

AT A MEETING OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010 at 7 pm

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Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor C J Blunden)  
Councillors C S Billingham, K D Bonner-Dunham, C O Cartmell, K Dixon,  
D Dunham, T D Hayward, P Joyce, D M Shaw (7.23 pm), G Rhys  
W B Stimpson and P M Titchener

Apologies: Councillors L Ross and D Shaw

#### **14. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor asked those Members who had not signed the Attendance Book at Mayor Making to do so and thanked those who had given him good wishes on the day. He advised that he had attended the Scouts AGM in the afternoon.

He said he would be attending the Council Meeting and the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman at the Planning Meeting and then he would be leaving to attend the Inauguration of the Town Mayor at Towcester Town Council.

#### **15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Billingham declared an interest in Item 00875 of List of Accounts 2A.

#### **16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A) Mr Thomas Malyn, 4 Smarts Close, representative of South Northants Action Group (SNAG) spoke to Members about the proposed high speed rail link. He said the group already had about 330 members and a petition against the proposal had recently been started which would be presented to Downing Street.

b) Mr Finlayson, St Annes Close said he thought the new taxi company at 26 High Street had given an undertaking not to work 24 hours a day but they were advertising this facility.

Mr Finlayson also asked if there had been any progress with the installation of a speaker system for the Council Chamber as he said he had difficulty hearing at Council meetings. The Town Clerk advised that she was awaiting a specification from one of the Members which would enable her to go out to tender.

#### **17. PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Planning and General Works Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 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 558 to 574 be approved and adopted.

## **18. DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce it was

### **RESOLVED:**

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee as contained in Minutes 575 to 589 be approved and adopted.

## **19. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

a) The Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 26th April 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 590 to 602 be approved and adopted.

## **20. LIST OF ACCOUNTS**

List of Accounts 2A had been circulated with the Minutes.

It was

### **RESOLVED:**

That List of Accounts 2A totaling the sum of £18,984.85 be approved  
And passed for payment.

## **21. SEAL OF THE COUNCIL**

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

## **22. COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Nil.

### **23. HS2**

A copy of a letter from Jean Morgan, Chief Executive South Northamptonshire Council (SNC), together with the Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) Cabinet report, the South Northamptonshire Action Group Against HS2 (SNAG) report and the Exceptional Hardship Scheme (EHS) report from South Northamptonshire Council all concerning HS2 had been circulated to Members.

Councillor Stimpson said this scheme had been causing a great deal of concern and he was not surprised that NCC was ignoring the effect on the county and he felt that a strong letter should be sent stating that Brackley is part of Northamptonshire and proud to be so. Councillor Billingham said Councillor Stimpson had made a valid point and that NCC should be advised that it did not appear to take into account the very real and adverse effect that the scheme would undoubtedly have on many communities in the south of the county if it proceeds in its present form. She felt that the Town Council should support people who would be affected within the Town but stressed that there was a fairly difficult time constraint.

She also suggested that the briefing prepared by SNAG and its alternative compensation solution be endorsed and that this be made known without delay to SNC and the Department of Transport. Also that Cabinet at SNC be urged to align themselves with the local authorities and action groups to that there is no duplication of effort but there is maximization of benefit from this work for all communities who would be adversely affected by the scheme.

It was therefore

#### **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the briefing prepared by SNAG and its alternative compensation solution be endorsed and that this be made known without delay to SNC and the Department of Transport.
- b) That cabinet at SNC be urged to align themselves with the local authorities and action groups so that there is no duplication of effort but that there is maximization of benefit from this work.
- c) That a letter be sent to NCC stating that it did not appear to take into account the very real and adverse effect the scheme would have on many communities in the south of the county if it proceeds in its present form.