

Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

FULL COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre,
High Street, Haverhill

Present: Mayor Councillor B McLatchy

Councillor A Bramwell	Councillor Q Fox
Councillor A Brown	Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor J Burns	Councillor I McLatchy
Councillor M Byrne	Councillor B Robbins
Councillor J Crooks	Councillor C Turner
Councillor P Fox	Councillor W Yang

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Councillor D Roach – attending another meeting
Councillor T Chivers - Unwell
Councillor A Williams - Unwell

Absent: None

In Attendance: Colin Poole (Town Clerk)

X members of the public were present.

Welcome & Prayers:

Mayor B McLatchy welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded. Revd Canon Graham Owen led prayers.

MINUTES

ACTION

C15 /156 Apologies for Absence

The above apologies were noted. In addition, Police Inspector Ferrie had sent his apologies.

C15 /157 Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation

No declarations of requests had been received.

C15 /158 The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 20th October 2015

It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor P Fox, that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting held 20th October.

RESOLVED

C15 /159 Matters arising not on the agenda

C15/141 Consultation Responses – the Clerk confirmed that responses had been submitted to all three consultations.

C15/145 Haverhill Corn Exchange – the Clerk advised that the survey had been carried out on 18th November at a price of £2250. The report is awaited.

Haverhill Town Council adopted the General Power of Competence on May 18th 2015. All decisions are taken using that power unless otherwise stated.

C15 **Reports from the Police, borough and County Councillors and the**
/160 **PUBLIC FORUM**

The meeting received reports from the Police and County Councillors on issues pertinent to Haverhill and the Public Forum. See Appendix 1 for Details.

C15 **Hamlet Green Development**

/161 Representatives of the Howard group provided a presentation on their proposals for the Hamlet Green (Project) site. The development will consist of retail frontage with employment land behind and some additional land for the county wildlife area behind that. Retailers involved include Lidl, Pets at Home and Home Bargains. Other tenants are yet to be announced. The aim is for the retail park to open in early 2017. Councillors expressed their appreciation for the investment in Haverhill and welcomed the knowledge that the Howard Group were open to further investment within the town.

C15 **Mayor's Report**

/162 Mayor McLatchy read her report to the Council, on her work as Mayor during the last month. (see appendix 2)

C15 **Report from the Internal Auditor**

/163 The meeting received the mid-year report by the Internal Auditor. Councillors thanked the Clerk and his staff team for their work and noted that there were only a couple of minor issues found.

It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor B Robbins, that the report be accepted.

RESOLVED

C15 **Adoption of Committee Reports**

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a) Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee had not met since the last meeting.

b) Finance Committee

It was proposed by Councillor C Turner, seconded by Councillor Q Fox, that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

c) Leisure and Community Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor J Burns, that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

Councillor Burns advised the police meeting scheduled for 30th November, which was hosted by the Council as a result of a decision of this committee, was not now going ahead.

d) Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee had not met since the last meeting.

e) Planning Committee

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor J Crooks, that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2015 be adopted.

AGREED

C15 **Authorisation of payments**
/165 It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor C Turner, that payments for cheques 10927 - 11026 totalling £66,502.29 be authorised.
RESOLVED

C15 **Draft budget 2016/17**
/166 The meeting considered the report from the Finance Committee on the draft budget. Discussion took place on the merits of the different options. It was agreed that the decision on budget and precept would be made at the next meeting so councillors could consider the matter further. The meeting thanked the Clerk for his time spent on the work.

Councillor C Turner & Councillor W Yang left the meeting

C15 **CCLA Property Fund**
/167 The meeting considered the recommendation from the Finance Committee to invest £500k in the CCLA Property Fund for a period of not less than 1 year. The Clerk advised that he had modelled the proposed budget over the next 12 months to create a budget profile and £500k was well under the £650k ceiling available to the Council for long term investment.
It was proposed by Councillor M Byrne, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that £500,000 be invested in the CCLA Property Fund forthwith.
RESOLVED

C15 **Urgent Correspondence**
/168 None.

C15 **To Exclude the Press and Public**
/169 There were no matters requiring the press and public to leave.

C15 **Staffing Matters**
/170 None

C15 **Date of next Meeting:**
/171 The next meeting will be held on MONDAY 14th December 2015 at the LEISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

C15 **Closure**
/172 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:38pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix 1

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

Police Inspector Ferrie

Firstly, I wish to welcome **Pcso Sophie Mitchell** who is now the Samuel Ward Safer schools officer replacing Mark Isaac whom we wish all the best with his new career as a fully-fledged Police Officer with Hertfordshire Police. Sophie, having come over from the rural team early this year, has been an enthusiastic officer heavily involved with the Fire service/Police cadets where she now sits as a Leader and has received tremendous feedback from both the cadets and the parents for her hard work in organising events ie; camping trips and days out, as well as the weekly inputs at the fire station.

On the subject of the Cadets, they participated in the Remembrance parade on the 8th Nov and were very well received and represented the Fire and Police services to a high standard and they all enjoyed being part of the parade.

In respect of crime –

We've seen the usual seasonal rise in burglaries

31/10 – Burglary at Stephen Close in the early hours where keys were removed via a fanlight window and the door opened and whilst occupants slept keys, handbags, ipads and cigarettes were taken.

14/11 – Burglary at Kingfisher Close, whilst occupants were out entry gained by forcing a upvc door and untidy search made with jewellery taken.

15/11 – Burglary at Beaufort Ct entry gained in the early hours via an insecure kitchen door and wallet and handbag taken whilst occupants asleep.

As we now have the run up to the festive period and the hours of darkness starting a lot earlier, we do ask for the community to remain vigilant and keep an eye on people's property and to report any suspicious activity, and keep doors to houses as well outbuildings locked at all times where possible.

Lastly, we are still receiving regular reports of Class A drug dealing throughout the town and request any information to be passed on to ourselves so we can continue targeting the main dealers. Following on from intelligence given by residents at a town block of flats together with SNT assisting with speaking to neighbours and a leaflet drop, a Warrant was executed last week and some drugs seized and a female interviewed and reported.

Cllr Turner asked that an update be provided at the next meeting on the immigrants detained earlier today adjacent to Culina.

Councillor J Flood

Highways – Cllr Flood is still trying to get works done in Burton End opposite School Lane and also in School Lane itself. He is concerned that the Councillor's Locality Budget may be under threat as part of cost savings, so asked that people report issues to him, as he felt it was a case of "use it or lose it".

Housing – Cllr Flood complained about the Nayland Road development by Havebury to the National Housing Federation who informed him that the issues he raised were outside the scope of their complaints regime. He felt that Highways, Social Housing and education were beyond democratic control.

Councillor A Brown

Sainsbury's crossing should be completed by Christmas.

Murton Slade – he is chasing the solution promised

Highways – the lighting phasing on Eringshausen Way is to be reviewed. Councillor Hanlon asked that the Highways authority takes enforcement action on the owner of the non-adopted streetlights in front of Tesco, with 10 reportedly not working.

Great Wilsey – The archaeological dig is underway. Cllr Brown has asked that if anything significant is found, that it be exhibited. The County Archaeological Service have agreed to this.

Mr G Savary – With so many new developments proposed, we must also maintain what we already have – that needs to be done too.

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