



## **FLEET TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

held on

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm

#### **PRESENT**

**Councillors:** R. Schofield (Chairman), G. Chenery, K. Cottrell, R. Fang, S. Engström, L. Holt, A. Hope, S Sharma Krishnmurthy, E. May, R. Richmond, R. Robinson, B. Willcocks, G. Woods.

#### **Also Present**

Rochelle Halliday – Executive Officer  
Councillor Mark Butcher – HDC  
Councillor Adrian Collett – HCC  
Councillor Steve Forster – HCC  
Councillor Stephen Parker - HCC

#### **FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllr Einchcomb due to a medical issue, Cllr Tilley due to a medical issue, Cllr Oliver due to a family anniversary event and Cllr Wildsmith due to ill-health.

#### **FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Schofield gave an official welcome to Rochelle Halliday on her first Full Council meeting. On behalf of all of Councillor's thanks were recorded for the loyal and dedicated service delivered by Janet Stanton over the last 12 years and asked for approval that a small token of the Council's appreciation be sent on behalf of the Town Council.

He reported his attendance during the period as follows:

8<sup>th</sup> September - met with Hart Officers regarding the Harlington Lease.

17<sup>th</sup> September - along with Councillor Oliver and the Clerk met with residents from the Courtmoor Ward. Well attended and some lively conversations.

18<sup>th</sup> September - attended the National Moment of Reflection organised in collaboration with the Fleet and Crookham District Branch of the Royal British Legion. Very well attended by residents.

19<sup>th</sup> September - along with fellow Councillors and members of staff, supported the screening of the Queen's Funeral at The Harlington.

22<sup>nd</sup> September - attended the AGM of Fleet and District Neighbourhood Watch. Unfortunately, it was not well attended but a Police Report was given by our new Sergeant Mayne and PCSO Sam. Generally local crime by way of theft is down but Anti-Social Behaviour has increased significantly. In addition to our Sergeant and 2 PCSO's we now have 5 PCs who are all in their first 3 years of training. Some are part time as they are completing degree courses.

Despite previous criticism of our local police force, Cllr Schofield extend the Council's thanks to the police representatives for the rapid response and action of the police in removing travellers who had invaded Ancells Farm Park. They entered the park around mid-day but were removed at 8pm that same evening fortunately, with insufficient time to cause serious damage to the area.

27<sup>th</sup> September - attended the Fleet BID Board Meeting along with Cllr Fang. Starting to put in place a programme of events to attract footfall into the town and support our local businesses.

29<sup>th</sup> September - along with the Clerk and the Executive Officer had a follow up meeting with Hart's Officers regarding the Harlington Lease.

29<sup>th</sup> September - attended RAF Odiham's Annual Reception.

30<sup>th</sup> September - along with Cllr Woods attended the ASB Trigger meeting. An interesting concept that regrettably comes to the support of victims of ASB when virtually all else has failed and the victims have endured a prolonged period of abuse. More information on the Trigger mechanism will be distributed once copies of the slide presentations are received.

There should have been a meeting of the Civic Quarter Development Working Group, but this has been deferred until 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 5 HCC/HDC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Anti- Social Behaviour**

Cllr Butcher gave an update. There is a disconnect between what ASB is being reported and the actual levels of ASB and cycle thefts. There is a new team based in the HDC office. Police are working on improving communication especially over social media.

Complaints have been received about Popworld, mainly related to assaults, vandalism, and drug taking in The Views.

### **Local events in response to the death of HM The Queen**

Cllr Forster thanked all involved in the local events surrounding the death of HM The Queen.

### **Recent Crime Issue**

The issue of stalking and a recent arrest were raised.

### **Transport**

Fast train services are due to be reinstated in December. Various road works are currently taking place in Fleet.

### **Trees**

Suggestions for locations of new trees can be submitted via the HDC website.



Cllr Robinson confirmed inspection of the August 2022 bank reconciliation which were in order, he signed the bank statements and payment schedules.

**RESOLVED to accept into the Minutes**

- The bank reconciliation for August 2022
- The list of receipts for August 2022
- The list of payments for August 2022
- To confirm that the bank reconciliations for August 2022 equal zero and that the bank statements match the reconciliations.

**FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 9 COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

Members received a revised list of the Membership of Committees and Working Groups. Cllr Chenery subsequently resigned from the Policy and Finance Committee. The final membership list is to be provided at the next meeting for noting.

**RESOLVED**

To approve the revised membership of

- RLA Committee
- Climate Change Working Group
- Community Emergency Working Group
- Parks and Open Spaces Working Group
- Risk Management Working Group

**FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 10 COMPLAINTS**

Members noted that there had been no complaints.

**FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that:

- Officers have been working on next year's budget, with the first draft to go to the Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- Members were asked to contact the Council Office if available to help at the Christmas lights switch on event on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- The Notice for a Casual Vacancy was posted on 21<sup>st</sup> September and will end on 5<sup>th</sup> October – *Addendum*: Hart subsequently advised that the end date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> October.
- Members are reminded that the commemorative service for Remembrance Sunday will take place at The Harlington on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of the Council is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 7pm in The Function Room of The Harlington.

**FC OCTOBER 2022 ITEM 13 LEASE and CONTRACTURAL ISSUES**

The Chairman stated the reasons that this matter needed to be confidential.

**RESOLVED**

That subject to 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 Town Council, the Public and Press will be excluded from the Meeting.

Cllrs Butcher, Collett, Forster and Parker left the meeting at 7.45pm.

The remainder of the meeting was conducted in confidential session.

**Signed**.....

**Date:**.....

**Chairman**