

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 17th March at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Present: Mayor Councillor R André
Deputy Mayor Councillor M Byrne
Councillor E Goody
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor D Roach
Councillor B Robbins
Councillor C Turner

Apologies: Councillor L Carr
Councillor P Firman
Councillor P French
Councillor M Martin
Councillor G Stroud
Councillor J Stroud

Absent: Councillor D Russo
Councillor A Samuels

In Attendance: Colin Poole (Town Clerk)

7 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

Mayor R André welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded and filmed. He also noted the sad news regarding Councillor French's wife passing away and on behalf of the Council sent condolences.

MINUTES

- C15 /030** Apologies for Absence
The above apologies were noted. .
- C15 /031** Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation
None.
- C15 /032** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 3rd March 2015
The meeting agreed these were a true record.

ACTION

C15 **Matters arising not on the agenda**

/033 **a) C14/030b Haverhill Clock**

The Clerk had visited the Samuel Ward academy and met with Neil Williams and Roy Fisher to inspect the works. The clock faces have been made and look very impressive. The manufacturer of the clock mechanism has now visited and collected the faces to mount the mechanism, batteries and solar panels. This means work can press ahead completing the column.

Ground works will need to be done. The Clerk estimated that the work should be completed by the end of April, bar any further delays. The delay in getting the mechanism underway was caused by a destructive burglary at the manufacturer's premises.

C15 **Adjournment**

/034

The meeting was adjourned for reports from the Police, District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum. See Appendix 1 for Details.

The meeting was reconvened

C15 **One Haverhill**

/035

a) The Clerk provided a report on the preparations for the Community Clean-Up. A number of businesses, schools, clubs and individuals had signed up to take part. There had been good coverage in the Weekly News. In answer to a question regarding health and safety, the Mayor explained that so long as we knew what people were up to and our guidelines about not taking risks or attempting tasks beyond their capability, participants would be covered by our insurance. Those working on their own land, or taking part autonomously would be covered by their household insurance.

b) The Town Centre Masterplan consultation was underway. Forms were available online and from the foyer at the Arts Centre. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Town Council were meeting with the consultants of 26th March, at 6:30pm. The mayor noted that some Councillors who attended HAWP or the ONE Haverhill Board would have already had the opportunity to meet with the consultants, but could do so again to take part in the Town Council discussions.

C15 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

/036

a) Appeals Committee

The meeting noted that the Appeals Committee had not met since the last meeting.

b) Finance Committee

The meeting noted that the Finance Committee had not met since the last meeting.

c) Leisure and Community Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor E Goody, that the minutes of the meeting held 10th March 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

d) Personnel Committee

i) The meeting noted that the Personnel Committee had not met since the

last meeting.

ii) The meeting noted that the appointment of an Operations Manager and also an Admin Apprentice was allowed within the budget and that recruitment will now start immediately.

NOTED

e) Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor E Goody, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

C15 /037 Authorisation of payments

It was proposed by Councillor M Byrne, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that payments for cheques 10367 - 10381 totalling £7041.77 be authorised.

RESOLVED

C15 /038 Urgent Correspondence

None.

C15 /039 To Exclude the Press and Public

No matters requiring the exclusion of the Press and Public were to be discussed.

C15 /040 Staffing Matters

None.

C15 /041 Date of next Meeting:

The Mayor highlighted the dates of meetings, including those taking place after the election in May.

C15 /042 Closure

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

Reports from the Police, District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum.

Police Report:

No report had been received. Councillor M Byrne requested the Clerk contact Inspector Ferrie regarding the replacement of the Domestic Abuse officer.

County Councillor Tony Brown:

- 1 – Hollands Road: The Clerk and he had succeeded in getting a bin placed in Hollands Road for lorry drivers to deposit their rubbish, rather than throwing it into the Wisdom Allotments.
- 2 – BT box in Swan Lane – the efforts to get this relocated continue.
- 3 – Yellow lines still being chased.
- 4 – Helions Park Avenue – the pot holes still need doing. However SCC has changed its priority system for these. “Urgent” repairs are now done within 24 hours on a main road and are done as permanent repairs rather than quick temporary ones. “Dangerous” repairs are done within 1 hour.
- 5 – SCC staff are now cleaning bridges as part of the Community Clean-Up.
- 6 – Councillor Brown will raise a question at Full Council regarding the unfinished section of the Railway Walk cycle route.

Councillor Byrne asked Councillor Brown if he knew how much funding from the government had come to Suffolk Highways to fund repairs. Also, how much funding was in reserves.

County Councillor Julian Flood:

- 1 – Spending his locality fund in Haverhill. Recent expenditure on the scanner appeal, Churchill School and two grants to the local library.
- 2 – The pavement outside Holland and Barrett has some loose paving. Whose responsibility would this be? The meeting advised that this should be reported to SCC Highways.

Mr John Burns:

- 1 – Could the Council investigate the provision of a facility to use credit/debit cards at the café and paypal online for the Arts Centre.
- 2 – Mr Burns is still trying to get information from the Borough regarding the transfer of Chalkstone Community Centre to River of Life Church.