

AT A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2007 at 7.52 pm

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Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)  
Councillors C S Billingham (Vice Chairman), C J Blunden,  
K D Bonner-Dunham, K Dixon, D Dunham, J R Hawkins, T D Hayward,  
D M Shaw, W B Stimpson, P H Stocker

Apologies: Councillor C O Cartmell (Chairman)

In Attendance: Councillors P Joyce and G M Rhys

### **128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **129. BANK MANDATE**

Members were advised that the Bank Mandate needed to be updated and the five new Councillors were asked to sign this and visit Lloyds TSB if they wished to be included as signatories. Members noted.

### **130. TRAINING**

Details of two training courses were outlined in the Report. Councillors Hawkins & Shaw expressed a wish to attend the course on 'Do You Act Legally' and Councillors Bonner-Dunham, Dunham, Hawkins and Shaw to attend the course on 'Budgets and Precepting. Any further Member wishing to attend either course was asked to notify the Office.

### **131. SIR THOMAS CREWE ALMSHOUSES TRUST**

Due to the resignation of Councillor Land from the above Trust and Councillor Stocker's term of office coming to an end, two representatives were required. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillors Dunham and Hawkins be nominated  
for the Sir Thomas Crewe Almshouses Trust.

### **132. SNVB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

A request has been received for a nominee for the Management Committee of SNVB, due to the resignation of Councillor Titchener. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillors Joyce and Rhys be nominated for the  
Management Committee of SNVB.

### **133. SMOKE FREE POLICY FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Members were advised that the smoke free policy for the Town Council could be a verbal understanding between the Council and staff but it will be incorporated into our health and safety policy.

Councillor Bonner-Dunham questioned whether smoking outside premises had to be a certain distance away from the entrance. The Town Clerk was asked to check this.

### **134. SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT**

Mr P Kay, Community Safety Officer, attended the Town Hall to speak to seven Members on the implications the Town Council face when making decisions regarding its daily business. The Home Office Guidance on Crime and Disorder Partnerships, 1998 states 'The Act creates a general duty on each authority to take account of the community safety dimension in all of its work. All policies, strategies, plans and budgets will need to be considered from the standpoint of their potential contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder'. Members noted.

### **135. MEMBERS REPORT – BRACKLEY VISION**

A report compiled by the Town Mayor and Councillor Bonner-Dunham was circulated to Members.

Councillor Bonner-Dunham said it had been a good meeting and due to the resignation of Mrs Wotherspoon two new members, to represent the community, would be appointed. She felt that there had been a lack of communication between the Town Council and Brackley Vision in the past and this would be resolved in the future by regular updates. The Town Mayor updated Members with the situation regarding the gateway signs and after discussion it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Brackley Vision order the new signs, erect them in the approved position and to Highway standards at the main entrances to the town, remove the old signs, and make good the ground.

Brackley Town Council to agree to take ownership and maintenance of the signs and confirmation of the agreements to be made with County Council Highways

Brackley Town Council to re-locate three of the original signs at the town entrances in Radstone Road, Halse Road and Turweston Road. The remaining two signs to be offered to the Brackley European Association.

### **136. FINANCE REPORTS**

a) Lists of Accounts 4B

Lists of Accounts 4B had been circulated with the Agenda. It was

**RESOLVED:**

That List of Accounts 4B in the sum of £14,277.31 be approved and passed for payment.

b) Income Report given to Chairman

c) Councillor Joyce reported that he had undertaken an internal audit check and everything was in order.

d) Financial Budget Comparison papers had been issued to all Members prior to the Meeting. Members made no comments.

### **137. INFORMATION REPORT**

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

a) SNC Proposed Stock Transfer

Councillor Billingham advised that tenants had voted in favour of the proposed stock transfer and South Northamptonshire Council would be moving onto the next stage.

b) Victim Support Northamptonshire

Councillor Stimpson advised that Victim Support Northamptonshire was now part of the national Charity. It was not foreseen that this would result in any change in service.

c) Service Six

Ms J Dreamer will attend a meeting with the Town Clerk. Any member wishing to attend may do so.

d) Northamptonshire County Council

e) Publications Received

### **138. TOWN CENTRE**

An email, from Mr C G Land, concerning the revitalisation of the Town Centre had been forwarded to all Councillors. Councillor Billingham asked that this be put on the Agenda for the Meeting of this Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Councillor

**138. TOWN CENTRE Cont'd.....**

Bonner-Dunham reminded Members about the Brackley Vision health check and this would be discussed at its next Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August and more information may be available for 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007. It was suggested that the public be consulted to ascertain what they would like to see in the town. It was agreed that further discussion take place at the August meeting of this Committee when more information may be available.

**139. WINSTON CRESCENT**

Councillor Billingham said she had received a copy of a letter sent to the Police from a concerned resident of Winston Crescent about traffic visiting the Football Club. This was not targeting the Club itself but people who parked on the access road, as this would cause difficulties for emergency vehicles which may need to get through. Members were asked to bear this in mind when the Town Council had its next meeting with the Police.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Vice Chairman