

AT A MEETING OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7 pm

Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)
Councillors C S Billingham, C J Blunden, K D Bonner-Dunham,
K Dixon, D G Dunham, T D Hayward, J T Hawkins, P Joyce, G Rhys,
D M Shaw, W B Stimpson and P M Titchener

Apologies: Councillor C O Cartmell

174. PRAYERS

Prayers were offered by Reverend David Good

175. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor advised Members that there were still tickets available for the Masked Ball on 22nd September 2007. Tickets sales had been slow and the event may have to be cancelled. He also advised that Pauline Adams had successfully completed her parachute jump and had raised over £700 for The British Heart Foundation.

Several Members had not returned their reply slips for the Civic Service and were asked to do so as soon as possible.

176. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

177. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 6th August 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed.

178. PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE

a) The Minutes of the Planning and General Works Committee held on Monday 6th August 2007 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

b) On the proposition of Councillor Blunden it was

RESOLVED:

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Planning and General Works Committee as contained in Minutes 150 to 158 be approved and adopted.

CONTINUATION OF A MEETING OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7 pm

179. DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES CTTEE

(a) The Minutes of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on 20th August 2007 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

(b) On the proposition of Councillor Bonner-Dunham it was

RESOLVED:

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee as contained in Minutes 159 to 165 be approved and adopted.

180. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

(a) The Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on Monday 20th August 2007 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

(b) Further to Minute 171/07 Councillor Billingham referred to the third paragraph of the resolution regarding the placing of an article in the public notices of local newspapers inviting organisations to apply for grant funding. Because the local press had already given the matter considerable coverage, it had been agreed between the Town Clerk and Councillor Billingham, as Vice Chairman of the Committee, not to go to the expense of additional advertising. It was hoped Members would endorse this decision.

Councillor Billingham said she was somewhat concerned about the offer of grant funding as the Town Council itself had substantial expenditure planned on future projects in the Town and the amount of reserves was being reduced. She felt it was foolhardy making the offer of grant funding when there were insufficient monies to cover the planned expenditure and she hoped this would be borne in mind when requests were submitted. Councillor Bonner-Dunham said she had made similar comments last year about the amount of funding granted to outside bodies and she agreed with Councillor Billingham's views.

b) On the proposition of Councillor Dixon it was

RESOLVED:

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Finance and Policy Committee as contained in Minutes 166 to 173 be approved and adopted.

181. LIST OF ACCOUNTS

Lists of Accounts 6A had been circulated with the Minutes.

RESOLVED:

That List of Accounts 6A in the sum of £15,865.70
be approved and passed for payment

182. SEAL OF THE COUNCIL

Members were advised that there were no documents requiring the Seal of the Council.

183. COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDREW GRANT

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillor Grant to the Meeting.

Councillor Grant said August and September had been fairly quiet at County Council but locally the introduction of the restricted parking had produced one or two comments of praise and it would be interesting to see how things developed. He said he had been adamant that there would not be a charging scheme put in place and that he was available to anyone who wished to contact him on this or any other matter.

Members were advised that each County Councillor had been given £10,000 to spend in their local areas. Councillor Grant had taken the option to concentrate on two villages this year and to look at Brackley next year. He went on to say that he tried to spend an hour or so in the Town each week and had recently been involved with the drainage problem in Goose Green, together with Councillor Billingham, and after lengthy discussions with District and County Council an answer had been found and County Council would be starting work this week. He had also been involved with discussions on waste disposal in the light of landfill sites becoming non existent.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Grant for his information.

Meeting closed at 7.22 pm

Town Mayor

