



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

## **HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 7.00 pm**

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

**Present:**      **Chair – Town Mayor:**      **Les Ager**  
                         **Town Councillors:**      **M Byrne, L Carr, P French, A Gower,**  
   **P Hanlon, E McManus, P McManus,**  
   **M Marks, P Price, K Richardson and**  
   **A Samuels**

### **MINUTES**

**1.      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Anderson and Sisson. Cllr Gower asked the Clerk to minute the procedure for recording and approving absences of Councillors. The Clerk advised that “if a Member fails throughout six consecutive months to attend any meetings of the Council or of its Committees or sub-Committees of which he is a Member, he ceases automatically to be a Member of the Council unless either he has a ‘statutory excuse’ or his failure is due to a reason approved by Council or he attended, as a representative of the Council at a meeting of any body of persons (such as a County Association of Local Councils). The period begins with the last meeting attended.”

The Clerk advised that membership of the armed forces in time of war is a statutory excuse, as is such service under the Crown in connection with a war or emergency as in the Secretary of State’s opinion entitles the Member to relief.

The Clerk advised that where a Council is considering a reason for absence, some reason or explanation must be known to it and this must be approved by affirmative resolution at the earliest possible moment before the end of the six months.

**2.      Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Richardson declared an interest as a Member of St Edmundsbury Borough Council sitting on that authority’s Committee dealing with cemeteries.

**3.      To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008 were agreed as a true record.

**4.      To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**

There were no urgent matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Byrne asked when the WRVS representative would be

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attending Full Council and the Clerk advised that they had been invited to this meeting, but not responded, and would be invited to the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

5. **To Consider Increasing the Contribution towards Cemetery Fencing**

The Council agreed to increase the allocated sum by up to a maximum of a further £2,500 to cover increased costs which have arisen during the process of raising the funds.

*Cllr Carr proposed and Cllr P McManus seconded, all being in favour that, in accord with the Provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted*

6. **To Consider the Chalkstone Post Office and the Potential for Funding any Shortfall**

The Council considered the implications and costs of funding the Post Office and agreed, regrettably, that they could not justify doing so.

7. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 7.25 p.m.

