



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Wednesday 4 July 2018

at The Harlington at 7pm

**Councillors**

Bob Schofield (Chairman), Ruth Ashworth, Grahame Chenery, Paul Einchcomb, Leslie Holt, 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  
Wendy Allen-Finance and Administration Officer

Cllr Bennison –HCC

Ms Caroline Winchurch-Hart Voluntary Action

Mr M Jebson-local resident

Mr T Burt- local resident  
Mr S Gidley-local resident  
Mr T Smart-local resident  
Mr C Wilson-local resident

**FC July 2018 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was apology for absence from Cllrs Hope and Pierce

**FC July 2018 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was a Declaration of Interest from Cllr Woods –Item 9- Hart Voluntary Action

The Chairman reported on the following:

- The successful Food Festival with over 11,000 attendees
- The British Legion Garden Party
- Oakley Park Summer Fete

- HDC Council meeting
- Termination of HYPE
- Poundland store in liquidation
- The forthcoming carnival
- Attendance at Farnham Community Care Group AGM
- Thanks to Jeff Smith for attending the Basingstoke Canal Joint Mangement Committee
- Meeting with HCC Library Services resulting in a better understanding of the working relationship

### **FC July18 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- a) Mr T Smart **made a statement** and asked a question relating to the status of the local residents who had requested a parish poll in relation to the Harlington development proposals.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the residents' addresses were within the boundary of FTC

- b) Mr C Wilson asked a question relating to the financial commitments incurred by the Harlington development

The Chairman confirmed that a response to the question would be dealt with by letter

- c) Mr T Burt asked a question regarding an estimate or validity of a hybrid solution

The Chairman confirmed that this would be dealt with later in the meeting

- d) Mr S Gidley asked why FTC opposed further resident members joining the Harlington Working Group and how many such requests had been received

The Chairman confirmed that the existing membership of the working group already had exceptional skill or knowledge and that one request had lately been received

### **FC July 2018 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council Meeting held on 6 June 2018 were approved and signed

The Council received the minutes of the following Committees

Development Control	11 June 2018
Establishment Committee	13 June 2018 (see confidential minute 14)
RLA Committee	20 June 2018

### **FC July 2018 ITEM 5 HARLINGTON DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Chairman presented a report of the Harlington working group which had met on 18 and 26 June 2018. The following issues were discussed:

- The legitimacy of the mandate given by Fleet residents to the consultation in March 2017 , with the following outcome:  
-Option 1 20.5%

- Option 2 27.2%
- Option 3 52.3%

- The democratic value of a parish poll
- The expense associated with a parish poll
- The advisory nature of the outcome of the parish poll
- The current high number of public consultations
- Hybrid solution likely to cost approx. £ 5,200
- Parish poll likely to cost £20,000
- The alleged support for a new building but not on Gurkha Square

Following careful consideration it was

#### **RESOLVED**

##### **To adopt the recommendation of the Working Group, namely**

1. To proceed with a hybrid solution based upon a consultation providing residents with the very latest information on the proposed Gurkha Square development.
2. To hold a Panel Meeting being held as part of the process whereby those for and against the development be offered the opportunity to pose and answer questions in a public debate
3. To distribute an information document to every household within the Town Council Area with a very simple questionnaire, each document being numbered to prevent duplication of responses and
4. The analysis of the responses conducted by an independent third party.

**NOTE: The draft response to the questions from a member of the public, recommended by the Harlington Working Group, was later approved by circulation of members on 5 July, 2018.**

#### **FC July 2018 ITEM 6 LAND ENQUIRY-ACCESS TO LAND REAR OF RICHARD CLOSE/CEMETERY ROAD**

The members considered a request from a resident of Loxwood Avenue to gain access to their rear garden via Richard Close/Cemetery Road

#### **RESOLVED**

To refuse permission to allow an additional access onto Richard Close/Cemetery Road as this would form an inappropriate incursion onto the funeral route

#### **FC July 2018 ITEM 7 CONSULTATIONS**

- a) **HCC permit scheme for roadworks and street works**
- b) **Street Lighting/supported passenger transport services**

#### **RESOLVED**

That individual members be invited to submit comments to the Town Clerk for onward transmission by 31 July 2018 and 5 August 2018 respectively

#### **FC July 2018 ITEM 8 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR 2018/2019**

The members considered the appointment of an internal auditor for 2018/2019

**RESOLVED**

To appoint Eleanor Green, Do The Numbers, as the internal auditor for FTC for 2018/2019

**FC July 18 ITEM 9 GRANT –HART VOLUNTARY ACTION**

The members considered an application from Hart Voluntary Action for a grant of £1,500 to fund the graphic design and the printing of publicity material to promote the public launch of Time 4 Hart Time Bank project

**RESOLVED**

To approve a grant of £1,500 to fund the graphic design and publicity to promote the public launch of Time 4 Hart Time Bank

**FC July 2018 ITEM 10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION**

Members noted that the responses to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation were currently being analysed and a report on the outcome would be presented to a future meeting

**FC July 2018 ITEM 11 HDC/HCC**

**HCC**

**Cllr Bennison reported on:**

- Street Lighting consultation
- HCC working toward carrying out only statutory duties
- Expected £40m reduction in HCC income next year
- Farnborough Air Show Road Closures
- Traffic lights works at Bourley Road
- New fuel pipeline route consultation

**HDC**

**Cllr Oliver reported on:**

- Hampshire 2050 –consultation on future direction
- HCC on street parking programme
- Notice of termination of HCC highways' agency agreement
- Search for untapped revenue opportunities
- Business rates pilot
- Music of Ages tickets –Starburst summer show

**FC July 2018 ITEM 12 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT'**

The Town Clerk's report was noted and in particular:

- Defibrillator at the railway station
- No requirement for members to register for GDPR

The members thanked the officers for the walkabout held on 23 June 2018

**FC July 2018 ITEM13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Full Council will be on Wednesday, 5 September 2018 at the Harlington, at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.11 pm

**Signed**.....  
**Chairman**

**Date:**.....