

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 30 January 2020 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Wheale - (Chairman)

Ambler	Delaney	Neighbour
Axam	Dorn	Oliver
Bailey (from 7.18pm)	Drage	Quarterman
Blewett	Farmer	Radley
Butler	Forster	Smith
Cockarill	Harward	Southern
Collings	Kennett	Tomlinson
Crampton	Lamb	Wildsmith
Crisp	Makepeace-Browne	Worlock
Davies		

Officers Present:

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Committee Services
Martina Duffin	Committee Services

48 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2019 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Clarke, Crookes, Kinnell and Wright.

50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At Minute 55, Chairman's Announcements, Councillor Forster added that he was employed by Engenie as a consultant, but was not involved in any charging decisions.

51 PRESENTATION – VISION FOR YOUTH

Mark Vernon, Chairman, gave a presentation on the work of Vision for Youth, which had been established in 2013 and grown from one night a week to 5 nights. They had a small paid team and a number of volunteers offering the youth of Yateley various

evening activities, along with summer holiday schemes, and volunteers working out in the community engaging with them.

Support from the Community was vital, with funding sources including Yateley TC, HCC, churches, Hart Lottery and individual sponsors, though funding is always an issue even with a small contribution from the members.

Questions from Members were around the signposting of clients if a more professional approach was needed, eg counselling services, social media and the benefits of face to face, and working with other youth clubs.

Members thanked Mr Vernon for the information about his services to the youth of Yateley.

Councillor Bailey entered the meeting during this item.

52 PRESENTATION - THE BASE YOUTH CENTRE

Sandra Tidy, Manager, talked about the work of the Base Youth Centre in Hook. They catered to children and youths, from 7 to 11, then from 12 onwards, with choices of activities including boxing, cooking, music and fitness sessions. Fund raising was paramount, with only 4 part time staff, volunteers and 250-300 children on the books. They had strong community ties, with help from the Parish Council and working closely with the Police, and the Community helped and supported the Youth Centre in return - a local company had recently set up some office computer and updated the computer suite for the users.

Members thanked Sandra for her informative talk on the Base Youth Club.

53 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

A question was received from Mr David Turver, details of which are set out in Appendix A attached to these Minutes.

54 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Crampton asked a supplementary question relating to the November meeting (see Minutes), which is detailed, with the response, in Appendix B attached to these minutes.

55 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

29 November	Opening of new children's play area at Hart Leisure Centre
9 December	Berkeley/St Edward Christmas Event at Hartland Village
16 December	Launch the newly upgraded Engenie Electric Vehicle chargers at Church Road Car Park

The Chairman reminded Members about the new date for her dinner - 2 May 2020 at the Harlington.

56 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services, **Councillor Radley**, announced:

Hart is engaged in a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) with two neighbouring authorities, Rushmoor and Basingstoke. This initiative provides benefits in being an efficient way of coordinating efforts to reduce crime and promote societal safety awareness across the wider area. This Community Safety Partnership is working well for all three authorities and will undoubtedly continue to do so.

The three local authorities also pool resources to provide our respective community safety teams. This has proven to work less well in recent years because of the diverse nature of the requirements of each area. Therefore I am announcing that Hart will be looking to manage our own dedicated community safety team for ourselves from the start of the new financial year. This will not affect our involvement with the three authority CSP and is done with the complete knowledge, agreement and support of the other two authorities.

Members asked if there were any budget implications and impact on resources. Councillor Radley confirmed that we currently believe we are paying more than our fair share, and this enabled us to make the decisions when the service was back in house. There would be no change to the current budget and we hoped to offer an enhanced service to our residents.

The Cabinet Member for Community, **Councillor Bailey**, reported:

The Head of Community Services, Kirsty Jenkins, will be moving on to a new role in Bournemouth at Easter. Kirsty has made a great contribution to the service and will be sorely missed. In the interim period Brian Bridger our Social Inclusion and Partnership Manager, will be acting head of service.

I am delighted to confirm that we were successful with Rushmoor in obtaining funding of £92k to prevent rough sleeping.

Next Tuesday, 4 February, we are hosting a Supporting Families showcase. All Members should have received an email invitation.

The Cabinet Member for Place, **Councillor Cockarill**, announced:

There's quite a lot going on in the Place Service at the moment, so I thought I'd give Council some of the highlights.

Local Plan - We are aiming to hold a Special council Meeting in March to adopt the Hart Local Plan. This is, of course, dependent upon us receiving the Inspector's report in time for the Policy team to draft a paper for Cabinet prior to the Special Council, but we're hopeful that this will happen.

Neighbourhood Plans - We are awaiting the outcome of the Judicial Review into the Hook Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst the result of this will be of primary concern

to Hook, the judgement (whatever it is) is likely to be of interest to the Crookham Village Neighbourhood Plan team and also the teams working on emerging Neighbourhood Plans, as it will almost certainly emphasise the importance of having a clear and robust evidence base to support the Neighbourhood Plan's policies. On the subject of which, we are discussing with the Crondall Neighbourhood Plan team ways to solve their problem.

Development Management Peer Review - We are awaiting the final report into the Peer review. We have received a first draft, which gives us an indication of some of the areas we can improve, as well as where we are already doing well. The final report should be with us soon.

Bramshill - I know some Members went to the recent exhibition by City & Country. I could not make it due to other commitments, but I have had a look through their proposals. Bramshill is of key importance both locally and nationally, so we are talking to City & Country, Historic England and Natural England to see if we can arrive at a solution which maintains the historical integrity of the house and gardens, protects the SPA.

