



SUMMONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE HART DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY, FLEET ON THURSDAY 25 JULY 2013 AT 7.00 PM

Geoff Bonner
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27 June 2013.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable pecuniary, and any other, interests.

4 FLEET POND RESTORATION PROJECT

Colin Gray, Fleet Pond Society, to present the Institute of Civil Engineers Award.

5 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

To receive any questions from members of the public submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.

*Note: The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 12 must be given to the Chief Executive not later than **Noon on Friday, 19 July 2013.***

6 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

To receive any questions from Members submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 14.

Note: The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.3 must be given to the Chief Executive not later than 5.00 pm on Monday, 22 July 2013.

The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.4 must be submitted to the Chief Executive before 10.00 am on Thursday, 25 July 2013.

7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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10 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following Committees, which met on the dates shown, are submitted.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1, Members are allowed to put questions at Council without Notice in respect of any matters in the Minutes to the Leader of the Council or any Chairman of the relevant meeting at the time those Minutes are received by Council.

Meeting	Date	Minute Numbers	For Decision
Overview and Scrutiny	18 June	1-13	
Audit	25 June	1-8	
Licensing	2 July	1-9	
Cabinet	4 July	13-23	18 - Upgrading and relocation of the Council's IT Infrastructure

11 OUTSIDE BODIES – FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

To allow the Council's representatives on Outside Bodies to report back, and to allow questions of the representatives from other members. See list of Outside Bodies attached.

Members wanting to ask questions of representatives on Outside Bodies are requested to give advance notice of their questions by 5pm on the Monday preceding the meeting to allowing responses to be prepared. Where advance notice is not given the member may still ask the questions, but the representative may choose not to answer at the meeting, but instead give a subsequent written answer.

Date of Despatch: 16 July 2013

HART REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2013/14

Outside Bodies	No. of Representatives	Nominee(s)
Age Concern	1 Councillor	Crookes
Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee	2 Councillor	1. Ambler 2. Glen
Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee	2 Councillor 1 Reserve	1. Billings 2. Harward Reserve: Murphy
Blackbushe Metals Liaison Panel	2 Councillor	1. Billings 2. Harward
Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Glen 2. Appleton Reserve: Harward
Blackwater Valley Recreation & Countryside Management Committee	2 Councillors (1xCabinet Member)	1. Kinnell 2. Neighbour
Citizens Advice Hart	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Crookes
Community Safety Partnership	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Kennett
Crookham Almshouse Charity (Trustee)	1. Councillor	Butler
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC)	2 Councillors 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Simmons 2. Radley JE Reserve: Ambler
Fleet Hospital & Community Friends	1 Councillor	Vacant pending reply to enquiry
Fleet Neighbourhood Watch	1 Councillor	Radley JR
Fleet Pond Society	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	1. Wheale Reserve: Lewis
Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust	1 Councillor	Bennison
Hampshire Senate	1 Councillor, 1 Reserve (Leader & Deputy Leader)	1. Crookes Reserve: Parker
Hampshire Police and Crime Panel	1 Councillor	Kennett
Hart Access Group (representing interests of disabled in Hart)	1 Councillor	Butler
Inclusion Hampshire	1 Councillor	Crookes
Hart Voluntary Action	1 Councillor (1xCabinet Member)	Crookes
LGA General Assembly (Annual Event)	1 Councillor (Leader or Deputy Leader)	Crookes Deputy: Parker

Local Government Authorities Hants & IOW	1 Councillor 1 Reserve (Leader & Deputy Leader)	I. Crookes Reserve: Parker
North East Hampshire CPRE	1 Councillor (Observer)	Clarke
North Hampshire Road Safety Council	1 Councillor	Crampton
Project Integra Strategy Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor (2xCabinet Members)	I. Glen Reserve: Crookes
Sentinel Housing Association	1 Councillor	I. Crampton Reserve: Crookes
South East England Councils (SEEC)	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	I. Crookes Reserve: Parker
Thames Basin Heaths – Joint Strategic Partnership	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	I. Radley JE Reserve: Parker
Thames Basin Heaths – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Project Board	1 Councillor 1 Reserve Councillor	I. Parker Reserve: Radley JE

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 25 July 2013 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Gorys - (Chairman)

Ambler	Cockarill	Lewis
Axam	Collett	Lit
Barrell	Crampton	Murphy
Bennison	Evans	Neighbour
Billings	Glen	Oliver
Blewett	Harward	Parker
Burchfield	Ive	Radley JR
Butler	Kennett	Radley JE
Clarke	Kinnell	Southern

Officers Present:

Geoff Bonner	Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Business Support - Committee Services

26 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Appleton had reported that in his report on item 25 – Outside Bodies, had been from his attendance at the meeting of the Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport, and that the second point should read “When work begins at Fleet station it will cause problems for commuters.”

