

AT A MEETING OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL,  
TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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, P J Broomfield,  
C O Cartmell, K Dixon, D Dunham, T D Hayward, P Joyce,  
G Rhys, L Ross and W B Stimpson

Apologies: Councillors D Shaw, P H Stocker and P M Titchener

## **72. PRAYERS**

Prayers were said by the Reverend Duncan Tuck.

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

The Town Mayor thanked everyone who had sent good wishes to the Mayoress after her recent operation.

Events attended during the month consisted of the Inaugurations of the Town Mayors at Towcester and Banbury, welcoming visitors from Pavillons-sous-Bois, opening the first Rotary Wine Festival, the Nick Planas Charity Concert in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, South Northamptonshire Council Annual Meeting, Buckingham Town Council reception and Mayor Making, presenting prizes at the Soap Box Derby and a Brackley & District Band concert.

Members were reminded of future events: the Songs of Praise on the Piazza on 20th June, the Last Night of the Proms event at Winchester House School on 10<sup>th</sup> July and Brackley Players performing three one-act plays in the Town Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Lastly the Town Mayor said he had sent congratulations to Councillor Stocker for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday today.

## **74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Finlayson, St Annes Close, asked if there had been any response to his remarks made last month about the Taxi business at 26 High Street and whether Members were aware that the business was operating on a Cherwell District Council licence. Mr Finlayson was advised that the business was being monitored regarding its working hours and that it was perfectly legal to operate on its current licence.

Mr Finlayson asked if there was a current Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the Town. Councillor Cartmell advised that there was, although it had been fairly quiet since the tyre slashing incidents. He said it was proposed that material would be available on the Police stand at the Carnival and it was hoped to hold an open meeting at the Town Hall in the near future.

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#### **75. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Cont'd...**

Mr Finlayson asked if Members were aware that a 20mph speed limit was only advisory and not compulsory. The Town Mayor commented that this had been introduced in Pavillons Way as part of the Safer Routes to Schools Scheme. Councillor Grant agreed that it was non enforceable and it would require a change in the law to be able to enforce the limit. Mr Finlayson went on to say that there were a number of vehicles which 'jumped' the traffic lights at Buckingham Road.

#### **76. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and the Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

The Minutes of Planning and General Works Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved as a correct record and received by the Council.

Reference Minute 29/10, Councillor Stimpson assured Members that all the District Councillors who represented Brackley supported the views of the Town Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Dixon it was

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the Planning and General Works Committee as contained in Minutes 24 to 39 be approved and adopted.

#### **78. DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of Direct Responsibilities and General Purpose Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 40 to 50 be approved and adopted.

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## **79. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

- a) Reference Minute 52/10 Councillor Stimpson's name had been spelt incorrectly.
- b) The Minutes of Finance and Policy Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved as a correct record, with the amendment in a) above.

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 51 to 71 (with the amendment in a) above) be approved and adopted.

## **80. LIST OF ACCOUNTS**

Lists of Accounts 3A had been circulated with the Minutes.

It was

### **RESOLVED:**

That List of Accounts 3A totalling the sum of £14,408.00 be approved and passed for payment.

## **81. ANNUAL RETURN**

A report had been circulated to Members which included the Consolidated Balance Sheets, the Financial Budget Comparison, Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement and Annual Internal Report. It was

### **RESOLVED:**

That Sections 1 & 2 be signed by the Town Mayor.

## **82. COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillor Grant said it was good news about the scrapping of the Regional Spatial Strategy. Growth would now be taken on by areas with hopefully the necessary infrastructure. He commented that a lot of developers were being knocked back with their applications.

Councillor Grant advised that there were 35 schools in Northamptonshire and the outstanding ones could now choose to become academies. He said now that schools had responsibilities for their own finances this could be a very interesting time.

Members were advised that South Northamptonshire Council would be looking at the Master Plan on Wednesday evening prior to being displayed for public consultation.

**82. COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE Cont'd.....**

This was going to help Brackley and there were lots of proposals to do with education. Councillor Grant also commented that HS2 did not help with the proposals for the Cottage Hospital.

Councillor Grant advised Members that the scrutiny committee at South Northamptonshire Council had had discussions with the Ambulance Authority and one of the concerns raised by residents had been the possible closure of the Ambulance Station in Brackley. He said there were no proposals to this effect at the moment but that there will be a review of the service and this would be one of the items discussed. He said it was important that Brackley 'got a fair crack of the whip'. Councillor Stimpson said it was essential that Brackley fought to maintain its service as it had a growing population.

Councillor Cartmell asked if there had been any development with the proposed crossing at Southfield School. Councillor Grant said he had heard nothing further but he would look into the matter and advise the office of the latest position.

Meeting closed at 7.32 pm

Town Mayor