



## **HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.00 pm**  
**In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill**

**Present: Chair – Deputy Town Mayor: Elaine McManus**  
**Town Councillors: M Byrne, L Carr, P French,**  
**A Gower P Hanlon, P McManus,**  
**M Marks, M Martin (excluding items**  
**1 and 2), K Richardson, A Samuels**  
**and T Woodward**

**Also present: Three members of the public.**

### **MINUTES**

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ager, Price and Sisson.
2. **Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr Gower declared a prejudicial interest in item 11 as a member of the Working Group established to assist Street Drinkers. Cllr Marks declared an interest in item 10 as the Town Council's nominee on the Standards Committee of St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Cllrs Gower, P McManus and Richardson declared interests in item 7 as members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Cllr French declared an interest as a Suffolk County Council member.
3. **Co-Option of Councillor for the South Ward**  
Mrs Mary Martin was co-opted as Councillor to fill the vacancy in the South Ward, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
The minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were agreed as a true record.
5. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**  
In respect of item 14 "Community Infrastructure Levy" the Clerk was asked to arrange the first meeting of the Working Party before Christmas. The Membership of the Working Party was agreed as Town Mayor, and Councillors Byrne, French, Gower, E McManus, Marks plus one other Labour Member to be advised.  
Cllr Hanlon advised that he was querying the Special Needs data supplied to the Council following the presentation at the previous meeting as the numbers seemed to differ significantly from those quoted. The Clerk

#### Action

Town Clerk to call meeting of Working Group before Christmas

advised that no response to the most recent query had been received as yet.

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Forum

There being no questions put by Members of the public the meeting was reconvened

**6. Adoption of Committee Reports**

Planning Committee

The Council agreed the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 .

With the agreement of the Council the Deputy Mayor brought item 8 forward as the next item to be discussed

**8. Community Governance Review**

The Council considered the implications raised in the consultation on the Local Development Framework in so much that all the proposed sites lay wholly or largely outside the existing Town boundaries and agreed to ask St Edmundsbury Borough Council to undertake a Community Governance Review to incorporate the planned expansion areas into Haverhill, and for this review to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

Town Clerk to write to St Edmundsbury Borough Council regarding need for Community Governance Review

**7. Local Development Framework**

The Council agreed that the Town Council's response to the Consultation on the Local Development Framework options would be that the majority of the development (c2,000 dwellings) should be in site 3, a further c1,000 dwellings in site 2, and a small number (maximum c200) in site 1 within the boundaries formed by the A1307 Withersfield Road and the bypass but not including the site currently earmarked for a high-tech business park.

Town Clerk to write to St Edmundsbury Borough Council

**9. Request for Pedestrian Crossing, Withersfield Road (by Sainsburys)**

The Council noted the response from Suffolk County Council. The Clerk advised that he was making enquiries as to whether the buses in question were service buses or school contract buses.

**10. Department for Communities and Local Government – Consultation on Codes of Conduct for Members and Employees)**

The Council agreed to respond to the Consultation according to the draft response supplied.

Town Clerk to respond to consultation according to draft response previously supplied

**11. Support for Homeless During Winter**

The Council agreed that the Arts Centre be made available without charge to support a breakfast club to support the homeless during the winter period, and that the Town Council act as banker for the Project Funding.

**12. To authorise payments.**

The Council authorised the following cheque lists:-

| Date     | Cheque No.s | Value      |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| 25.11.08 | 4428-4450   | £15,886.59 |
| 25.11.08 | 4451        | £200.00    |
| 2.12.08  | 4452-4466   | £12,788.39 |
| 2.12.08  | 4467-69     | £1,945.00  |
| 5.12.08  | 4470        | £41,382.17 |

13. **To receive urgent correspondence**  
There were no urgent items of correspondence to consider.
14. **Closure**  
The meeting was closed at 9.06 p.m.

