

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE OF
BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL,
BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2007 at 7 pm

Present: Councillors K D Bonner-Dunham (Chairman), C O Cartmell, K Dixon,
J R Hawkins, P Joyce, G Rhys, W B Stimpson and P H Stocker

Apologies: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield) and
Councillor P M Titchener

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

159. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None was declared.

160. HAULAGE EQUIPMENT

Reference Minute 41/07, Members were asked again to consider the purchase of a chipper, as Mr Sharp was unwilling to hire his machine to the Town Council. Details were given of charges made by contractors to undertake this work. If the Council decided to purchase its own chipper, it was pointed that savings could be made on man hours when materials had to be moved to the Banbury Road site, as chippings could be placed straight back on to the working site.

Councillor Cartmell asked for a report, detailing comparisons between costings for hiring a contractor to undertake the chipping work against the cost of purchasing a machine over a six/twelve month period. Councillor Blunden said that ongoing maintenance charges for the machine were horrendous and he also queried whether chippings could be placed back on site. Councillor Joyce said there were split opinions on whether this could be done. Councillor Dixon asked whether the groundsman could undertake the maintenance and was advised that he would be able to do some of the work. Councillor Stimpson agreed that more information was needed before a decision could be made and it was

RESOLVED:

That a report be made to a future Committee.

161. INFORMATION REPORT

a) Publications Received

b) IOG Saltex 2007

This would be held on 4-6th September 2007 at Windsor Racecourse. Members felt it would be beneficial for the Town Clerk to attend together with Mr Sharp.

CONTINUATION OF A MEETING OF THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2007 at 7 pm

162. CONTRACTORS FOR CENTRAL NETWORK

Notification had been received that contractors working on behalf of Central Networks would be tree cutting underneath the power lines in Nightingale Close and near the Rugby Club. The work was due to commence on 23rd August 2007 and adjacent residents had been notified. Members noted.

163. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from this Meeting during discussion on matters relating to the Christmas Lights and a Heritage Survey, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business be transacted.

164. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Details of the proposed Christmas Lights for the Town Centre were contained in the Confidential report and Members approval was sought to proceed. It was

RESOLVED:

That the proposals outlined in the Report be approved.

That the Chairman of the Committee and the Town Clerk make the decision on the contractor to be used and report back to the next Meeting of this Committee.

165. HERITAGE SURVEY

A meeting with Roger Coy Partnerships had taken place on Monday 20th August 2007 detailing the proposals for the renovation of the Town Hall. Information regarding this meeting was outlined in the Confidential report. It was

RESOLVED:

That investigations be made into all possible sources of funding.

Meeting closed at 7.43 pm

Chairman