



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 7 March 2018

at The Harlington at 7.00 pm

PRESENT

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

Also Present

Janet Stanton- Town Clerk

Sheila Rayner -Committee Clerk

Cllr Bennison –HCC

Cllr Forster-HCC/HDC

Sue Tilley –Local resident

FC/Mar 2018/ ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllrs Hunt, Oliver and Peddell

FC/Mar 2018/ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

FC/Mar 2018/ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

FC/Mar 2018/ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes and the confidential minutes of the meeting of Council held on Wednesday 6 February 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
It was noted that Kit Mitchell be invited to make a presentation at the Annual Residents' meeting (not Sgt Hurd) –item 5

The Council received the minutes of the following committee meetings:

Development Control Committee

12 February 2018 (include Cllr Holt as present)

FC/Mar 2018/ITEM 5 FINAL APPROVAL OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP)

Members were asked to consider the draft Fleet Neighbourhood Plan prior to consultation with Fleet residents which will take place directly after the May 2018 Elections

A draft NP has been submitted to HDC to review the need for an SEA.

It was explained that it was hoped that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required as the Neighbourhood Plan did not promote any new development

The draft NP complied with the current Local Plan (1996) but was cognisant of the policies in the Draft Local Plan that was currently out for consultation

In response to a question about the possibility of a summary document, it was explained that the on-line consultation survey would condense the policies onto approx. four pages

Members raised the following issues which will be addressed in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan in readiness for public consultation:

- Page 39 – the exclusion of The Views from the map legend.
- Page 10 - that Pale Lane be excluded?
- Page 23 - Rename the Harlington(not the Harlington Centre)
- Page 23 - Policy 1. Redevelopment will not cause an overall loss of:
 - i. Public parking provision
 - ii. The provision of useable open space or recreational amenity but possibly in an alternative area

within the town centre, as defined by Zones 1 – 5 in the policy area map above.

Members expressed their appreciation for the work put into the drafting of the NP by the working group with special thanks to Sue Tilley and Theresa Lawler for their significant input into the production of the draft document.

RESOLVED

With an amendment to Policy 3.i. (page 27) to read four storeys (not five) the draft Fleet Neighbourhood Plan was approved for consultation with the residents directly after the May 2018 elections-

(Post Meeting: All of the above issues have now been addressed in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan in readiness for the public consultation)

FC/Mar 2018 ITEM 6 ASSET REGISTER

The members received the Fleet Town Council Asset Register as at March 2018 and were assured that the queries raised at the Policy and Finance Committee had been addressed

RESOLVED

To receive and approve the Fleet Town Council Asset Register as at March 2018

FC/Mar 2018 ITEM 7 FLEET LINK-COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FUNDING

Members were reminded that the current contract for the Fleet Link service is due to expire on 31 March 2018 . HCC had agreed to extend their financial support until 31 March 2019 following negotiations with the operator which had secured a 10% reduction in operating costs for the extension period

In order for HCC to be in a position to award a contract extension to Rushmoor Voluntary Services, FTC had been asked to formally confirm that the funding contribution would be available.

Budgetary provision had been made in the sum of £13,000 (Item 110-4800)

RESOLVED

To approve the extension of the Fleet Link Community Bus Service up to 31 March 2019

FCMar 2018 ITEM 8 FLEET TOWN COUNCIL CHARGE CARDS

Members were requested to consider approval of a fourth charge card to be used within the overall limit of £6,000

RESOLVED

To approve the use of a fourth charge card up to a limit of £6,000 to be added to the FTC HSBC account

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 9 SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY TRAINS

The members received and considered a report from the Highways and Transportation Working Group regarding South Western Railway timetabling

Although a recent consultation closing date had passed it was agreed that the comments proposed by the Highways and Transportation Working Group should be submitted, as follows:

“In light of a recently published Proposed Submission version of the HDC Local Plan Strategy and Sites 2016-2032 and the substantial increased housing numbers this contains, FTC believes the rail services from Fleet station to London are already operating far beyond capacity during peak periods and calls on SW Rail to:

- a) Establish three trains per hour at intervals of twenty minutes
- b) Provides a minimum of ten to twelve carriages per train
- c) Introduce one train stop at Clapham junction
- d) Reduce the number of first class carriages to enhance capacity”

RESOLVED

To submit the above comments to SW Railway

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 10 GIRL GUIDE HALL-CAMPING STORE

The members considered a request from the Girl Guiding Division to demolish the existing garages at Basingbourne and to replace them with a new building for the storage of camping equipment.

RESOLVED

Subject to planning permission being granted, to approve the demolition of the current storage garages and replacement with a new building.

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 11 CONSULTATIONS

Members considered the following consultation papers and whether a response should be sent on behalf of FTC:

- a) Hampshire Police and Crime Panel-Hate crime proactive scrutiny-No response
- b) Local Government Ethical Standards-Cllrs Schofield and Holt
- c) Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste Sector -Cllr Chenery
- d) Proposed changes to home-to-school transport and post-16 transport-Cllr Smith

RESOLVED

Responses be submitted on behalf of FTC

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 12 HARLINGTON CAFÉ, RECEPTION AND TOILET IMPROVEMENTS

Members were reminded that the replacement of the floor covering in the coffee shop and Harlington reception area has already been approved and funds would be taken from 9007-900(coffee shop EMR)

Members are now advised that it has become necessary, for Health and Safety reasons, to also replace the floor coverings in the corridor leading to the toilets and the female toilets themselves.

Quotations had been obtained and the total cost of all the work will now be £10,700.

RESOLVED

To approve the replacement of the floor coverings to the coffee shop, Harlington reception, toilet corridor and the female toilets - to be charged to 9007-900(£7006) and the balance (£3,694) to be taken from EMR 9014-900

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 13 ANNUAL RESIDENTS'MEETING

Members were reminded that the Annual Residents' meeting would be held on Sunday 25 March 2018 at 2.30pm for a 3pm start. The Chairman asked members to try and attend this last Annual Residents' meeting under the current Council (Cllr Hope presented his apologies)

Presentations were confirmed as follows:

Social events-Cllr Wheale

Finance-Cllr Holt

Parks-Cllr Einchcomb

Town Centre-Town Clerk

The Harlington-Cllr Schofield

Neighbourhood Plan-Cllr Oliver
Elections-Cllr Walton
MC-Cllr Woods

All presenters need to liaise with the Clerk and Charlotte to prepare their slide presentations. Presentations to be limited to 10 minute sessions.

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 14 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Cllr Schofield reported on comments that had been submitted by the County Library Service. This had led to an improved arrangement for the entrance to the Harlington and Library area

FC Mar 2018 ITEM 15 HCC/HDC

HCC

Cllr Bennison reported on:

- Setting of the HCC Council Tax
- Resurrection of the combined authority initiative
- Dealing with recent snowfall

Cllr Forster reported on:

- Volunteers in recent bad weather
- Emergency repairs to potholes on the Fleet half marathon route

Cllr Wheale reported on:

- Safety of diversion routes

HDC

Cllr Gray reported on:

- HDC budget approval
- Reintroduction of neighbour notifications of planning applications

Cllr Jasper requested more widespread announcement of revised waste collection arrangements following the snowfall

FC/Mar 2018 ITEM 16 TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

The members noted the Town Clerk's update and in particular:

- The success of Ben Crane in achieving the CILCA qualification
- The selection of a H&S advisor at a cost of £2,400 based on quality

FC/ Mar 2018 ITEM 17 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at the Harlington at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 pm

Chairman.....Date.....