



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 5 September 2018

at The Harlington at 7pm

Councillors

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Ruth Ashworth, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Alan Hope, Kathy Jasper, James Kirkpatrick, Alan Oliver, Mike Peddell, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, Sharyn Wheale, Peter Wildsmith, Ruth Williams, George Woods, Jonathan Wright

Also Present

Janet Stanton-Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner –Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison –HCC
Cllr Collett-HCC
Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC

Ian Doorbar- Footsteps Day Nursery
Mr Grant-Fleet Town Football Club
Richard and Claire Whittington-Fleet Town Football Club

Tim Burt-Local resident
Val Clinch-Local resident
Terry Froggatt-Local resident
David Fishpool-Local resident
Sebastion Gidley-Local resident
Mr Jebson-Local resident
Brian Sexton-Local resident

The Chairman informed the members that former Councillor, Mr Jeff Smith , had been taken very ill on holiday in Italy. He remained in a very poorly condition and was due to be repatriated to the UK on Friday 7 September 2018

The Council asked for best wishes for a speedy recovery to be sent to Mr Smith's wife and family

- Drive to school impact event possibly on 17 September 2018
- Setting up of Hart the Bus on Facebook
- Meeting of HCC on 20 September 2018
- Similar action groups had been set up in Hook
- Importance of speedy commissioning of the assessment before HCC make a final decision
- Importance of a professional assessment

Cllr Woods had suggested Hart the Bus/Friends of Ancells submit an application for a grant to fund an independent safe route to school assessment but commended that FTC fund the independent assessment directly

RESOLVED unanimously

That FTC allocate £ 1188 to fund an independent safe route assessment by Fenley Road Safety Ltd of Reading, accredited by Highways England

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 6 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Chairman informed members that:

- The consultation process was progressing
- The newsletter was being distributed
- The exhibition would open on Friday 7 September 2018
- A delay on the publication of the information booklet due to the Post Office delayed approval of the standard pre-paid response card to the questionnaire.

RESOLVED

To note the current situation with a copy of the brochure to be circulated to all members

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 7 LIONS COMMUNITY STORE

The members considered the proposed Lions Community Store lease. Following some minor clarifications it was

RESOLVED

To approve the Lions Community Store Lease for signature.

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 8 FLEET FOOTBALL CLUB

The members considered a range of issues outlined in a letter that had been received from Fleet Town Football club. The issues pertained almost entirely to the lease which fell within the remit of full Council and not the RLA committee

Members were reminded of the long history of disputes between FTC and the Fleet Town Football Club (FTFC) which had dogged the relationship, concerning lease and covenant issues

Earlier agreements regarding lighting and the number of games had been ignored by FTFC. There had been various breaches of the lease conditions and this had caused friction between FTC Residents and FTFC. Local residents had not been consulted on proposals which potentially could have a negative effect on them.

FTC members confirmed their support for a successful community football club and wished a harmonious relationship with FTFC. The Council recognised the potential community asset that the Club could offer.

Mr Grant of FTFC apologised for the historical oversights and explained that he had only been the club chairman since April 2017

Permission to establish a nursery would provide a regular income which could be ploughed back into the club

It was not only the lease requirements that were at issue, but also the covenants placed on the whole of Calthorpe Park.

There was a lengthy discussion including:

- Traffic movements and safety associated with dropping-off and collecting the children
- Previous waiving of rent payments
- Alleged minimal play noise by some members
- Continuing need for nursery places
- Need to engage with local residents
- Children arriving departing throughout the day
- Prevention of vandalism
- Loss of trust by local residents and FTFC
- Noise issues
- Commercial element of a nursery
- Important encouragement of youth to play football
- The need for an improved dialogue between FTC and FTFC
- Reminder of the recent financial support of FTC toward a new pavilion
- The need for FTC to understand the FTFC financial position and business model
- Possible effect on other nurseries
- The FTC condition of a greater concentration on the encouragement of young people
- Prejudicial interests of members

It was recognised that some issues could be dealt with immediately but that those concerning the lease would need to be the subject of detailed consideration by a working group and representatives of FTFC

RESOLVED

- a) to approve the replacement of the tearbar and boardroom with two anti-vandal containers 21'X8' painted dark green
- b) agreement to the trimming of trees and agreement to coordinate this with the replacement of netting behind the goals with FTC obtaining an up to date quote for the tree work from the Council Tree Surgeon and presentation to RLA committee on 19 September 2018
- c) approval of the submission of a planning application to HDC for the change of use to a nursery but this does not imply landlord approval
- d) approval of the placing of a 32'x10' portacabin outside the cellar door for which a retrospective planning permission is being sought by FTFC from HDC
- e) that a working group be established to meet with representatives of FTFC to negotiate in confidence regarding financial and lease arrangements (including issues c , d ,f in the agenda item)

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 9 FINANCIAL MONITORING

The members received:

List of payments July 2018

Payments received/detailed income and expenditure July 2018

Reconciliation July 2018

RESOLVED

To receive the financial monitoring information into the minutes

FC Sept 18 ITEM 10 REQUEST TO USE THE LENGTHSMAN FUNDING FOR ERECTION OF SID

Members considered a request for funding from the Lengthsman budget for the erection of a Speed Indicator Display (SID) on Basingbourne Road

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That use of the Lengthsman funding was inappropriate but that the quote made by the FTC Grounds Maintenance contractor for installing the SIDs should be updated and presented to the next meeting of Council for further consideration.

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 11 PARISH POLL

Members noted that the requisite number of residents had requested that a Parish Poll take place. It was reported that the poll would be run and managed by HDC Electoral office. The potential cost was £16,500 for three portacabins to be used as temporary polling stations plus HDC's election charges of just under £6,000. However, this was thought to be an unreasonable cost and as a result of FTC negotiations with users of the Harlington and Ancells Farm Community Centre bookings have been cancelled or modified which reduced the overall cost to around £7500. There would be no polling cards, postal or proxy votes

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 12 REPORTING OF INJURIES DISEASES AND DANGEROUS OCCURENCES REGULATIONS 2013 (RIDDOR)

Members noted that a Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences (RIDDOR) had been submitted to the Health and Safety Executive following an accident that occurred during a CEROC class at the Harlington

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 13 HDC/HCC

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Cllr Forster reported on:

- request that this item appear earlier on future agendas
- upgrade proposals for Windy Gap
- extensive road works across the area

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 14 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT'

The Town Clerk reported on:

- Christmas arrangements and appointment of a volunteer co-ordinator
- Harlington consultation rules and regulations to be sent to councillors for comments to Town Clerk
- Parish Poll counting arrangements

FC Sept 2018 ITEM 15 COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNCILLOR

It was reported that a complaint had been made against a councillor. This will be subjected to the formal procedure

FC Sept 2018 ITEM16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday, 3 October 2018 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....

Chairman