



You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Haverhill Town Council to be held in The Studio, Town Hall, High Street, Haverhill, on Tuesday 5th December 2006 commencing at 7.30 p.m., or immediately following Planning Committee, whichever is the later, for the purpose of transacting the following business

**Haverhill
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CONSTITUTION: **Town Mayor:** **Cllr. A Thomas**
 Town Councillors: **L Ager, S Brown, S Fanning,**
 E Goody, M Graham, E McManus,
 P McManus, T Marks, Mrs M Martin, S Martin,
 E Morton, K Richardson, L Samples,
 A Thomas, T Trebble and R Warwick

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Please give any apologies to the office by 5.00 p.m. of the day of the meeting.
2. **Declaration of Interests**
For Members to declare any interests they may have on items on the agenda.
3. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 26th September 2006**
4. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**
5. **Inspector Mike Bacon, Suffolk Police**
To discuss Policing issues in the Town.
6. **Tom McConnell, Sudbury Town Partnership**
To expand on the benefits brought to Sudbury by the creation of an independent Partnership

PUBLIC FORUM

7. Adoption of Committee Reports

Planning Committee

To move the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting 7th November.

Arts & Leisure Committee

To move the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meeting held 14th November 2006.

Personnel Committee

To move the adoption of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 10th October 2006.

Community First Committee

To move the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meeting held 17th October 2006.

Finance Committee

To move the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 21st November 2006.

8. Cemetery Fencing Project (see attached)

To determine whether to support this project and to agree to set aside monies in the Draft Budget for 2007/8 for the project.

9. Shopmobility (see attached)

The Town Council is asked to consider:-

- a) whether it supports the principle of Shopmobility
- b) whether it would wish to be a partner in any future Shopmobility Scheme in Haverhill
- c) whether it would support such a scheme operating from the Arts Centre
- d) the extent to which it would financially support such a scheme on an on-going basis

10. Consultation on Older Persons Local Authority Day Services (see attached)

To respond to the consultation.

11. Correspondence

- a) Cambridge-Sudbury Rail Renewal Association – Rail Lines Issue 19

12. To authorise payments

To authorise the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
19.09.06	002524 – 002539	£ 3,568.54
19.09.06	002540	£ 300.00
19.09.06	002541	£ 600.00
26.09.06	002542 - 002556	£ 11,945.81
03.10.06	002557	£ 37.00
03.10.06	002558 - 002571	£ 6,618.73
10.10.06	002573 - 002582	£ 4,917.64
17.10.06	002583 – 002612	£ 111,605.39
18.10.06	002613	£ 30,000.00
24.10.06	002614 – 002623	£ 5,352.81
07.11.06	002624 – 002662	£ 49,979.66

13. To receive urgent correspondence

Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be discussed will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act.

14. Correspondence from Mrs Joyce Jones

To discuss the attached letter and agree appropriate action.

15. Closure



**Gordon Mussett
Town Clerk**

DATE: 27 November 2006

Cemetery Fencing Project

Regrettably incidents of petty vandalism and theft continue to occur at the Cemetery. Attempts to both keep offenders out, and restrain those within, are frustrated by the inadequate fencing surrounding the Cemetery.

The Neighbourhood Police Officer, P.C. Rupert Beynon, within whose beat the Cemetery lies, has in the past year been extremely successful in raising sufficient funds to fence off the New Cangle Primary School grounds, another site of petty vandalism, and is seeking to raise funds to enable the Cemetery to be similarly fenced on those sides which are not bordered by domestic properties.

He has approached the Town Council for a suitable donation towards the scheme. For comparison fencing New Cangle School grounds cost in the region of £22,000, which was raised from a variety of funding sources.

