

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 28 November 2019 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Wheale - (Chairman)

Ambler	Davies	Neighbour
Axam	Delaney	Oliver
Bailey	Dorn	Quarterman
Blewett	Drage	Radley
Butler	Farmer	Smith
Clarke	Forster	Tomlinson
Collings	Kennett	Wildsmith
Crampton	Kinnell	Worlock
Crisp	Lamb	Wright
Crookes	Makepeace-Browne	

Officers Present:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Committee Services

36 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 September 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Cockarill, Harward and Southern.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

39 PRESENTATION – MEN'S SHED

Allan Walker, Chairman, Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed, gave a presentation to Members. Men's Shed are a large version of the shed at the bottom of the garden, a creative space to work on projects, community or personal, sharing skills, knowledge and friendship, a place of leisure where men can come together to

work. The main focus is trying to help other charitable groups, working from a large wooden shed at Crookham Park, with containers on-site enabling further storage and working space. Future plans included looking to include local veterans to get involved.

Though mainly men the Shed is inclusive, with anyone over the age of 18 welcome with or without skills, and Church Crookham and Fleet had had a female member since its inception. Examples of work included nesting boxes, hedgehog boxes, and silent soldiers for the Royal British Legion.

Members asked about sales and fundraising and the Yateley and Hook Men's sheds.

Members were invited to visit the Men's Shed at any time to meet members and see their work, and Members thanked Allan for his presentation.

40 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Questions had been received from Mr David Turver, details of which are set out in Appendix A attached to these Minutes. In Councillor Cockarill's absence, it was agreed that he would give a written response which would also be circulated to Members. Mr Turver would be allowed to ask any supplementary questions at the January Council meeting.

41 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Questions put by Councillors are detailed in Appendix B attached to these Minutes. In Councillor Cockarill's absence, it was agreed that he would give a written response which would also be circulated to Members.

42 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

17 October	Opening by Lord Lieutenant of new Invictus building at Robert May's School, Odiham
22 October	Community Safety Team Awards at Farnborough College of Technology
26 October	East Hants Civic dinner/Comedy Night at Rake Village Hall, Liss
23 November	Visit to Fleet Lions and Fleet Rotary

The Vice-Chairman had attended:

13 October	Mayor Winchester Law Sunday Service, Winchester Cathedral
10 November	Remembrance Day Parade Fleet

Councillor Butler attended the Remembrance Day Service at Church Crookham.

Councillor Kennett added that following the parade in Fleet on Remembrance Sunday he had received a letter of thanks from Air Commodore Tyack, President of the Royal British Legion. Councillor Kennett particularly thanked the licensing,

parking and business support departments for their contribution to the success of the day.

The Chairman congratulated Hook Parish Council on their success at the Hampshire Association of Local Council's Annual General Meeting, winning Glass Trophy for the Best Use of Social Media by a Hampshire Local Council 2019, runner-up for Best Council website, and runner-up for Anne Atkins as Best Council Clerk in Hampshire 2019.

Members were informed that the Fleet Christmas Festivities on 27 November were very successful, and the Chairman particularly thanked Sue Tilley and her team from Fleet Town Council for their hard work.

The Chairman announced that she would be holding the Chairman's Dinner on 24 January 2020 at the Harlington Centre. With a 1920's theme, invitations would be going out imminently and she hoped the Members would support it.

43 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, **Councillor Radley**, reported:

This weekend our Taxi Marshal pilot starts – there will be 2 marshals from 00:00 – 04:00 on the rank by Moo Moos, coordinating the queue, passengers and taxis in an effort to assist in the safe dispersal of patrons, as well as improve safety of all involved! Thanks go to Fleet BID who are part funding this, with the rest coming from Community Safety.

Additionally - Community Safety are holding crime prevention roadshows in the run up to Christmas – they will be in the Hart Shopping Centre on 13 December from 11:00 – 13:00 along with Trading Standards and hopefully the Police.

The Cabinet Member for Community, **Councillor Bailey**, reminded Members that earlier this year Cabinet had approved the purchasing of a property for a resident with severe disabilities. The completion on a property was scheduled for early December, and it would take several months to adapt and will be ready for occupancy early spring. The proposed occupant is delighted.

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory, **Councillor Kinnell**, reported:

The public consultation on the proposed Dog Fouling PSPO has now concluded and on Monday, I met with Katie Bailey and Keith Holland to run through the responses that we received.

Since the PSPO is a key decision for Cabinet, it will need to be advertised as such. The original date for consideration by Cabinet was 2nd January, however, the deadlines for the run up to Cabinet are somewhat shortened due to Christmas and the New Year breaks. So, after discussion with the officers, I have agreed to push this forward to February, thereby giving them more time for proper assessment of the results and preparation of the Cabinet report.

44 JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT

The Joint Chief Executives' reported that:

- A Standards Committee would be arranged to discuss, amongst other things, the process and procedures of the allegations against Councillors, and a review of the Petitions Scheme in light of a request from Cllr Forster
- Election preparations were going to plan, Andrew Tiffin and his team were working hard to keep everything on track, with no problems showing at the moment.
- The new Head of Place would be starting in December
- The Development Peer Review had gone well and thanks go to the Peer Review team
- The Inspector's report on the Local Plan had been expected this month, but had been put back in light of the General Election
- Hook Neighbourhood Plan had been challenged and would be going to judicial review. There was also a potential threat of a judicial review with respect to the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan.

45 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny No questions asked.	17 September 2019
Overview and Scrutiny (draft) No questions asked.	15 October 2019
Cabinet No questions asked.	3 October 2019
Cabinet (draft)	7 November 2019

After questions on Minute 71, the Leader confirmed that the governance arrangements were being reviewed and any revisions would be considered by both Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then Cabinet, and that the spending plan did not need to be approved by Homes England.

