

## **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2001 at 7.30pm**  
**At Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre**

### **PRESENT:**

**Town Mayor:**  
**Town Councillors:**

**Cllr Eric Bowman**  
**M Dane, M Dunning, P French, E Goody,**  
**G Kiernan, L Kiernan, Mrs M Martin,**  
**Maggie Lee, A Smith, and A Trewartha.**

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Clerk to the Council – Gordon Mussett**

**Two members of the public**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Griffin, Hanlon, Hancock, Millar and Woodley.

### **2. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 25th September 2001**

Cllr Maggie Lee and Cllr French seconded that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September be signed as a true record, all being in favour.

### **3. To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes**

#### **a) Proposed development at Abingdon**

Cllr Maggie Lee reported that she had attended the presentations regarding the proposed development at Abingdon, and added that South Cambridgeshire District Council were not supporting a development at this location.

#### **b) Letter of Condolence to the people of Haverhill, Massachusetts**

Cllr Dane enquired as to whether a response had been received from the Mayor of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Cllr Bowman confirmed that it had been and was lodged at Bevan House.

**(Full Council adjourned for Public Forum)**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

A member of the public asked for an update regarding the Town Council's progress towards obtaining better health facilities for the Town. Cllr Maggie Lee reported that Cllr Mrs Martin had been appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Community Health Council and could present the Town's needs to that body.

**(Full Council resumed after Public Forum)**

**4. Adoption of Committee Reports**

Leisure Committee

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr French seconded that the minutes of the Leisure Committee held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2001 be adopted, all being in favour.

Cllr Maggie Lee asked when the vandalised noticeboard at the top of Jubilee Walk was to be replaced. The Clerk advised that a claim had been lodged with the Council's Insurers, and that a replacement board was due for delivery on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Planning Committee

Cllr Maggie Lee declared an interest in the matter to be discussed and left the room.

Cllr Mrs Martin proposed and Cllr Goody seconded that the adoption of the minutes of the Planning Committee held 9<sup>th</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2001 be adopted, all being in favour.

Cllr Dane asked whether any action had been taken to improve the lighting in the vicinity of the noticeboard at the foot of Jubilee Walk, off Ehringshausen Way, and the Clerk advised that no action had been taken as yet.

Cllr Smith asked whether the Town Council could pursue the opening of the Church's toilets by the Market Square on a supervised basis when events were held on the Market Square. The Clerk advised that the PCC had indicated that the fittings were of domestic quality which is why they were unwilling to permit them to be used unsupervised. Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Dane seconded, all being in favour, that the Clerk obtain permission to use them on a supervised basis.

Cllr Larry Kiernan asked whether the Public Entertainment Licence for the Bell Public House, which had been issued subject to a review after six months, had been reviewed. The Clerk stated he would obtain the information.

Cllr Maggie Lee rejoined the meeting.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Goody seconded that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 20<sup>th</sup> November be adopted, all being in favour.

Cllr Smith enquired regarding the Clerk's meeting with the Practice Manager of the Clements Surgery. The Clerk advised that he had met with both Dr Platt and the Practice Manager. The Practice had been in discussions with St Edmundsbury Borough Council regarding a possible land swap, the Practice surrendering the present Surgery for a new site, on adjacent land, on which a new, larger Surgery would be built. At present no formal planning application had been received. The Clerk added that Dr Platt would like the Town Council's support for the new Surgery.

**5. Precept**

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed, and Cllr Smith seconded, that the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee that the precept be set at £129,353. This represented an increase of less than 3p per week for a Band D Council Tax Payer and an new annual Council Tax of £13.87 for a Band B Council Tax Payer. On being put to the vote the proposal was accepted unanimously.

**6. To agree meeting dates December 2001 to June 2002**

The Council agreed the dates as circulated subject to changes to February dates to minimise the number of meetings in school holidays.

**7. To authorise urgent payments.**

Cllr Bowman proposed and Cllr Lee seconded that the payments shown on the list be below be approved for payment, all being in favour.

<u>List Date</u>	<u>Item Numbers</u>	<u>Cheque Numbers</u>	<u>Total Value for List</u>
27.11.01	1-4	3717-3720	£589.57

**8. To receive urgent correspondence**

There were no items of urgent correspondence.

**9. Matters of report**

Cllr Maggie Lee reported that she had received a number of complaints of Borough vehicles speeding in Reeds Lane on their way to/from the Council Depot. The Clerk was asked to draw this to the attention of the Borough Council and ask for some form of speed restriction to be applied to all vehicles in Reeds Lane.

Cllr Dane reported that there were problems during the evenings with youths gathering in Jubilee Walk near Leo's. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Detached Youth Workers to try to work with the group to direct their energies elsewhere.

Cllr Mrs Martin reported that unlicensed collectors had been operating in the High Street recently. The Police were investigating the most recent case. Cllr Bowman asked if the Press could be supplied with copies of licensed street collection dates. Cllr Dane reported that he also had challenged unlicensed collectors.

Cllr French reported that the railway walk cyclepath extension was to be segregated for pedestrians and cyclists.

**10. Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.