Shopmobility

Shopmobility is a service which provides a number of ride-on wheelchairs and buggies (not all of which are motorised) for use by those needing such means of conveyance to access the Town centre shops. Potential users need to collect their preferred means of transport from a location which meets these criteria:-

- There is easy and free parking for Blue Badge holders
- There is an accessible toilet
- Staff are available to instruct in use of the chosen means of transport
- Dry, heated, undercover storage and recharging facilities are available
- Access is available from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. at least Monday to Saturday

Costs of a Shopmobility scheme include:-

- The purchase of suitable buggies and wheelchairs
- The maintenance of the same
- Energy costs to recharge batteries on motorised conveyances
- Rent of storage space
- Staff costs
- Insurance

Discussions are taking place regarding establishing a Shopmobility scheme in Haverhill, and the Arts Centre has been identified as a potential location, with the wheelchairs and buggies being stored in the former Craft Room, and Arts Centre staff administering the scheme and training users. Of all the locations so far considered it is the only one which meets all the criteria.

Likely costs to the Town Council would be the potential loss of income from the Craft Room, energy costs, and staff costs, together with one-off capital charges to install additional automatic door openers, charging points, and a video link to the rear level-access door.

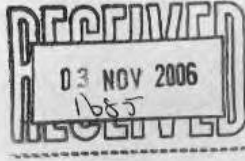
Whilst the Craft Room has seen less useage over the past two years, there have been years when it has generated some £5,000 in income. Energy costs of battery recharging are an unknown quantity, particularly as the likely number of motorised conveyances is unknown, but could be estimated at £800 per annum. Whilst it might be possible to allocate staff from within existing resources, there may also be times when additional staff, or volunteers, are required to issue and account for the conveyances.

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Suffolk County Council



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Date: 02/11/2006

Dear Councillor

Consultation on Respite Services for Older People at Cherryfields in Bramford, near Ipswich.

Consultation on Older People's Local Authority Day Services in Suffolk.

You may know that the County Council has to make some key decisions at a meeting on 28th November about the overnight respite services it provides for older people at Cherryfields in Bramford.

Key decisions will also be made about local authority day services in Suffolk on 16th January 2007.

You may have been contacted by constituents already who are concerned about the issues this consultation raises.

I am keen to know what you think.

A Reminder Of The Context

People are living longer and remaining healthier, which is a good thing. However, as a result, there are a growing number of people, particularly those over the age of 85 years, who need support. About 25% of these people have special needs, particularly associated with dementia. The challenge to the Council is to meet the needs of this growing number of people within our restricted budget.

This is not about closing down services without providing alternatives. It is about finding the most cost effective ways to support more people near to their homes. This could in future mean that people will receive services from different places or organisations than is the case under current arrangements.

Respite care, whether overnight or day care, is central to the Council's commitment to enable people to remain at home. Many older people attend centres directly run by the Council. These services are highly valued but this way of providing care is limited and relatively expensive.

The majority of day care services purchased by Suffolk County Council are provided by the voluntary and not-for profit sector (e.g. Age Concern). These services are highly valued and much enjoyed by the people who use them.

The quality of services is paramount and more important than the issue of who runs them.

Summary of Issues

Rather than give you a formal questionnaire, I am outlining below a series of issues you might want to comment on, but please do add any additional suggestions or feedback as you see fit.

- Residential respite and day services can support people to remain independent. The amount of residential respite and day care available to older people in any local area is therefore crucial. What are your views about the possibility of provision changing ownership, management or location within your area?
- It can be an emotive issue as to who provides these services, i.e., the local authority, voluntary or private sectors. Constituents may have given you their viewpoints. Do you have a sense of what sort of organisation should run these services?
- The Government and many people in the community say that the services provided by the council should be changing. Defining what the suitable alternatives should be and at how much they cost are issues that will affect many people now and in the future. Do you have feedback from constituents within your communities?
- If status quo is kept in terms of Cherryfields carrying on providing respite for people with physical disabilities and day services being provided by the council, the benefits should be clear, even if the costs are high. What views do you have on the costs and quality of services provided directly by the council?

Other information is being gathered to help the Councillors make a decision. This includes facts about numbers of respite care services and day centres in the County, organisations who run them, the types of services they provide and the cost. Also, information about those who would provide additional services at a reduced cost.

If you would like any further information or to pas on any questions or issues raised by your constituents, please contact me at the address above.

You can find details of Council papers on the Internet at:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/CommitteesAgendasReportsandMinutes/>

Councillor Graham Newman, Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community Services, is aware of the content of this letter and of its distribution.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Yours sincerely,


Ian Patterson,
Project Manager,
Residential Review.

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