The Leader, in consideration that the Cabinet minutes were still in draft and therefore still to be confirmed by Cabinet, announced that the Recommendation to Council, decision 8 of Minute 71, would be withdrawn and he would be recommending at the next Cabinet that this would be considered as part of the budget process.

The Recommendation to Council, Minute 71, decision 8, was therefore withdrawn for further consideration by Cabinet.

Licensing Committee (draft)

5 November 2019

A question was asked on the GPS systems in taxis. The Chairman of the Licensing Committee agreed to circulate a written response.

Minute 16 - Taxi Policy

RESOLVED

That the revised Taxi Policy be adopted.

Planning Committee

9 October 2019

No questions asked.

Planning Committee (draft)

13 November 2019

No questions asked.

46 FLEET AND HARTLEY WINTNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – BRINGING INTO LEGAL FORCE

Following positive referendum results for the Fleet and Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plans, Council was asked for its approval to bring the Plans into legal force to form part of the statutory development plan for Hart District.

RESOLVED

- 1 That under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Fleet Neighbourhood Plan be 'made' (brought into legal force) to form part of the statutory Hart Development Plan with immediate effect.
- 2 That under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Hartley Wintney Neighbourhood Plan be 'made' (brought into legal force) to form part of the statutory Hart Development Plan with immediate effect.

47 OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Axam reported on the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee. Farnborough Airport is now owned by an investment bank, with no apparent significant changes planned for the future.

Councillor Ambler had attended a meeting of Basingstoke Canal JMC, reporting that Basingstoke and Deane BC had joined the management committee, with a view to helping to create a footpath along the canal into Basingstoke, which the canal society fully supported.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Turver asked:

Question 1 - Hart Cabinet recently recognised the serious impact of climate change globally and agreed that there is a need for urgent action. The Local Plan, Planning Inspector and Garden Communities bid all agreed the new settlement was not required. The Bid and Vision document described a new settlement of up to 10,000 houses. Why are you pursuing this project that could emit approximately 1m tonnes of CO₂ in its construction, damage vital green infrastructure and be less sustainable than urban regeneration?

Response:

The Government has invited the Council to be part of the Garden Communities project. The project is an integral part of the Government objective to boost significant the supply of new homes to meet its ambition to deliver over 300,000 new homes per annum. Its vision and expectation is that garden communities will deliver high-quality place-making across the country. It sees it as a fresh opportunity to stimulate economic growth in new places, and a chance to aspire beyond identikit housing and town centres that look like anywhere and nowhere. It's a call to developers, investors, local authorities and local enterprise partnerships to build communities with local character, good employment opportunities, strong services, integrated and accessible transport, innovative uses of technology – and beautiful green spaces.

In their own right these are sustainable developments and it does not follow that simply because land lies within an urban area that its redevelopment is more sustainable. Quite the contrary. In my view the Garden community approach provides our community an opportunity to consider creating an innovative, resilient and inclusive place that will stand the test of time. Planning at scale offers us the chance to think holistically about how a place will work, and to understand what mechanisms need to be put in place to help turn an ambitious vision into a real place. The term 'Garden Community' in my view carries with it not just an opportunity but also a responsibility to create exemplar world-class new communities. It is therefore of great importance to our communities right across the District that we fully explore and evaluate the Garden Community opportunity.

Question 2 - The Future High Streets bid recognised that a “do nothing scenario would not be viable”; that local business confidence in Fleet Town centre is extremely low; 88% said Fleet didn't meet all of their retail and leisure needs and 52% would not recommend a visit to the town centre. A masterplan and business case to address these issues would cost £100K. How can you justify not undertaking this urgent project?

Response:

The Fleet Neighbourhood Plan sets out very clear objectives as to how the community sees the future of Fleet. In recognition of this the Council has put together a cross party working group to work on bring forward an ambitious and deliverable redevelopment centred a key Neighbourhood Plan site identified as Zone 1 which is centred on the Civic Quarter. It comprises the largest realistic and deliverable development opportunity and will bring with it substantial regeneration and community benefits.

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Forster asked:

Will this Council fully support a request to the County Council to deliver at least 6 secure exclusive motorcycle and scooter parking spaces on Fleet Road - provided they do not lose any existing car or blue badge spaces.

Councillor Oliver responded:

In principle this Council would support a request to HDC for provision of 6 secure motorcycle parking bays on Fleet High Street. However, it would like to see the detail of the proposal to ensure no negative impacts on access or accessibility for retailers and high street users in any location(s) proposed.

Councillor Crampton asked:

As far as we are aware, there have been two meetings this year between Hart District Council and Homes England following the successful Garden Communities programme bid. Who attended these meetings, what was discussed and when will these discussions be made public?

Response:

As outlined in the Cabinet paper on the Garden Community (Appendix 3), in November, there have been two meetings with Homes England, the first in August and the second in October.

I had the pleasure of attending the first meeting, which Homes England called their 'inception meeting' which essentially welcomed Hart to the Garden Community Programme. Homes England took the minutes of that meeting but they have yet to be shared with us.

The meeting in October was between Officers, Homes England and at their request, promoters/developers. No minutes were taken but the following actions were agreed;

- a request for any agreements in place between the promoter and developer to be shared with the Council
- Recognition that as the project progressed, a collaboration agreement may be required between the Council and the promoter and developer and a request for examples to be shared.
- consideration of what technical reports might be needed to help the exploration of the Garden Community with a small group to work together on how these could be best commissioned,
- being vigilant for new funding windows that may open up to help finance the exploration work.