Hawley Park Farm - The Hearing into the planning appeal takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (4/5 February). I will be attending the Hearing to explain to the Inspector the Planning Committee's reasons for refusing the scheme.

Place Services Away day - I joined the Place Services for their Away Day on Tuesday, which was about bringing all of the teams (Building Control, the Business Support Unit, Development Management, Economic Development, Environmental Health, Licensing and Planning Policy) in the Service together. The theme was about how to be your best self more of the time, looking at practical ways to boost happiness, positivity and motivation. I was only able to be there for the morning, but it was a really interesting and useful couple of hours. It was an initiative by our Head of Place, Mr Jaggard. I would encourage my fellow Cabinet Members to talk to their Heads of Service about doing something similar.

57 **JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT**

The Joint Chief Executive advised Members of the possibility of an extra Council meeting on March 26 to adopt the Local Plan, and asked Members to put this date in their diaries.

The Joint Chief Executive in his capacity as Returning Officer confirmed with Members some adjustments to polling places to make it easier for electors to vote as close to their respective home as is reasonably possible. No changes whatsoever were to be made to any district ward, parish, parish ward, county division or constituency. These changes are for elector convenience not for political purposes. These changes had previously been discussed with Group Leaders.

I Three existing polling districts were to be split:

AH - Hawley & Minley

This polling district splits into two new districts. AH – Hawley and AM - Minley

AM will comprise the western half of the old polling district centred on Minley and Sun Park. This will permit more convenient voting as the housing development grows. AH will remain as the eastern half and will be centred on Hawley, with electors continuing to vote in Hawley Memorial Hall. A new polling station had been found - the Meade Hall function room at the Crown and Cushion pub on Minley Road. It will take the 370 electors who live on the new Sun Park estate and the existing houses on Minley road and mean that they no longer need to go to Hawley Memorial Hall to vote. It will be used from May 7 this year

EW Ewshot

This polling district will be split into two new districts of EE – Ewshot and ER - Redfields. ER will comprise the north western part of the old district centred on Redfields Lane. This will permit more convenient voting for those electors who live in the Redfields area and are not close to Ewshot village. Those electors will vote in The War Memorial or Willis Hall on Sandy Lane in Church Crookham in a new polling station alongside the existing Church Crookham – Gally Hill polling station. EW will remain centred on Ewshot Village and electors will vote as now in Ewshot Village Hall.

FP Pondtail

This polling district will be split into two new districts FP Pondtail and FH - Hartland FH will comprise the eastern part of the old district centred on Hartland Park. In the future this will permit more convenient voting for those electors who will live on Hartland Park as the development grows. FP will remain as the western part of the polling district and will be centred on Pondtail with voting as now in St Phillips and St James church hall.

2 Two polling district boundaries have been adjusted.

FS Stockton & FT Tavistock

The boundary between these two polling districts will move in a westerly direction. This will move some electors in Fleet West (Sunnyside, Victoria Hill Road, Hagley Road, Gough Road, Broomrigg Road, and some properties on Elvetham Road and Branksomewood Road) to voting in FS (Lismoyne Hotel) rather than in FT (Hart Leisure Centre). This is to ensure that people in that part of Fleet West electors will now vote in their nearest polling station.

AD Darby Green.

The polling place will move to the Darby Green Centre from Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall. This new polling palace is more centrally located in the polling district and makes voting more convenient for electors.

Members endorsed the adjustments.

58 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting

Date

Audit

3 December 2019

No questions asked.

Overview and Scrutiny

19 November 2019

No questions asked.

Overview and Scrutiny

17 December 2019

No questions asked.

Cabinet

5 December 2019

No questions asked.

Cabinet (draft)

2 January 2020

No questions asked.

Planning (draft)

15 January 2020

No questions asked.

59 OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

No reports.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Questions had been received from Mr David Turver. In Mr Turver's absence Councillor Cockarill responded.

Mr Turver asked:

- 1 The main modifications to the Local Plan show that the average build rate over the period will be 423 dpa. However, examination of the ONS household projections shows that Hart's housing requirement according to the standard method from 2020-2041 will be 251 dpa (including the 40% affordability uplift). When do you think it will be appropriate to commence an early review of the Local Plan, once adopted?

Councillor Cockarill responded:

We are not anticipating an early review of the Local Plan.

- 2 It has transpired that meetings have been held about Shapley Heath with Homes England and developers, but no minutes have been taken. Will all future meetings regarding Shapley Heath be minuted and the minutes published?

Councillor Cockarill responded:

The Shapley Heath Opportunity Board meetings will be held in public and minutes published. I would also anticipate that the Stakeholder Forum meetings will be held in public and minutes published, although that will be discussed when the Terms of Reference are set at the first Opportunity Board meeting on 17 February.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Crampton put a supplementary question to her question posed at the November Council meeting:

Given the difficulties we have had finding out what was said in these meetings particularly between Officers, Homes England and developers, what assurances can you give that the actions agreed in the October meeting will actually occur?

Councillor Cockarill responded:

The main action coming from the October meeting was to get an Opportunity Board started. The planned February meeting will set up the terms of reference for the forums and a scheme of work. The meetings will be held in public (and live streamed). We will be publishing these minutes as appropriate, but there may be some commercially sensitive discussions where developers want to share their aspirations, which it would not be appropriate to publish.