

AT A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON  
MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007 at 7.43 pm

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

In Attendance: Councillor P Joyce

### **330. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non prejudicial interests declared by the Town Mayor and Councillor Bonner-Dunham in respect of matters relating to Brackley Vision and Councillors Billingham and Stimpson in the Members Report concerning 'Facing the Future' regarding Health in Northamptonshire and Councillor Billingham in the item relating to the Feoffee Charity.

### **331. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

Reference Minute 204/07, further clarification was sought from Mr D Moody of Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils concerning the wording Councillors, Town Clerk and Employees and the legal advice obtained was detailed in the Report. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Members approved the wording

### **332. BRACKLEY UNITED FEOFFEE CHARITY**

Members were advised that the four year term of Councillors Stimpson and Stocker as Trustees on the above Charity would come to an end on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Nominations were requested for two Councillors to serve the next term until December 2011. Councillors Stimpson and Stocker indicated they would be willing to carry on and it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillors Stimpson and Stocker serve a further term as Trustees of the Brackley United Feoffee Charity until December 2011.

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

Councillor Bonner-Dunham said there was nothing to report at the present time other than the matter to be discussed under Private and Confidential.

Councillor Bonner-Dunham asked if a regular item could be put on the Agenda under Members Report to enable an update to be given on the Brackley Community Association.

### **334. FACING THE FUTURE – COUNCILLOR T D HAYWARD**

A report had been circulated to Members with the Agenda.

Councillor Hayward said this had been a very worthwhile meeting to enable people to find out the current position with the Health Service and also to make the people in Northamptonshire aware that Brackley exists. The Managing Director of Northamptonshire PCT's Provider Service, Ms Louise Proctor, offered to visit Brackley and Members agreed that this would be a good idea. The Town Clerk was asked to set this up as a matter of urgency. It was also suggested that the trustees of the Cottage Hospital be invited to take part in the discussions.

The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Hayward for attending and providing a report.

### **335. FINANCE REPORTS**

#### **i) Lists of Accounts 9B**

Lists of Accounts 9B had been circulated with the Agenda.

#### **RESOLVED:**

a) That List of Accounts 9B in the sum of £13,306.21 be approved and passed for payment.

ii) Income Report had been forwarded to the Chairman

A copy of the NALC'S internal auditor's report was attached to the Agenda. Concerning the comment about an effective system of internal audit by Members of the Council, it was suggested that a working party be formed to discuss this matter. After discussion it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

To seek clarification from NALC and report back to Members

### **336. INFORMATION REPORT**

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

- a) A copy of a letter from Mr Bath concerning the Town Centre to which Councillor Hawkins had drafted a reply.
- b) Register of Electors
- c) Publications Received
  - i) Northants County Council Meeting
  - ii) Policing in your Community

### **337. A BOARDS**

Councillor Bonner-Dunham expressed her disgust at the A Board which had been sited outside the front of the Town Hall. She said it was unacceptable in light of the comments made by the Town Council and the letters sent out to businesses in the Town. She also disagreed with the recent banner for a business to advertise a Charity event. Councillor Hayward disagreed with this as it was placed within the curtilage of the Town Hall and not where it could be tripped over. She felt that something was needed to advertise the functions taking place inside. Councillor Stocker mentioned that a business in the Town had intimated that he thought the Town Council would have more important items to discuss than A boards. It was agreed that these items would be placed on the next Agenda for the Direct Responsibilities Committee.

### **338. 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 salaries and Brackley Vision as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business to be transacted.

### **339. NATIONAL SALARY AWARDS**

Discussion ensued on various matters concerning salaries and it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Town Clerk's salary be increased to SCP 37 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008
- 2) That a one-off payment of up to £2,500 to reimburse costs incurred in education and training be made
- 3) That the situation be reviewed in a year's time
- 4) That the Town Clerk bring forward a report regarding any changes to the position relating to the Deputy Town Clerk

### **340. BRACKLEY VISION**

Members were updated with the situation regarding Brackley Vision.

Following a Joint Working Meeting at South Northamptonshire Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> November the Chairman of Brackley Vision asked Members to consider six questions and these were discussed and answered at this Meeting. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Members views be forwarded to Mr Pearson.

### **341. SEASONS GREETINGS**

The Chairman wished Members and staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.