

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

The Finance and General Purposes Committee of Haverhill Town Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday 11th September 2002 at 7.00 pm, The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street

**PLEASE NOTE
AMENDED DATE
AND VENUE**

CONSTITUTION: Chair: Cllr Maggie Lee
 Town Councillors: P French, E. Goody,
 P Hanlon, G Kiernan,
 Mrs. M. Martin, A. Smith and
 M Woodley

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Please give any apologies to the office before the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest

For Members to declare interests in matters on the agenda.

3. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of Meeting held 9th July.

4. Matters arising

- a) Swan Lane
- b) Speed of Traffic, Chivers Road
- c) Membership of Outside Bodies
- d) Environmental Improvements, Clements Estate (see attached report)
- e) Bevan House Car Park

5. Correspondence

- a) Lubbock Fine – Annual Audit Return

6. **To Consider The Town Council's Comment On the Licence To Operate a Sex Shop**
7. **To Consider Amendments to Standing Orders In Respect of Public Questions at Full Council Meetings**

To consider the attached report, and make recommendations to Full Council.

8. **Authorisation of payments**

To authorise Payments.

9. **Matters of report**

To enable members to exchange any items of news, interest and importance.

10. **Closure**

Signed



Town Clerk

1 September 2002

Environmental Improvements, Clements Estate

Following the last Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting when concern was expressed regarding the quality of finish of the most recent environmental improvements schemes on the Clements Estate, Cllr Woodley and the Town Clerk walked round the estate with officers of the Havebury Housing Partnership.

Comments were raised on the following matters, and the response from the officers of the Partnership are shown:-

Quality of finish on the fence panels

The fence panels are pre-treated with wood preservative using a vacuum method that both sucks out existing moisture in the wood, and then sucks in the preservative. Further treatment on site is not required, and the panels will have a life of 25 years even if no other preservative is applied.

Treatment of Former “Flying Bedrooms”

The height to which former “flying bedrooms” is blocked off will depend upon the negotiations with the tenants concerned. Unless specified otherwise by the tenant where the “flying bedroom” abuts a public area this will be to full height.

Use of Post and Rail Fencing to Enclose “Public” Garden

The garden design was agreed with local residents, and the use of this post and rail fencing to enclose such areas is common practice.

The Impact of the Environmental Improvements is Reduced Because Garages and Properties Need Maintenance

Havebury Housing Partnership will try to programme the works so that the renovation and repainting of garages and dwellings takes place concurrently with, or very shortly after, the environmental improvements. The officers were confident that the different financial structure of Havebury would enable this to occur.

Other matters were raised, not directly linked to the environmental improvements. These were:-

Why Were Replacement Doors and Windows left so Long Before Being Painted ?

The replacement doors and windows have been pre-treated with both preservative and primer, and are resistant to water penetration. The programme of works is such that window/door replacement occurs, then repairs to the rendering, then repainting. The officers will review the current timescale of approximately one year between replacement and repainting, so that the properties look sightlier more quickly.

Some Properties Are In A Particularly Bad Condition

Every property in a particularly bad condition on the route taken was in private ownership.

Can Havebury be More Proactive/Aggressive in Dealing With Rubbish/Abandoned Cars/etc. ?

The officers promised to ask Housing Management to be aware of the problem, particularly in known “hot spots”.