

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Crane, Brookman, Wilson, Bumbieris, Small, Farrell, Leach, Whiting, Colloff, Winsor

**Police Report:** Jo King (Kintbury) introduced Zoe Gibson, who joined 3 weeks ago and should be taking over Hungerford area. In April there were 23 rural crime reports and 9 in May. On 30/4/& 28/5 an operation took place where landowners call Police out to suspicious activity. There is a high volume of crime at present. In Lambourn vehicles were damaged, 2 men have been arrested, one for drugs. On 19<sup>th</sup> June, in Lambourn (a.m.) a 'Have Your Say' event will be held. (Cllr Bumbieris entered). Rural Crime consists of burglary to non-dwellings and residences in rural areas, theft of farm machinery etc. At the moment crime is occurring along either side of the A4.

2 members of public, interested in co-option, introduced themselves:

Rob Chicken has lived in Hungerford since 1985 and has been Governor of Hungerford Primary School and John O'Gaunt School (13 years), involved in charity for scouts and safeguarding, childrens board.

Pat Piper has lived in Hungerford for 30 years, taught for 25 years at Downs School in Compton and was Treasurer for WI. Her children went to JOG School.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr Benneyworth and District Cllr Hewer
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the Full Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.** Minutes proposed as true record by Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Small, one abstention, rest in favour.
- 4. Mayor's report.** Attended tribunal in London over a POI request. The decision will be received in 2 weeks. The Mayor attended a meeting with T&M about partial surrender of the lease.
- 5. District Councillor's Reports.** No District Councillors present.
- 6. Committee reports (no more than 3 minutes per report)**  
**R&A – Cllr Small.** Cllr Benneyworth elected as chair and Cllr Small as Deputy. Discussed allotment issues, Triangle Field and car park. Freehold has completed. The first meeting of Croft Field management takes place this Friday. The Partial Surrender was discussed in depth.

**E&P – Cllr Farrell.** Thank you to Cllr Wilson for her services as previous Chair of the Committee. Applications for 2 new houses were received and we await the outcome from WBC. Cllr Farrell is looking forward to her new role. (Roger Thompson entered). Shell garage are putting in new tanks which are taking a long time.

**H&T – Cllr Rob Brookman.** Bus stops – Clive Toombs needs to notify local residents, tender and award contract. Hopefully 2 bus stops next year! Taxi ranks – Cllr Brookman emailed station manager and the response was no! North View Heights construction management plan now on line. Mill Lane, Kintbury and Lower Denford both require no access signs for construction traffic. Letter received about traffic

problem in Bridge Street – have asked District Cllrs three times for meeting. Mark Edwards, WBC agreed to meet. Cllr Brookman would like a traffic survey carried out to all entrances to Hungerford. Bridge Street pedestrian crossing – only o/s issue is legal one (formality) moving on.

**T&E** – No meeting yet. Many leaflets TTH and Town Guide need delivering.

**F&GP – Cllr Bumbieris.** Cllr Bumbieris still Chair, Cllr Small, Deputy Chair. Considered annual grant, GCT to match fund these. 25 organisations are being supported. Considered new quote for insurance, moved to Avivia from Zurich. Nigel Pateman attended and requested £3k to support running of TFMC, Maggie Gibbs has been employed to update cemetery records. Roger Thompson and Eoin (HY&CC) lease expires 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**7. Finance – Cllr Bumbieris**

- a) Propose authorisation of cheque run payments (circulated).** Cllr Crane proposed cheque run, seconded by Cllr Wilson, all in favour.
- b) Propose year to date accounts.** Insurance not paid yet. Cllr Bumbieris proposed year to date accounts, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
- c) Propose and sign Annual Return for year end March 2015.** Cllr Bumbieris proposed acceptance of annual return, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour.
- d) Propose audit report.** Clean audit with one action which has just been done at F&GP mins. Cllr Bumbieris proposed, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
- e) Ratify grants payment and Insurance renewal.** Cllr Crane proposed grant payments and insurance renewal, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour.

**8. Confirm date of 2015 Christmas light switch on, for information.** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015, not available due to Cat Show taking place. The switch on is now confirmed on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 6pm. Cllr Crane will speak with Cllr Brookman to decide who to invite to switch on.

**9. Triangle Field – Propose kitchen improvements.** Kitchen has been cleared out. They will provide new cooker and fridge/freezer and outside tap

**10. Youth & Community Centre – Ratify Roger Thompson as Chair of Y&C, agree changes of licence, consider grant and renewal terms.** Cllr Crane recommend Cllr Thompson takes on Chair of Y&CC, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour. Suspend Standing Orders. They require 2 members of HTC to sit on committee. Cllr Wood is one. Need another? Licence and constitution both adapted by Y&CC. Need to renew lease first. Then agree licence Cllr Small proposed adoption of licence, Cllr Crane subject to lease being agreed and renewed.

**11. Football Club Lease and Town & Manor Partial Surrender proposal.** If we pursue with negotiations ..... T&M will take costs of our hands. If T&M happy to sign mdeed of surrender OK. L&TA. Cllr Small to see notes. Still includes HCC ground in P.S. We have duty to protect HFC and need to see their sub-lease is fine. We need decision in one month. Cllr Small read out his letter – Cllr Crane would like the letter to go from The Mayor to The Constable (copy to JL). But respond to the meeting that we have had. Is HCC lease secure? **Action:** Cllr Crane to chase letter of comfort – if not available in next few days Cllr Crane to send letter. Cllr Small to add one month into his letter. Cllr Small to send letter to me. Cllr Small proposed Cllr Crane to speak to The Constable, seconded by MC?

**12. Consider change of Committees' names.** Cllr Crane to speak to each Chair to try and clarify role of each committee and name committee more appropriately. Make it more simple for public to understand. Put on all agendas.

**13. Any other Reports (3 minutes each) not to include any proposals- all councillors.** Chamber of Commerce – This Thursday Anthony Stanfeld, 7pm Three Swans. Network Rail are going to clear rubbish! We need group to become friends of the railway station - - four large tubs need filling. Garden Centre will do this if we have volunteers.  
Co-option. Concern over political persuasion. District Cllr Paul Hewer on Western Planning Committee for WBC and would have to declare his interest and not vote on E&P.

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**