# **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 8.04 p.m. In Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



**TOWN COUNCIL** 

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Present: Chair: Tim Marks

> **Town Councillors:** E Goody, E McManus, Mrs Mary Martin, E Morton, J Rudd,

> > A Thomas. E Trebble and R Warwick

Also present: Ten members of the public

### **MINUTES**

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Cullum, Graham, Robinson and Samples.

#### 2. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs Goody, Mrs Mary Martin and Thomas declared an interest as members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Cllr Marks declared an interest as a member of Suffolk County Council..

#### To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> June 2005 3.

The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Fanning, in her absence, had asked for two amendments. The first was purely factual, which was to record her vote under item 9. The second was to amend the minute of item 8, from:-

"Cllr Fanning asked that it be minuted that she had grave concerns over the Town Council's Accounts and that she would like to see a working group established to monitor the situation. The majority of members felt that this was the role of the existing Finance Committee. A debate took place regarding the Statement of Assurance required to be given to the External Auditors by the Council, during which Cllr Dane left and rejoined the meeting a number of times, absenting himself when reference was made to his official objection to the 2003/2004 accounts. The Council agreed by a majority to sign the Statement of Assurance. Cllrs Dane and Fanning asked that their vote against be recorded. Cllr Fanning then formally proposed that a separate working group of members be established to monitor cashflow. This proposal on being put to the vote was lost. Cllrs Dane and Fanning asked that their vote for this proposal be recorded."

to:-

""Councillor Fanning expressed her concern on the level of reserves as shown in the Statement of Accounts. She asked how the reserves were to be raised besides raising the precept in a very short space of time. She was informed "that's it. She proposed that a working group be established to work with the Clerk on this issue. The majority of members felt that this was the role of the Finance Committee. Councillor Fanning reminded the meeting of her propsal which was put and lost. Councillor Dane asked for his vote for to be recorded. The statement of assurance was then discussed and the council agreed by a majority to sign it. Councillors Dane and Fanning asked for their votes against to be recorded"

The Council agreed to change "Accounts" in line 2 to "reserves" to reflect the effect of Cllr Fanning's wishes. The amended minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> May were then 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 to be discussed.

### 5. Finance Committee Constitution

The Council agreed that the constitution of the Finance Committee be changed to the Town Mayor plus Committee Chairs only, and that the quorum be amended to three to reflect the changed constitution.

## 6. Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.20 p.m.