

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE OF  
BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL,  
BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2007 at 7 pm

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Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)  
Councillors K D Bonner-Dunham (Chairman), K Dixon, J R Hawkins,  
P Joyce, G Rhys, W B Stimpson, P H Stocker and P M Titchener

Apologies: Councillor C O Cartmell

In attendance: Councillors C S Billingham, C J Blunden, D Dunham, T D Hayward  
and D Shaw

### **118. SEAT FOR PIAZZA**

A letter had been received from a resident requesting to purchase a seat in memory of  
her late husband and for this to be sited on the piazza. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That permission be granted for a further seat to be placed  
on the main road side of the piazza between the two  
existing ones.

### **119. HERITAGE WORKING PARTY**

The minutes of the working party held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were attached to the Agenda.  
The minutes for the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 were circulated to Members at the  
Meeting.

Councillor Stimpson pointed out that the Upper Hall had a sprung floor at present and  
he understood that a narrow plank wood resulted in a better spring. Councillor  
Bonner-Dunham said that the architects were aware that it was a sprung floor.

The Mayor asked when the estimates would be available and was advised that these  
would be presented at the next Meeting of this Committee under Private and  
Confidential.

Members were reminded that there would be a presentation by Mr Russell from Roger  
Coy Associated on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at 6 pm.

Nominations were requested for additional Members for the working party. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillors Billingham, Rhys and Stimpson join  
the working party.

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#### **120. HEDGE FROM HALSE ROAD TO GOLDCREST ROAD**

A report from Complete Grounds Management was attached to the Report. The Town Mayor agreed that this was a very large hedge and he felt it was very important that residents on both sides of the hedge were consulted before any work was started. Councillor Blunden asked why the Town Council's groundsman couldn't undertake this work but was advised that this required specialist laying. Councillor Joyce commented that the hedge had not been laid for at least 30 years.

Members were asked if they wished the work to be done in stages. Councillor Stimpson said that doing it in stages may cause less disturbance to the wildlife. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the work be undertaken in stages
- 2) That tenders be sought
- 3) That consultation be undertaken with residents

#### **121. ST JAMES LAKE COMMITTEE**

Nominations were requested to join the St James Lake Committee. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillors Dunham and Stocker join the St James Lake Committee.

#### **122. MEMBERS REPORT – MULTI-USE GAMES AREA COUNCILLOR HAYWARD**

A report compiled by Councillor Hayward had been circulated to Members. Councillor Stimpson said that this was an ideal chance to provide something for the use of the Town and he thought it should go ahead. Members were asked whether this should be taken over by the Town Council after nine months if there was good feedback. After discussion it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the scheme be accepted.
- 2) That, if after nine months feedback was good, the equipment be taken over by the Town Council.

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**123. INFORMATION REPORT**

An Information Report was attached to the Agenda which covered the following items:

a) Publications Received

b) Councillors Surgery

Complaints had been received about HGV parking on Hinton Road. County Council was to erect NO HGV signs. Other agencies could not help as no crime was being committed.

**124. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was

**RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded from this Meeting during the discussion on matters relating to planning, tenders and and staff matters as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business to be transacted.

**125. CHERWELL GOSPEL HALL TRUST**

A letter and plans concerning land at Station Approach was attached to the Agenda for the information of Members only.

Discussion ensued on the way forward for this application and it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the applicants be advised to submit their planning application to South Northamptonshire Council Planning for consideration and thereafter the Town Council would make its decision.

**126. TENDERS FOR TREEWORCS AT CHURCH ROAD AND NORTHAMPTON ROAD**

i) Northampton Road/Valley Road

As a result of complaints from residents at Jarvis Court and the occupier of 1 Valley Road, three tenders had been sought. Only two replies had been received and these were opened at the Meeting. The Town Mayor questioned whether this work was necessary as the trees in the hedge line were at least 45 feet away from the flats at

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**126. TENDERS FOR TREE WORKS Cont'd....**

Jarvis Court. The Town Clerk said that this was not the only factor to be taken into account. After much discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Town Mayor, Town Clerk and Chairman make the decision on whether to proceed following Mr Lorman's report.

ii) Horse Chestnuts corner of Church Road/Egerton House open space

Concern had been expressed about the safety of these trees and details of two remedial options were contained in the Confidential report.

After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

That advice be sought from Ian Lorman at South Northamptonshire Council

That the Town Mayor, Town Clerk and Chairman make the decision on whether to proceed following Mr Lorman's report.

That if the work is authorised this be undertaken by Complete Ground Management at a cost of £950 plus VAT for Northampton Road and £1160 plus VAT for Church Road

**127. PERSONAL CARS USED ON TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Members views were sought on the provision of a small van to facilitate the efficient workings of the Council and to ensure that Health and Safety in the Play Areas and around the town was conformed to. Several suggestions were made and it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the Town Clerk investigate the various types of vehicles available and report to a future Meeting of this Committee

Meeting closed at 7.43 pm

Chairman