

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th May 2002 at 8.10pm
At Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre

PRESENT: **Town Mayor:** **Cllr Eric Bowman**
 Town Councillors: **M Dane, M Dunning, P French, E Goody,**
 K Griffin, P Hanlon, G Kiernan, L Kiernan,
 Maggie Lee, Mrs M Martin, A Smith and
 M Woodley

IN ATTENDANCE: **Clerk to the Council – Gordon Mussett**
 Arts & Leisure Manager – Nick Keeble
 Mayor’s Secretary – Vicky Ward
 Eighty-seven members of the public

MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Dunning, Griffin, Millar and Smith.

2. Election of Town Mayor

Cllr Gerry Kiernan proposed and Cllr French seconded that Cllr Mrs Mary Martin be nominated for the position of Mayor. There being no further nominations, Cllr Mrs Martin being willing to be appointed, and all being in favour Cllr Mrs Martin was declared Town Mayor. Cllr Mrs Martin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and donned the Mayoral robes.

Cllr Mrs Martin thanked the Town Council for the honour they had given her by electing her Town Mayor, and indicated that during her year of office she wished to raise the Town’s profile in the wider community, building on the work established by the out-going Mayor, Cllr Eric Bowman, to whom she proposed a vote of thanks.

Cllr Bowman thanked the Town Council for their appreciation, stating that he had greatly enjoyed his time as Mayor, and adding that it was with sadness and regret that he must tender his resignation as Councillor. Cllr Maggie Lee, as Leader of the Council, stated that it was with the Town Council’s regret that Cllr Bowman’s resignation was being accepted. Cllr Maggie Lee on behalf of the Council thanked Cllr Bowman for his contribution to the Council during his time in office. Cllr Maggie Lee hoped that Cllr Bowman would continue to serve the Town in his other roles, including that of a CAB Advisor.

3. Election of Deputy Mayor

Cllr Maggie Lee advised that traditionally the out-going Mayor was nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Maggie Lee added that this year this was not possible, and therefore she proposed that the current Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gerry Kiernan, be nominated as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year. There being no further nominations, Cllr Gerry Kiernan being willing to be appointed, and all being in favour Cllr Gerry Kiernan was declared Deputy Mayor.

4. Vote of Thanks

There being no outgoing Deputy Town Mayor, no vote of thanks was necessary.

5. Mayor's Allowance

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Larry Kiernan seconded that the Mayoral Allowance as agreed in the budget be paid to the new Mayor, all being in favour.

6. Town Council Committees

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr French seconded that the Committee Membership as circulated be agreed, all being in favour.

7. Outside Representatives

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Larry Kiernan proposed that this matter be deferred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, all being in favour.

8. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held 26th March and 22nd April 2002

Cllr Gerry Kiernan proposed and Cllr Maggie Lee seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 26th March be approved as a true record, all being in favour. Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Hanlon seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 22nd April be approved as a true record, all being in favour.

9. To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes

There were no urgent items arising from the minutes.

10. Adoption of Committee Reports

Leisure Committee

Cllr French proposed and Cllr Gerry Kiernan seconded that the minutes of the Leisure Committee held 16th April 2002 be adopted as a true record, all being in favour.

Cllr Hanlon stated that at that meeting he had raised the problem of motorcycles being ridden on the Chalkstone Playing Field and that the problem had been stopped almost immediately after, and he wished to thank those responsible for such prompt action.

Cllr Dane asked whether any progress had been made in developing a town "marque" to denote brand identity with Haverhill, and the Clerk advised that whilst there were a number of District Council schemes, such as BOBS (Braintree Offers Better Service) there was no similar scheme amongst Town Councils.

Planning Committee

Cllr Mrs Martin proposed and Cllr Larry Kiernan seconded that the minutes of the Planning Committee held 14th May 2002 be adopted as a true record, all being in favour.

Cllr Goody asked regarding the resurfacing of the footway to Chalkstone Middle School and the Clerk advised that a letter had been received from St Edmundsbury Borough Council indicating that the work would commence shortly.

Cllr Dane enquired when the work to create the steps to the railway walk from Girton Road would commence. The Clerk advised that this was dependant upon the legal process to divert the footpath that currently ran along the foot of the railway embankment to run along the top of the railway embankment. However the sum of £100 had been received from Suffolk County Council towards the cost of the work.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Gerry Kiernan seconded that minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held 21st May 2002 be adopted as a true record, all being in favour.

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed that the Town Council's Accounts for 2001/2002, circulated with the minutes of that meeting, be adopted. Cllr French seconded the proposal, all being in favour.

Licensing & Appeals Committee

Cllr Gerry Kiernan proposed and Cllr Hanlon seconded that the minutes of the Licensing & Appeals Committee held 16th April 2002 be adopted as a true record, all being in favour.

11. To authorise urgent payments

Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Larry Kiernan seconded that the payments shown on the circulated list be approved, all being in favour.

Date	Item Numbers	Cheque Numbers	Total Value
28.07.02	1-30	3926 & 3935-3963	£9,491.46

12. To receive urgent correspondence

The Clerk advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Hancock, who had moved away from the Town and was unable to continue to represent his electorate.

13. Matters of report

Cllr Dane reported that although the situation with potholes in the Town's roads had improved slightly since this time last year the situation was still in need of improvement. Cllr French stated that the situation in Cambridge Way/Cambridge Close was significantly better than last year.

14. A Review of the Year

The Town Council received an audio-visual review of the past year including work produced by groups/individuals working with Multi@rts. The Arts & Leisure Manager was commended for the concept of the video, which was extremely well-received by the Council and the public present.

15. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.55 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF GRANTS

Immediately following the meeting the following organisations were presented with grant cheques and certificates:-

Organisation Name	Amount Granted
1 st Kedington Ranger Guides	£ 210.00
Age Concern	£ 500.00
Cartwheels Playcentre	£ 500.00
Chalkstone Middle School	£ 120.00
Enterprise 2000	£ 500.00
HaCh (Haverhill Childminders)	£ 150.00
Haverhill & District Choral Society	£ 300.00
Haverhill & District Local History Group	£ 400.00
Haverhill & District U3A	£ 150.00
Haverhill & District Volunteer Centre	£ 320.00
Haverhill Art Group	£ 90.00
Haverhill Cricket Club	£202.02
Haverhill Group of Suffolk Family History Group	£ 250.00
Haverhill Ladies Hockey Club	£ 200.00
Haverhill Lawn Tennis Club	£ 150.00
Haverhill Open Air Theatre Company	£ 550.00
Haverhill Scout & Guide HQ House Comm.	£ 500.00
Haverhill Silver Band (Youth)	£ 400.00
Haverhill Sinfonia	£ 300.00
Haverhill Tennis Club	£ 400.00
Haverhill Townswomens Guild	£ 400.00
HAVO	£ 182.95
Millennium Stars Majorette Troupe	£ 300.00
Parkway Residents Association	£ 400.00
Pye Friendship Club	£ 50.00
Rhythm & Rhyme Plus	£ 300.00
Sapphire Majorettes	£ 300.00
Timeout	£ 150.00
Wednesday for Women	£ 400.00
Westfield Primary School	£ 292.00
TOTAL	£8,966.97