



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuesday 29th July 2008 at 7.00 pm

In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

Present: Chair – Town Mayor: Les Ager (except items 12-16)
Town Councillors: M Byrne, L Carr (except items 1-6),
P French, A Gower, P Hanlon (except
items 1-6), E McManus, P McManus,
M Marks, A Samuels and A Sisson

Also present: Seven members of the public

MINUTES

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| 1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Richardson and Woodward. | |
| 2. <u>Declaration of Interests</u>
No Members declared an interest in any item on the agenda. | |
| 3. <u>To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 24th June 2008</u>
The minutes of the meeting held 24 th June were agreed as a true record. | |
| 4. <u>To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda</u>
There were no urgent matters arising from the minutes. | |
| 5. <u>Inspector Andy Smith, Suffolk Police</u>
The Clerk reported that Inspector Smith had been detained on official business and had sent his apologies. | |
| 6. <u>A Representative of the WRVS</u>
The Clerk reported that the WRVS representative had been unable to attend and had been invited to attend a future meeting of the Council. | |
| Cllrs Carr and Hanlon joined the meeting during item 7. | |
| 7. <u>Richard Preston, Head of Network Management, Cambridgeshire County Council</u>
Mr Preston addressed the Council on issues regarding safety on the A1307. Cambridgeshire County Council's Strategic Management Team had discussed the issues again following the recent tragedies, and the following matters were already in hand:-
a) a review of speed limits which had already identified the opportunity to reduce maximum speed from 60 mph to 50 mph on a stretch of the | |

- road
- b) a funding bid for works to enable further speed reductions
- c) route casualty signs being erected in September
- d) a funding bid for local signage improvement in Abington
- e) installation of a right turn lane and central pedestrian refuge at Cardinals Green (start delayed by need to move fibre-optic cable but likely to start work in November)
- f) an assessment of five potential camera sites, with funding available for one
- g) a significant road safety campaign

Members questioned Mr Preston regarding the likelihood of the funding bids being successful and it was agreed the assessment criteria against which funding bids were assessed would be circulated. Mr Preston indicated the difficulties and tensions regarding potential closure of some of the access points onto the A1307, and agreed to both invite the Town Council to the regular meetings with other Parish Councils along the route and to ensure joint working with Suffolk County Council regarding the delivery of the road safety campaign within Haverhill.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

A member of the public complained about the litter being distributed along the Railway Walk and onto the Chalkstone Estate from users of the newly-opened KFC and Subway restaurants. The Clerk was asked to write to St Edmundsbury Borough Council, as the responsible authority, regarding the litter. Cllr Gower advised that St Edmundsbury Borough Council were aware of the issue and that both KFC and Subway had an obligation to clear litter from their operations. Another member of the public complained about the increase in litter along the Railway Walk, and the river banks, and the site recently acquired by Tesco's.

The meeting was resumed after the Public Forum

8. Adoption of Committee Reports

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 1st July 2008.

Arts & Leisure Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Arts & Leisure Committee meeting held 8th July 2008.

Community First Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Community First Committee meeting held 15th July 2008.

Personnel Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held 15th July 2008.

Finance Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 22nd July 2008.

9. Local Government Review

The Council considered the information on the Local Government Review and agreed to defer this item to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th August.

10. West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership – Draft Climate Action Plan

The Council agreed to publicise the sources of local food and farmers markets as part of its commitment to the Climate Action Plan.

11. St Edmundsbury Borough Council Standards Committee

Cllr Margaret Marks, Larger Council's Representative on the Committee updated the Council on the scope of the Committee's activities and the role played in investigations and decisions on breaches of the Code.

Cllr Ager left the meeting and Cllr E McManus, Deputy Mayor, took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

12. To Decide Whether to Contribute towards Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Measures off Hollands Road (attached)

The Clerk circulated a list of recorded anti-social behaviour in the area off Hollands Road.

With the agreement of the Council the Chair suspended Standing Orders to permit members of the public to speak on this matter.

A member of the public spoke regarding the nature of the anti-social behaviour, the large number of persons involved, and the effect on the quality of life for residents in that area.

Standing Orders were resumed.

- 12.** The Council agreed to press St Edmundsbury Borough Council to fund the whole cost of the works, estimated at £776, but in the event that they were unwilling to do so the Clerk was authorised to incur expenditure amounting to 50% of this sum and to confirm how quickly this work could be done.

Town Clerk to write to SEBC and depending on response, to commit £388 towards project

13. Correspondence

- a) Suffolk NHS Primary Care Trust – Annual Report
The Council noted receipt of the Annual Report.

14. To authorise payments.

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

Date	Cheque No.s	Value
24.06.08	4041-4053	£17,352.98
27.06.08	4037-4040	£7,768.75
01.07.08	4054-4073	£5,974.94
08.07.08	4074-4097	£44,934.26
15.07.08	4098	£47.53
15.07.08	4099-4116	£29,358.66

15. To receive urgent correspondence

There were no items of urgent correspondence.

16. Closure

The meeting was closed at 9.20 p.m.