With this amendment the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2013 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Appleton, Bailey, Crookes, Gani, Morris and Wheale.

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

29 FLEET POND RESTORATION PROJECT

Colin Gray of Fleet Pond Society attended to thank the Council for their support in the restoration of Fleet Pond. He reported that the work so far, in partnership with Natural England, consultants and contractors, had been achieved on time and was

now in the second year. 21 new islands had been constructed from the silt extracted which had attracted a lot of new wildlife.

In 2013 the contractors and project team had been nominated for an award from the Institution of Civil Engineers for the Sustainability and Environment award for the South East. Colin expressed the gratitude of all involved with the restoration to Hart District Council for their support and funding.

Colin Gray presented the Chairman with the certificate from the Institution of Civil Engineers. The Chairman in turn expressed the Council's thanks to Colin and the Society for their work and dedication in restoring Fleet pond.

30 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

31 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

A question was received from Councillor Ambler, details of which are set out in Appendix A attached to these Minutes.

32 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he had agreed that the extract from the Planning Minutes be accepted as an urgent item in order to facilitate the progress of the two departures from the local plan.

The Chairman reported that the Chairman's Awards scheme was now up and running and application forms were available from Hart Voluntary Action. He urged members to publicise the scheme in their wards to ensure that the voluntary work in the District did not go unrecognised.

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

5 July	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Award Holder's Reception, The Great Hall, Winchester
6 July	Judging of Carnival Floats in Fleet
7 July	Bio-Blitz Broad Oak Common
9 July	Second Village Agents Launch Event at Campbell Place, Fleet
10 July	Hart for Business Launch Event
11 July	Yateley Manor School Prize Giving
14 July	Fareham Civic Church Service
14 July	Hampshire County Youth Bands, Waterlooville
17 July	Kalina at El Castello Summer Ball
20 July	Mayor Test Valley Abba Tribute Night, Romsey
21 July	Elvetham Heath Car Show
21 July	Rushmoor BC Sunday Service, Aldershot
23 July	Test Valley Civic Day, Broadlands Romsey
25 July	Opening of College Copse Farm, Rotherwick

33 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

In his absence the Leader, Councillor Crookes, announced:

“Hart District Council officially launched its new business service called ‘Hart for Business’ on Wednesday 10th July at The Casa Hotel in Yateley.

Over 100 businesses attended the launch where they heard from speakers across the District. Topics included the Inspire Business Awards, the workplace wellbeing charter, an introduction to pop-up shops and an entertaining speech from David Holmes, owner of Holmes & Family, discussing his time on the BBC programme The Fixer.

The Chief Executive hosted a question and answer session with key representatives of the Council. Questions revolved around the level of vacant units for retail and commercial properties in the area, the Parking @Hart Smart card, business rates relief and finally, how businesses and retailers can work together.

The event was well attended and well received by local business. The strength of the local economy is one of the reasons that Hart is a great place to live, and we the Council intend to do what we can to support local business to maintain that position.

Many thanks to Jennifer Atherton who organised the event who commented: “We were delighted to launch Hart for Business to such a large group of highly engaged businesses. We are also pleased to have enthused people to get involved in several business initiatives such as entering the Inspire Business Awards, selling to large businesses at the new Meet the Buyer event and trying out retail space in the new Fleet Pop-up Shop.”

At the end of the event local businesses took the opportunity to thank the Council for taking a proactive approach to business, and for arranging the event as well as listening to the current needs of businesses.

The Cabinet Member for Planning, **Councillor Parker**, reported

“The Local Plan: Core Strategy Examination in Public started on 9th and 10th of this month. We are now expecting the Inspector’s letter tomorrow, and once officers have had a chance to digest it, it will be shared with members.”

The Cabinet Member for Housing & Health, **Councillor Crampton** had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Leisure & Recreation, **Councillor Kinnell** had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, **Councillor Glen**, reported that he had attended a meeting of the Blackwater Valley Advisory Committee for Public Transport where members had received a presentation from Network Rail and South West Trains on the proposed works to Fleet Station. He had also attended an Overview and Scrutiny meeting at Hampshire County Council where it was mentioned that the residents of Yateley had not been consulted on the future of

Fleet Station. Councillor Glen stated that a great number of commuters from Fleet were residents of Yateley and Eversley, and in future they should have the opportunity to give their views.

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety, **Councillor Kennett** had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, **Councillor Burchfield**, had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Fleet Town Centre, **Councillor Evans** had no announcements.

31 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

The Chief Executive's report is attached as Appendix B to these Minutes.

32 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny No questions asked.	18 June 2013
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Cabinet	4 July 2013

Minute No 18 – Upgrading and relocation of the Council's IT Infrastructure.

