road, Fleet