

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 27 September 2018 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Makepeace-Browne - (Chairman)

Ambler	Crisp	Neighbour
Axam	Crookes	Oliver
Bailey	Drage	Parker
Blewett	Dickens	Quarterman
Burchfield	Forster	Radley
Butler	Gray	Renshaw
Clarke	Gorys	Southern
Cockarill	Kennett	Wheale
Collings	Kinnell	Worlock
Crampton	Morris	Wright

Officers Present:

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Committee Services

36 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 July 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Delaney and Harward.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

39 PRESENTATION - FLEET LIONS

Jim Storey updated Members on the work of the Lions. There are four Lions clubs in Hart, with involvement in many events across the district, the largest club is Fleet Lions. The year's events included Fleet fireworks fiesta, Fleet Christmas Festival, Santa and the Christmas Float, Christmas hampers for the needy, carol singing, and children's events. Last year they raised and spent over £30k on charitable causes last year, and received donations of just over £50k this year. Looking further away, they

donate to Lions international causes eg disaster relief, eliminating measles, and saving one person's eyesight for only 5 dollars.

Members agreed that the encouragement of residents to get involved was always ongoing, and thanked Jim for the update.

40 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Questions had been received from, details of which are set out in Appendix A attached to these Minutes.

41 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Questions put by Councillors are detailed in Appendix B attached to these Minutes.

42 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

24 August	Launch of new Fleet Pond Tractor at the Countryside Workshop
3 September	Hampshire Scouts Queen Scouts Awards 2018 at RAF Odiham
5 September	Chairman of Hampshire CC Civic Day, Southampton
7 September	Waverley Mayor's WWI Canadian War Memorial Commemoration Event, Guildford Rugby Club
8 September	Unveiling of Johnson Way Road sign and presentation and talk by General Johnson's grandson - Church Crookham Community Centre
9 September	Mayor of Waverley Civic Service at St Andrew's Church, Farnham
10 September	Showcasing Test Valley Hawk Conservancy Trust, Andover
11 September	RAF Annual Reception at the Officers' Mess, RAF Odiham
12 September	Mayor of Fareham Civic Day. Fareham
19 September	East Hampshire Civic Day, Petersfield

Councillor Crisp announced that he had presented £1000 to each of the seven charities nominated in his year as Chairman.

43 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Neighbour**, announced:

I have recently been appointed to the District Council Network Executive as Vice Chair and attended the first meeting at Local Government House on Wednesday 12th September. I will be helping lead on the Sustainable Finance and Workforce portfolio. It is this work stream that has lobbied to remove negative Revenue Support Grant which if agreed after the technical consultation will save this council in excess of £500,000.

I have tasked the CEOs with continuing the work with neighbouring authorities to explore further methods of joint working and hope to be able to announce some service improvements in the near future.

In Countryside Services we have held two meetings with Hartland Park developer St. Edwards, working alongside Fleet Pond Society (and Cllr Parker from Fleet East) to ensure mitigation funding in the s106 agreement is best used to limit the impact of Hartland Park on Fleet Pond and the LNR.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, **Councillor Bailey**, reported

Tenancy strategy - We are currently out for consultation for our updated draft tenancy strategy. The consultation period closes on October 1st and the strategy will be considered by O&S in November and cabinet in December

New duty on public authorities to refer clients threatened with homelessness - I am pleased to confirm that Harts work in developing a protocol as to how public authorities should refer clients threatened with homelessness has been used as a template across Hampshire & been signed up to by the 11 districts, 3 unitaries and Hampshire County Council.

Changes to mandatory licensing (HMO's) - Members may have heard in the press that from 1 October, the government have widened the scope of which properties now have to be licensed as Housing of Multiple Occupancy (HMO). They previously needed to be 3 stories, but now cover 2 stories with 5 or more individuals living in it. We are running an awareness campaign across the district to ensure landlords know that they are required to be licensed.

The Cabinet Member for Planning Services, **Councillor Cockarill**, announced:

Following on from the questions on the DPD, we are in the process of putting together a bid around the government's garden community programme which will help with building the DPD. Further details of the bid will be going to Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet for consideration.