Councillor James Radley asked which this was a capital expenditure. The Chief Executive replied that it was a one off cost.

RESOLVED

That capital expenditure of £135,000 for the proposal be released.

Planning Committee (Urgent Item) 17 July 2013

Planning Application No: 13/00720/MAJOR

Winchfield Lodge, Old Potbridge Road, Winchfield, RG27 8BT.
Conversion of existing office from B1 (office) to four residential dwellings plus the re-erection of 12 additional dwellings including 6 affordable units.

Departure to Local Plan

Since no request to debate had been received this Departure to the Local Plan was deemed to be ACCEPTED.

Planning Application No. 113/0190/FUL Land adjacent Depot, Springwell Lane, Hartley Wintney. The formation of replacement car parking, the installation of lighting columns, installation of pedestrian gate and a renewal of the entrance gate.

Departure to Local Plan

Since no request to debate had been received this Departure to the Local Plan was deemed to be ACCEPTED.

34 OUTSIDE BODIES – FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Councillor James Radley reported on his membership of the Thames Basin Heaths Joint Strategic Partnership. He had accompanied Adam Green, Hart's Countryside Manager, on a tour of Thames Basin Heaths SANG sites at Beacon Hill and Edenbrook with representatives from the DCLG. The visitors had been very impressed with the work.

Post Meeting Note: Councillor Ive had previously asked how the North Hampshire Road Safety Council proposed to deal with the escalating death rate on Hampshire roads, . Councillor Crampton informed him that there had not been a meeting for six months, and that the next meeting was scheduled for October, despite her best endeavours to arrange an earlier date.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor Ambler asked:

“ Work has started on the redevelopment of Fleet station. Has the portfolio holder had any discussions or consultation with Network Rail or South East Trains regarding the schedule for the works and what impact the redevelopment work will have on Hart residents using the station. If so is he aware of any plans to publicise that information?”

Councillor Parker responded:

No.

However, officers have been liaising with representatives from Network Rail and South West Trains for a number of years to deliver the package of improvements at Fleet Station. This liaison is ongoing and includes Hampshire County Council.

There are three separate improvements being carried out under the rail authority's "permitted development" rights. The first has already started and comprises the replacement station building. Network Rail and South West Trains have already carried out customer information exercises in May to explain what is being proposed and how it is to be organised. Temporary arrangements for ticketing are in place, and the site compound established in the smallest possible area to minimise disruption. There is also clear signage to explain what is going on and also to inform customers of the temporary arrangements. It is well organised.

The programme for the two other projects related to the Station's improvement, the new access bridge for people with disabilities, and the decking of the car park are not finalised at this time. They are being funded through different sources and will be constructed using separate contractors. The access bridge is still going to start in the current financial year (2013/2014) and its construction is unlikely to give rise to any wider issues.

The decking of the car park is still intended for this year. It is fully funded. However, it will not happen immediately. This is due to there being some desirable design changes being negotiated which, subject to successful discussions with Hampshire County Council, could result in the proposed height of the deck being reduced. When this has been confirmed Network Rail and South West Trains propose to consult on the design and layout and at the same time identify a programme of works. We understand however, that the structure comprises a light weight frame which will not require major works to facilitate its construction and indeed is unlikely to result in significant or long term disruption to the use of the car park. Indeed, we understand that essentially the car park will remain largely open and operational throughout the deck construction phase as there is little ground works required.

We will continue to maintain a dialogue with both Network Rail and South West Trains and we will obviously look to assist in minimising any potential disruption wherever we can but first, we need to see the programme of works before we make any final decisions.

Councillor Ambler responded:

Thank you for your comprehensive reply. Despite the fact that Network Rail and South West Trains think, most of the commuters do not know what is going on. I would ask that at the next liaison meeting with Network Rail and South West Trains we encourage them to cast their net a bit wider in their publicity and make sure that everyone who uses Fleet Station is aware of what the works are and how it will affect them..

**COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JULY 2013
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

1. Local Plan

Members will be aware that the Council is still awaiting the Inspector's report on the preliminary sessions of the Local Plan enquiry. We now understand he intends to send us the report in the next couple of days.

2. New Corporate Plan

Following discussions with the Cabinet and Shadow Cabinets, a first draft of the new Corporate Plan for the Council is being produced and will be circulated for discussions in the party groups in the next few days.

3. Mr Phil Whiting

Many members will remember Phil Whiting, who was in charge of the Council's Refuse, Street Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance services until 2007, when he took ill health early retirement. Mr Whiting subsequently made a claim against the Council alleging that his ill health arose as a result of his employment. That claim has now been settled out of court by the Council's insurers, resulting in a fairly substantial payment to Mr Whiting. Payment is being made by the Council's insurers, and will have no direct impact on the Council's own finances.

Geoff Bonner
Chief Executive
25 July 2013