

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE OF  
BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL,  
BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2007 at 7 pm

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

Apologies: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)  
Councillors K Dixon, W B Stimpson and P M Titchener

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

#### **234. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None was declared.

#### **235. FARMERS MARKET**

Following a request for an update on the Farmers Market, details of stallholders who currently trade and the costings for the running of this event were detailed in the Report. Councillor Bonner-Dunham commented that this month's event had been exceptionally good despite there being numerous other big events being held nearby.

Councillor Cartmell suggested that the rules which had been drawn up when the Farmers Market first started may need updating.

Members noted.

#### **236. FRIDAY MARKET**

A list of current traders and costing for the Friday Market were detailed in the report. Members noted.

#### **237. REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR 2008/09**

A list of proposed increased charges for the Town Hall and Cemetery were attached to the Agenda. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the proposed increase charges for the Cemetery and  
Town Hall be approved and implemented from  
1st April 2008.

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#### **238. HALF YEARLY REVIEW 07/08 AND BUDGETS 08/09**

Members were asked to consider the budgets relating to this Committee.

Councillor Bonner-Dunham advised that a budget meeting had been set for Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 4 pm and it was agreed that the budgets would be discussed at this meeting. The Town Clerk was asked to draw up an agenda and to highlight the relevant areas for discussion.

Members noted.

#### **239. PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

The following publications were available to Members:

- a) The Playing Field
- b) FARMA National Conference
- c) Market Traders Federation

#### **240. COUNCILLORS SURGERY**

Councillor Joyce expressed concern that sometimes there were no Councillors in attendance at the Surgery. He said he always came down to the Town on the morning of the Farmers Market and on several occasions he had been approached by residents who wished to speak to a Councillor. He felt it was imperative that there should always be someone available.

It had been suggested that a table be allocated in the coffee area for Councillors and Members asked that this be instigated. Councillor Bonner-Dunham asked if the rota circulated to all Members earlier in the year could be re-issued.

Members noted.

#### **241. 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 tenders as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business to be transacted.

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**242. GRASS CUTTING**

Tenders were issued to give companies and two were returned. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

To ask Complete Ground Management to trim his prices by 10% and if successful to accept this quotation.

**243. HEDGES IN AND AROUND BRACKLEY**

Four tenders had been received for the cutting of the hedges at the Cemetery, Pether Avenue, Rose Drive, Pocket Park, St James Lake, Valley Road, Egerton House, Bandilands Footpath, Glebe Drive, Ellesmere Playing Field, Pavillons Way/Banbury Road, Mill Lane, Swift Way and Radstone Road. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

To accept the quotation submitted by March Hare Heritage in the sum of £5,145.00.

**244. HEDGE FROM HALSE ROAD TO GOLDCREST ROAD**

Further to Minute 120/07 the above hedge had been offered for tender in stages in line with the job specification from Complete Ground Management. Three tenders had been received, broken down into sections and it was

**RESOLVED:**

To accept the quotations submitted by March Hare Heritage. That 'brushing' be undertaken on both sides of the hedge.

**245. CLOCK TOWER**

Four quotations had been received for the work on the clock tower. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

That the quotation submitted by J P Charles & Sons Ltd in the sum of £3,720 be accepted

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman