

AT A MEETING OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2007 at 7 pm

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Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)  
Councillors C S Billingham, C J Blunden, K D Bonner-Dunham,  
C O Cartmell, 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

### **299. PRAYERS**

Prayers were offered by Reverend Peter Idris Taylor

### **300. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor thanked all Members who attended the Elvis Evening on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007 or donated items for the raffle and advised that £1200 had been raised from the event.

Members and staff were invited to join the Mayor for refreshments after the Finance Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Volunteers were requested to serve the soup at the Carol Singing on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7 pm.

### **301. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were given.

### **302. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed.

### **303. PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE**

a) The Minutes of the Planning and General Works Committee held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

b) On the proposition of Councillor Blunden it was

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**303. PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE Cont'd...**

**RESOLVED:**

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Planning and General Works Committee as contained in Minutes 266 to 275 be approved and adopted.

**304. DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES CTTEE**

a) The Minutes of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

b) Reference Minute 278/07, Councillor Billingham asked if this item could be referred to the next Meeting for further discussion as she felt the resolution had not adequately addressed the concerns raised by Members. It was

**RESOLVED:**

That Minute 278/07 be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of this Committee.

c) 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 276 to 285 be approved and adopted (with the amendment in (b) above)

**305. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

a) The Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

b) Reference Minute 287/07 it was

**RESOLVED:**

That a Precept figure of £281,064.00 be forwarded to South Northamptonshire Council

**305. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE Cont'd.....**

c) On the proposition of Councillor Billingham it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Finance and Policy Committee as contained in Minutes 286 to 298 (with the inclusion of b) above) be approved and adopted.

**306. REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT**

A copy of a report circulated to Members of the play area working party on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 with the intention of holding a Committee meeting was made available for the remaining Councillors. Councillor Cartmell questioned why Members had not received the information earlier. The Town Clerk explained that she had been on holiday. The Town Mayor said he had requested this item to be placed on the full Council Agenda as he wished the matter to be progressed as quickly as possible.

The report contained a summary of communication with the National Trust and the suggestion to Members that small play equipment only be placed in the Park and the bigger equipment on the open space at the bottom of Humphries Drive. This would then help the National Trust to honour the benefactors 'Deed of Wishes'. Councillor Bonner-Dunham commented that this had been a long awaited exercise. The Town Council had agreed to purchase the equipment prior to the problems encountered in the Park and she would like the matter to progress quickly. Councillor Billingham supported this and suggested that the play area sub committee be given the authority to make a decision and bring this information to Members to move the matter forward speedily. Councillor Stimpson said he would have liked to see all the equipment in one area but agreed to the suggestion to progress the matter quickly.

Councillor Dixon asked if the layout was to be changed. Councillor Bonner-Dunham explained that there would be two areas to cater for different age groups, although it may not be possible for the large slide to be installed immediately as this may need planning permission. Councillor Blunden asked about age limits for the equipment and how this would be policed. Councillor Bonner-Dunham said that no age limit was specified but the Park equipment would be aimed at younger children and the Humphries Drive area for older children. After much discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the suggested new play equipment be split between the Park and Humphries Drive and that this be progressed as speedily as possible.

### **307. LIST OF ACCOUNTS**

Lists of Accounts 9A had been circulated with the Minutes.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That List of Accounts 9A in the sum of £4,571.00  
be approved and passed for payment

### **308. SEAL OF THE COUNCIL**

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

### **309. COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillor Andrew Grant to the Meeting

Councillor Grant apologised for the non attendance of a County Councillor at the last Town Council Meeting and said that he had intended coming to the last one but had been delayed at another meeting.

He said that he had received a petition from local residents about the lack of residential parking. A suggestion had been made that some form of permit parking for residents be instigated and he intended taking this to a meeting of the County Council on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

Councillor Grant advised that the £10,000 allocated to each County Councillor annually would be continuing and he would be happy for people/organisations to approach him for assistance with funding. There were two schemes in the process of being approved – a pathway in a new pocket park in Syresham and the replacement of play equipment in Helmdon.

Councillor Grant wished Members a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.