



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

**Wednesday 1 October 2014
at The Harlington at 7pm**

PRESENT

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

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner-Committee Clerk

Mike Bye- Friends of Oakley Park
Sue Fisher and Nigel Pool –Churches Together

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Wright

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Forster Item 5 Grant policy
Cllr Oliver Item 10 HDC Car Parking Pay on Exit
Cllr Smith Item 7 Draft response to HDC's consultation on housing development options

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mike Bye reported that the Council agendas for 3 September and 1 October 2014 were not available on the FTC website. The officers undertook to rectify this

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2014 were approved

Arising from item 7 –progress on renewal of leases- Cllr Schofield reported on the cost to obtain a reasonable market value. A quote had been obtained from a local valuer in the sum of £375+VAT to provide reasonable market values for land occupied by scouts(2) girl guides, cricket club and The Lions. It was suggested that the Football Club should also be added and

that if the HDC valuer was not cheaper, then the intention was to proceed with the instruction to the local valuer. This was noted and agreed by the members.

The Council received the minutes of the following meetings:

Development Control Committee 26 August, 8 and 22 September 2014

Planning Committee 22 September 2014

Establishment Committee 17 September 2014 (non-confidential and confidential minutes)

ITEM 5 GRANT POLICY

In accordance with Standing Order 12(a) and the receipt of written notice from 7 councillors to review the grant policy, the members considered para 2.3 of the existing policy which read :

Only one grant application shall be considered in any one year by any one organisation

Following careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

To amend para 2.3 of the grant policy to :

Only one grant application by any organisation may be considered in any one year, except where the organisation is promoting more than one unrelated event and each event is deemed to be of benefit to the community

ITEM 6 GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) Fleet and District Festival Committee

The members considered a grant application for £3,000 from the Fleet and District Festival Committee

RESOLVED

To approve a grant of £3,000 for costs associated with the Christmas Festival

b) Fleet Town Centre Project

The members considered a grant application for £2,000 from the Fleet Town Centre Project (Fleet Angels).

Following a detailed explanation from Nigel Pool and Sue Fisher, the members indicated that in future years they would expect a greater contribution from the night time economy providers

RESOLVED

To approve a grant of £2,000 for costs associated with the Fleet Town Centre project

c) Aldershot Town FC Community Trust

The members considered a grant application from Aldershot Town FC Community Trust for £500 to allow free usage of Oakley Park during school holiday periods. Following careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

- a) To approve a grant of £100 to allow the free use of Oakley Park during school holiday periods
- b) To add the Aldershot Town FC Community Trust to the Council's list of 'core clients'

ITEM 7 DRAFT RESPONSE TO HART DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

Following discussion at the Planning Committee held on 22 September 2014, Cllr Schofield presented a suggested response to Hart District Council's consultation on housing development options

RESOLVED

With the addition of the words *any necessary infrastructure is implemented prior to occupation of the development*, the response was adopted as FTC's response to HDC's consultation on housing development options

Cllr Smith abstained from voting

ITEM 8 PARISH BOUNDARY SIGNS

Members were reminded of the background and original funding proposals for the new boundary Welcome to Fleet signs, however HCC had now agreed to fund the entire cost of the project. Various designs for the signs and the proposed locations were then considered

RESOLVED

- a) The words 'welcome to' to be in a smaller font, the word 'FLEET' to be in a larger font with a FTC logo and a small HCC logo in the bottom right hand corner, preferably on a reflective material
- b) With a request to amend the location of the B3013 sign at Award/Roundton Roads, the remaining proposed locations were agreed

ITEM 9 STANDING ORDERS

The members considered a report which dealt with some anomalies and the requirement to accommodate the amendment to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED

To agree the amendments to Standing Orders to deal with minor anomalies (SO12(b), SO 25(b) and SO 26(b), the deletion of SO4 (b) xiii, and to accommodate the effect of the amendment to

the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 which permitted the filming, photographing or audio recording of a meeting

ITEM 10 HDC CAR PARKING PAY ON EXIT REPORT

The members considered a report on Fleet car parking proposals which would be considered by the HDC Cabinet on 2 October 2014.

Cllr Schofield reminded the members that in December 2013 HDC had invited FTC to consider how they may be able to use a sum of £117,000 available through North Hampshire Transportation Strategy (NHTS). FTC had indicated that a sum of £45,000 could be made available to support any Pay on Exit car parking proposal, which represented 50% of the expected cost of such a scheme. The remaining £70,000 would be allocated to the upgrading of the footpaths in Basingbourne Park.

HDC had now indicated that the projected cost of the Pay on Exit parking scheme was £190,000 and a total contribution of £ 90,000 was being sought from FTC. After a full discussion and receiving an update on the progress of upgrading footpath in Basingbourne Park it was

RESOLVED

- a) FTC agree to support any Pay on Exit parking scheme in Fleet through a contribution of £45,000 from existing NHTS funds and a further contribution of up to £45,000 or 50% of the total cost, whichever is lesser, from future NHTS funds
- b) FTC to be included in any Pay on Exit tender evaluation exercise
- c) That FTC's position as set out in their letter to HDC dated 17 September 2014, is reiterated
- d) An unencumbered car park payment rate review be completed within 12 months

Cllr Oliver took no part in the discussion or voting

ITEM 11 BASINGBOURNE PARK ALL WEATHER FOOTPATHS

Members were reminded that the upgrading of footpaths in Basingbourne Park had been approved as a project and that estimated costs had been sought. The lowest quotation that had been received provided for every path to be upgraded with an all-weather surface, at a total cost of £66,000. Members were reminded that this expenditure could be met from the existing NHTS fund

RESOLVED

To accept the quotation in the sum of £66,000 for the upgrading of all the paths in Basingbourne Park and to authorise the Town Clerk to request the release of NHTS funding from Hart District Council

ITEM 12 REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS PLAN

Members noted that they were individually invited to submit their views on the Hampshire Countryside Access Plan

ITEM 13 KNOLL ROAD PARKING UPDATE

Following FTC’s support of the request by local residents to review car parking measures in the Knoll Road area, the decision of Hart Town Council in response to the request was reported to the members. Local members were of the view that the proposals would overcome the original concerns

ITEM 14 TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk presented a progress report on a range of matters. As a result of this consideration, members requested that the status of the adoption of the cycleway in Calthorpe Park should be followed up and that clarification of the purpose of the Harlington survey should be provided on social media such as twitter, facebook etc.

The content of the report was noted

ITEM 15 FLEET FUTURE

Cllr Schofield reported on the first triumvirate meeting between FTC, HDC and Fleet Future. Fleet Future would review their business plan for future funding by November 2014

ITEM 16 HCC/HDC

Cllr Oliver reported that the HDC Cabinet would consider parking in Fleet on Thursday 2 October 2014 and that an issue regarding refuse bin collections in private unmade up roads was under consideration

ITEM 17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at the Harlington at 7pm

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 were excluded from the Meeting.

ITEM 18 CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

- a) Re-organisation

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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

Chairman