Members questioned whether there was an indication of what size of new build community was being tested. Councillor Cockarill replied it was around 5,000 dwellings.

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, **Councillor Kinnell**, reported:

I'm sure we would all agree that Ayesha and Molly, our dog wardens, work tirelessly to ensure that our stray dogs are properly cared for whilst they are under our supervision awaiting rehoming or return to their owners.

In recognition of their outstanding efforts, the RSPCA have awarded Hart, the Platinum Stray Dogs Footprint for the very first time. This is in recognition of our Dog Wardens holding the Gold, Stray Dogs Footprint for more than 5 years. To celebrate their achievement, Ayesha, Molly and I will be attending the PawPrints Winners Reception at RCIS, Parliament Square on 27th November, which is being held for those authorities who have been successful in obtaining an award.

For the benefit of those members who were not in attendance at this month's Overview & Scrutiny Meeting, I would like to advise that the Fly Tipping Strategy was approved (subject to amendments which are now reflected in the revised version), and will be brought to the October Cabinet meeting for consideration.

Members congratulated the dog wardens on the recognition for their hard work. Members asked questions on pilot schemes for fly tipping, and whether more dog fouling bins were being made available. Councillor Kinnell agreed to circulate information on plans for education and enforcement around dog fouling. (See Appendix C).

The Cabinet Member for Technical Services, **Councillor Oliver**, reported:

Firstly, I attended the Blackwater Valley Advisory committee for Public Transport on 19 September. Of particular interest to members will have been my discussions with our local train operators SWR and GWR, who have been informed that the timetable changes recently consulted on for December 2018 have now been deferred (date unknown). The reason being the chaos inflicted on commuters from the last timetable changes in the North of the country. A recent report blamed an industry structure where no organisation owned the successful implementation of timetable changes. Members may well be contacted by residents on why the promised increase in capacity and stops will now not happen as promised. Refer them to the "responsible" Secretary of State, Chris Grayling, for an explanation.

Secondly, I am pleased to advise that the transfer of Waste collection services from Veolia to Serco on 1 October is progressing to plan. The only impact residents should see is quieter new vehicles (electric not pneumatic lifts) so early morning disturbance will be reduced. New services will be introduced in the coming months (eg kerbside Textile recovery) when the new operator has established themselves and the new vehicles proven their reliability. The priority is to ensure bins are collected on time every time in the first few months.

Members asked questions on Church Road car park sign off, bins in protection areas, particularly Hazeley Heath, discussions with SWR and GWR, four weekly bin collections, and textile collections. Councillor Oliver assured members that there were no plans to change from fortnightly bin collections, and would investigate whether there was a shortage of bins in protection areas. He would also liaise with the Communications team to get information out on when textile collections would start, in relation to the chatter on social media.

44 JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT

The Joint Chief Executive reported on his involvement in the parliamentary enquiry into land capture. The report was now available, but he was doubtful that the government had the appetite at the moment as it required a lot of primary legislation.

He thanked Members for their perseverance in moving everyone over to the Office 365 email system, and reminded them of the mandatory Freedom of Information training being held on the morning of 29 October and evening of 30 October.

45 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny	17 July 2018
No questions asked	
Overview and Scrutiny	21 August 2018
No questions asked	
Licensing	4 September 2018
No questions asked	
Cabinet	2 August 2018
Minute 34 (9) - Commercialisation at Hart	
RECOMMENDATION	
That the Financial Regulations in the Constitution be amended to facilitate the speedy acquisition of property transactions and to amend Article 12 of the Constitution to exclude property transactions pursuant to this Commercialisation strategy from the definition of a Key Decision.	
<i>NB Para 25.1 of the Constitution states that 'Any motion to change the Constitution will, when proposed and seconded, be referred without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.' This item was therefore referred to the Council meeting of 25 October 2018.</i>	
Cabinet	6 September 2018
No questions asked	
Planning Committee	18 July 2018
No questions asked	
Planning	8 August 2018
No questions asked	
Planning	12 September 2018
No questions asked	

46 OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Parker reported that he had chaired a meeting of HLOWLA. He would circulate the minutes when they were available and urged Members to participate in the consultation on a proposed Hampshire and Isle of Wight combined fire authority.

