



**FLEET TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**held on**

**Wednesday 2 April 2014**  
**at The Harlington at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors** Bob Schofield (Chairman), Chris Butler, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Sue Fisher, Steve Forster, Denis Gotel, Leslie Holt, Alan Hope, Alan Oliver, Dai Pierce, Helen Perthen, Richard Robinson, Sue Tilley, George Woods

**Also Present**

Janet Stanton, Deputy Town Clerk  
Sheila Rayner, Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison-HDC/HCC

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Appleton, Axam and Vincent

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Tilley-Item 6 –Food Festival

**ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public

**ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

In considering the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 March 2014 item 6 (iii) 'that the Council authorises the Town Clerk to progress the project through planning as soon as possible', Standing Orders were suspended to allow the Council to debate the matter.

**RESOLVED**

That Fleet Town Council deplores the recommendation to HDC Cabinet that the funding for the 3G pitch at Ancells Farm should be allocated elsewhere contrary to the resolution of FTC taken on 5 March 2014, following a formal public consultation exercise.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2014 were approved.

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings:

Planning Committee 10 March 2014

Development Control 10 and 24 March 2014

Policy and Finance 17 March 2014- item 5 final sentence be corrected to read 2013/2014.

On a point of information, Cllr Schofield reported that there appeared to be an acceptance that the Parishes should be offered one of the seats on the Basingstoke Canal JMC currently held by Hart District Council

#### **ITEM 5 REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE**

A proposed meeting schedule for 2014/2015 was presented to the members. With the additional comment that consideration should be given to the Establishment sub-committee being elevated a to a full committee and meeting 4 times pa it was,

#### **RESOLVED**

That the proposed timetable should be presented to the new Council in June 2014

#### **ITEM 6 FLEET FOOD FESTIVAL EVENT APPLICATION**

The members considered an application to hold a Fleet Food Festival on The Views on 25 May 2014.

Members commented that if the Food Festival proved to be a great success it may be appropriate to relocate to Calthorpe Park or include the high street, to allow a greater number of visitors to safely access the event .

#### **RESOLVED**

That subject to a Bond in the usual sum of £1,000, the Fleet and District Food Festival Committee be granted permission to use the Views on 25 May 2014 for a Food Festival

#### **ITEM 7 STAFFING ( taken after item 12 on the agenda)**

**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 will be excluded from the Meeting.**

**Standing Orders were waived to allow discussion on the following item to continue beyond 10.30pm and for the consideration of papers that had been tabled)**

Cllr Perthen entered the meeting during discussion of this item at 9.05pm

**ITEM 8        INSURANCE**

The meeting noted that the Council's insurance arrangements had been renewed for 2014/2015 with a 3% increase in asset valuation and a marginal increase in the premium payable by the Council

**ITEM 9        OFFICER REPORT**

The members noted the officer up-date report on a range of issues.

**ITEM 10        HDC/HCC UPDATE**

- Cllr Bennison reported that HDC did make its agreed contribution to the Basingstoke JMC in full. It was some Surrey authorities that made only partial payments
- Cllr Schofield reported that it had been confirmed at a recent meeting of the Highways and Transportation Partnership that HCC had made a contribution of £750 to remedial works to the cycleway in Calthorpe Park and that a further £50 would be made available to replace the broken rail

**ITEM 11        FLEET FUTURE UPDATE**

There was no further update on that presented at the Annual Residents' Meeting on 31 March 2014

**ITEM 12        ACTION DAY**

Members were reminded that Action Day would be held on Saturday 10 May 2014 with volunteers meeting at The Harlington at 9.30am

**ITEM 13        DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.50 pm

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

**Chairman**