

AT A MEETING OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL,
TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2010 at 7 pm

Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor C S Billingham)
Councillors C J Blunden, C O Cartmell K Dixon, D Dunham,
T D Hayward, P Joyce, L Ross and G Rhys

Apologies: Councillors P J Broomfield, K D Bonner-Dunham, D Shaw,
W B Stimpson, P H Stocker and P M Titchener

501. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor advised Members that she had attended the following events during February: a celebration for 100 years of Brackley Girlguiding, RAF Croughton Prayer Breakfast, a talk to Brackley Evergreen Club and an awards ceremony at the University of Northampton. The Mayor also advised that her Charity Lunch at the Dhan Shiri had raised £705 for Katharine House Hospice.

Members were reminded that WYG are to attend on 11th March at 6 pm to update Members on the Masterplan.

A reminder was also given that the Civic Ball is to take place on 5th March 2010 and a request made for tombola prizes. All proceeds from this event will be distributed to local organisations at the end of the Mayoral year.

502. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hayward declared a pecuniary interest in item 3257 of List of Accounts 12A and she did not discuss or vote thereon.

503. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Neil Jacobs, 22 Robin Ride advised Members that Brackley Means Business wished to establish an interest in any Brackley Partnership. He said the group had a vested interest in having an input to assist any partnership. The Town Mayor thanked Mr Jacobs for his comments and asked him to pass his details to the office.

504. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Reference Minute 450/10, the Town Mayor advised that this should have read 'Councillor Blunden was nominated for Town Mayor for 2010/11 by Councillor **Cartmell** and seconded by Councillor **Shaw**'.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 1st February 2010 (with the amended above) be approved as a correct record and signed.

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505. PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Planning and General Works Committee held on 1st February 2010 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Hayward it was

RESOLVED:

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Planning and General Works Committee as contained in Minutes 452 to 463 be approved and adopted.

506. DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Direct Responsibilities and General Purpose Committee held on 15th February 2010 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Ross it was

RESOLVED:

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purpose Committee as contained in Minutes 464 to 477 be approved and adopted.

507. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance and Policy Committee held on 15th February 2010 were approved as a correct record.

On the proposition of Councillor Dunham it was

RESOLVED:

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Finance and Policy Committee as contained in Minutes 478 to 500 be approved and adopted.

508. LIST OF ACCOUNTS

Lists of Accounts 12A had been circulated with the Minutes. It was

RESOLVED:

That List of Accounts 11A totalling the sum of £15,555.92 be approved and passed for payment.

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509. SEAL OF THE COUNCIL

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

510. COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – COUNCILLOR R SAWBRIDGE

The Town Mayor welcomed Councillor Sawbridge to the Meeting.

Councillor Sawbridge commented that he was sure everyone would be aware that the Council Tax was to increase by 3.5% for the coming year. Although this increase was rather higher than most local authorities, there were several reasons for this which he went on to outline to Members. He did, however, stress that Northamptonshire has the lowest county council tax in England with a band D property's charge being £1,020.11 compared to Nottinghamshire at £1,250 and Buckinghamshire at £1,110.

Councillor Sawbridge then went on to explain about the preparation of the budget, which he said had been subject to more consultation and scrutiny than ever before. He mentioned that the Schools Music Service had been of particular interest with the public and it had now been recommended to only reduce this budget by £50K instead of the £238K proposed.

Members were advised that the new fire station was due to be operational in one week's time, it was hoped that the work to reverse the priority on the Pavillons Way chicane would be completed before the end of March, a grit bin had been placed on Avenue Bernard and there is to be a meeting on 16th March 2010 regarding the Banbury Road crossing.

Under the Empowering Councillor Scheme, Councillor Sawbridge advised Members how he had spent his £10,000 allocation: Alzheimers Society £430, Farthinghoe Community Primary School £170, Friends of Magdalen College School £2,500, Charlton Memorial Hall £2,500, Brackley Players £1,000, Greatworth Parish Council £2,128, Evenley Parish Council for Lighting £1,196. The balance would be carried forward to next year.

Councillor Sawbridge said apologies had been sent by Councillor Grant.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Sawbridge for his report.

Meeting closed at 7.21 pm

Town Mayor