Councillor Ambler chaired the Hart Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting held on 13 September, and directed Members to the minutes in the October Cabinet papers.

Councillor Morris reported on his work with the Military on the Community Covenant.

Councillor Forster suggested that County Councillors may like to attend and report on issues at Hampshire. The Chairman agreed to liaise with Officers as to whether this was the correct forum.

Councillor Bailey reported that meetings of the new Vivid Housing Association unfortunately clashed with Council meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Tim Burt asked:

Does the Fleet Parish Poll meet the requirement of the HDC motion of 28th June as a public vote or similarly comprehensive expression of public support?

Councillor Neighbour responded:

I agree that the Fleet Parish Poll represents ‘a public vote or similar comprehensive expression of public support’.

Mr Burt asked a supplementary question:

Does Hart District Council recognise the ‘against’ result of the Parish Poll as a wish of the Fleet residents not to build on Ghurkha square?

Councillor Neighbour responded:

Yes.

Mr Burt asked:

In light of the Parish Poll result, overwhelmingly against the proposed development on Gurkha Square, what majority in favour of the proposed new build, as expressed by the current Fleet Town Consultation, would Hart regard as adequate to overturn it?

Councillor Neighbour responded:

I don’t accept the premise in the question; that the Poll, by virtue of being first, sets a test that the Consultation, by being held second, needs to meet. Both the margin for or against, as well as the actual volume of response will weigh any comparison between the Fleet Parish Poll and the Fleet Town Council consultation. The first (poll) does not set a pass/fail mark for the second (consultation). Hart District Council will take a decision based upon all the information available to it.

Mr Burt asked a supplementary question:

Will Hart District Council recognise a simple majority as the result on the Harlington Consultation?

Councillor Neighbour replied:

All the consultations are relevant. We will take a decision based on the whole.

Ms Christine Strudwick asked:

For the first time, on 20 September, the Office for National Statistics produced household projections for England, a report previously compiled by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. These latest projections supersede the 2014-based household projections. The projected percentage change in the number of households for Hart, from 2016 to 2041 is 12.4%, a change of 4615 households. What impact will this projection have on the Local Plan at the Examination in November?

Councillor Cockarill responded:

The simple answer is it will have no effect at all for two separate reasons:

Firstly, under the new NPPF transitional arrangements (para 214) we are primarily being examined under the old NPPF 2012 rules which in effect means that we are being examined under the 2016 Hart/Rushmoor/Surrey Heath SHMA (Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment) and not the Government's new standard methodology. Taking the SHMA into account the new 2016 population figures, when considering employment uplifts (as recognised in the recent Rushmoor Local Plan examination) our objectively assessed housing need of 388 dwellings/annum is not materially changed.

Secondly, whilst we will be arguing that the Government's new standard methodology is a material consideration, as everyone knows the Government has decided not at this time that it is not to be used for Local Plan purposes. That is because the Government has realised that it does not significantly boost the supply of new homes as sought by para 59 of the new NPPF.

In the [housing white paper](#) the government was clear that reforms set out (which included the introduction of a standard method for assessing housing need) should lead to more homes being built. As the Government itself now realises, the revised 2016 projections are likely to result in the minimum need numbers generated by the method being subject to a significant reduction. That was not the Government's intention.

In order to ensure that the outputs associated with the method are consistent with this, the Government is now considering adjusting the method so that its use is consistent in aggregate with the proposals in [Planning for the right homes in the right places consultation](#) and continues to be consistent with ensuring that 300,000 homes are built per year by the mid 2020s.

That means that any housing numbers generated by the use of the standard methodology must go up and given the implications of the reliance on the 2016 population projections the numbers must go up significantly. That's is exactly why the Council has been prudent in building in a 30% buffer in its housing needs targets to give itself some insurance against these unforeseen changes.

Mrs Strudwick asked a supplementary question:

Given that the ONS report and others produced based on the ONS data this week show that both Rushmoor and Surrey Heath household numbers decrease significantly how will the Council prepare for Examination and amend the draft Plan to reflect that there will be no obligation on Hart to take any unmet need for the HMA partners?

Councillor Cockarill referred to his previous answer.

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Crampton asked:

In the HART Local Plan Strategy and Sites 2016-2032 document, it states that a Development Plan Document will be produced with regard to the proposed new settlement. How far have you got in formulating this DPD especially concerning Community Engagement?

Councillor Cockarill responded

We anticipate bringing a paper to Overview and Scrutiny in October and Cabinet in November, which will outline the first stages in preparing a new settlement development plan document. It will identify proposals for governance arrangements for the development of the new settlement and highlight resource requirements necessary to take this forward.

As a key element of the process will be meaningful and on-going engagement with stakeholders, the report will also set out a draft list of stakeholders, giving Members the opportunity to comment.

Councillor Crampton asked a supplementary question:

We would like to be reassured that this community engagement will be open and not behind closed doors and that others will be included, can you give us reassurance on that?

Councillor Cockarill responded:

Given the number of anticipated stakeholders involved throughout the lifespan of the project; frequent, clear, varied and structured engagement will be paramount to its success in creating a lasting and sustainable new community within the district.

To address this, an engagement and communications strategy will be developed and continuously updated. The strategy will encompass a variety of mediums in which to involve all stakeholders and sectors of the community. Delivery of this strategy will be heavily reliant on the resources available. To aid the Council in this, and resourcing other key aspects of the new settlement DPD, the Council is bidding to the Government's Garden Community Programme. Further details of this bid will be provided in the aforementioned paper to Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet

Written Responses Circulated Post Meeting

Councill Kinnell reported the following:

When was the last time the Council issued a FPN for dog fouling?

I can confirm there was a FPN issued on 12th March 2018 at Fleet Pond.

What are the plans to focus on education and enforcement on dog fouling?

Officers are in the latter stages of developing a dog fouling strategy which will consider the best ways to publicise, report and enforce against dog fouling as well as effectively deal with other dog related matters. As soon as this is finalised and approved, it will be taken to the Regulatory Services Service Board for discussion.

Are there plans to install additional bins at our Countryside Sites, in particular, at Fleet Pond?

Regulatory Services are not responsible for the installation or emptying of bins. At Fleet Pond the installation of bins would be the responsibility of Countryside Services or the Ministry of Defence as landowner for the areas to the West of the Pond. The emptying of the bins would be down to the Streetcare Team that forms part of the joint waste contract with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

However, I've spoken to Adam Green and he has advised that as we have combination bins for both dog waste and litter, which are at every entrance/exit of each reserve, generally speaking one would look to reduce litter bins as this can cause more rubbish. Extra provision may have a benefit for dog owners, but he feels it would have a negative impact on litter in the areas where they are provided. Underlining this whole issue is that we won't be able to get them emptied by our current supplier, although the Service is currently reviewing the existing arrangement. Adam has also stated that he has not received any complaints or requests for additional bins from Members of this Council, or residents or the Fleet Pond Society. Interestingly, he also advised that on his recent walkabout of Fleet Pond, he found no evidence of dog fouling which is very pleasing to hear.

Work continues on the Public Space Protection Order that will soon be out for consultation with the various stakeholders, including the Parish and Town Councils. The Service is also looking at how to encourage dog walkers to use SANGs over our designated protected sites and the provision of dog bins at good intervals at these green spaces. If Members have genuine concerns about a particular site, please contact Adam, as his team can target that specific area with an awareness campaign.

Will Ward Members be consulted on which sites are to be selected as part of the flytipping CCTV pilot scheme?

Yes. I would like to add that we have now identified a list of the top 10 areas with a high prevalence of fly-tipping and will liaise with those Parishes affected. After the trial, the liaison will become more regular, with parish and town councils providing us with the details of any problem areas.