

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013**

**Present:**

Cllr Winney	Cllr Hing	Cllr S Jones
Cllr Mumford	Cllr Sanford	Cllr Muir
Cllr Roberts	Cllr Boulton	Cllr Bowen
Cllr Harwood		

**In attendance:** Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk), Mr Chris Peachey, County Cllr. Theodolou

- 211 12/13 To note apologies for absence.**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Wardle, Lloyd and M. Jones
- 212 12/13 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**  
Cllr Roberts declared a pecuniary interest in item 224, however the Council agreed that this was not necessary as the item was only to decide what articles should go into the next Ripples magazine, not the principle of using Ripples which is already established. The Clerk was asked to check on this matter. **ACTION: Clerk to contact GAPTC to seek advice and to report back.**
- 213 12/13 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**  
Several Cllrs did not appear to have received the minutes from the last meeting until today and it was therefore agreed to defer this item to the next Full Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the agenda for the Full Council meeting in February.**
- 214 12/13 Matters arising.**  
None
- County Cllr Theodolou arrived.**
- 215 12/13 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Question Time – there is a 10 minute time limit.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for Public Question Time – all in favour.
- Q:** Mr Chris Peachey asked the Council if the car park at the top of the High Street could be improved. He showed photographs of the current surface and said that this was of great concern to himself and his wife.
- A:** Cllrs advised Mr. Peachey that this matter was already being looked at and further quotes for resurfacing this area have been requested. The Highways Committee would be looking at this in detail at their next meeting later in the month and as there is a large cost implication involved with this the Finance Committee would be looking at this at their next meeting in February.  
**ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Highways Agenda in January and the Finance meeting in February.**
- 216 12/13 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Question Time.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to reconvene the meeting following Public Question Time – all in favour.

The Chairman asked Cllrs if item 222 and 223 could be brought forward, as County Cllr Theodolou had another meeting to attend. It was **RESOLVED** to bring forward item 222 and 223 – all in favour.

- 222 12/13 To receive report from District Councillor**

**223 12/13 To receive report from County Councillor**

In the absence of District Cllr Wardle, County/District Cllr Theodolou presented a brief report covering both District and County Council matters:

- **Government Grant** – Cllr Theodolou reported that the grant to CDC was favourable, however the grant to GCC was not so favourable and in fact was 4.7% less than last year (£20million down). He said that whilst some services would have to be cut back, services for the elderly would be maintained and may be increased.
- **Council Tax** – he reiterated that there would be no increase for next year
- **Schools** – the budget figures were still being worked on and the outcome would be disclosed in February.
- **Budget (current year)** – likely to be underspent by £2million. £1million of this would therefore go towards flood related issues. Cllr Theodolou asked the Council to let him know if there were any requirements for Fairford. The remaining £1million would go towards debt reduction. Cllr Hing asked if some money could be made available to help to finish off the current work being done by Dilly's Bridge. It has been estimated that a further £2.5k would be required to extend the improvements along the bank.
- **Parking in Fairford (High Street)** – Statutory consultations would take place later this year. Cllr Sanford asked Cllr Theodolou if GCC would help towards the cost of this should any changes be made. Cllr Theodolou was not sure, although some reference had been made to a potential contribution this was as yet unclear.

**County Cllr. Theodolou left the meeting.**

**217 12/13 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman expressed New Year wishes to all Cllrs. He said that he was extremely happy with Councils achievements in 2012 and hoped that this would continue in the future. Cllr Harwood pointed out that Horizon review is due and that this is to go onto the Agenda for Committees in January/February.

**Due to problems with e-mails not being received some items will be deferred to next months meeting.**

**218 12/13 To consider invitations to meetings (e-mailed)**

The list of invitations had not been received by Cllrs. The Clerk said that she would re-send the list of invitations and should any Cllrs wish to attend any meetings, courses etc., to advise accordingly. **ACTION: Clerk to re-send list of invitations.**

**219 12/13 To consider correspondence received (for information only e-mailed)**

The list of correspondence received had not been received by Cllrs. The Clerk said that she would re-send the list for information. **ACTION: Clerk to re-send list.**

**220 12/13 Correspondence requiring a reply e-mail: from Nigel Adams (CDC) re: Community Governance Review (e-mailed 2/1/2013)**

Cllrs agreed that the representations which relate to Fairford are correct and in order and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Adams to confirm that the Council were happy for these representations to be made. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Nigel Adams.**

**221 12/13 To receive reports on meetings/events attended**

**FEAG** – Cllr Hing wished to thank all FEAG members, both Cllrs and non Cllrs, who turned out to help with flood alleviation efforts in December. He said that the work started before Christmas to improve the bank at Dilly's Bridge definitely helped to save Courtbrook from being flooded recently. Works have not been completed yet and safety fencing is being looked at now that the bank has been raised. Unfortunately, the work carried out does not extend far enough along the bank and he has been in contact with the Environment Agency with a view to extending the improvements which would incur an additional cost of approximately £2.5k which would incorporate safety fencing. He said that it would make sense to carry this work out now whilst the contractors are still on site to avoid extra costs should they have to come back at a later time. Cllr Hing said that he would be writing to County Cllr. Theodolou to seek help with this. In the meantime he felt that the Town Council should agree to fund this to avoid extra costs in the future. It was **RESOLVED** the Town Council should agree to pay upto £2.5k for extending the

works along the riverbank at Dilly's Bridge to incorporate safety fencing. Proposed Cllr Hing, seconded Cllr Harwood - all in favour.

**222 12/13 To receive report from District Councillor  
See above**

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#### **FACILITIES**

**224 12/13 To agree articles for February Ripples.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to add articles as follows:

- Flood alleviation
- Repairs to zip wire
- Walnut Tree Field award
- Festive Market
- Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year (Geoff Chick Award) – nominations.

All in favour. **ACTION: Clerk to put together articles and circulate to members before submitting to Ripples.**

#### **FINANCE**

**225 12/13 To approve retrospectively cheque payments to end of December 2012**  
Due to the problems with receipt of e-mails it was agreed to defer this item to the next Full Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to add this to the agenda for February Full Council meeting.**

**226 12/13 To receive income & expenditure figures to end December 2012**  
As the bank statements had not been received to date, the figures were unavailable.

**227 12/13 To consider and agree Precept figure for 2013/14**  
In the absence of the Chair of Finance, Cllr Hing briefed the members on the recommendation from the Finance Committee to keep the precept within the Band D equivalent range therefore not increasing the precept again for next year. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation from Finance not to raise the Precept for the forthcoming year. Proposed Cllr Mumford , seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.

#### **PLANNING**

**228 12/13 To receive Minutes of Planning Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**  
Due to problem with non receipt of e-mails, it was agreed to defer this item to the next Full Council meeting in February. **ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the agenda for the next Full Council meeting.**

**229 12/13 To consider and agree reply regarding report from FTC solicitor regarding the Unilateral Undertaking document from Archstone Developers (Land west of Pips Field).**  
It was **RESOLVED** to send amendments regarding the Unilateral Undertaking document as advised by the solicitor and Cllrs to Archstone Developers – all in favour. **ACTION: Clerk to reply to Archstone Developers.**

**230 12/13 To consider and agree response to CDC regarding Lakes 103,103a,104 and Milestone, reserved matters application.**  
Following debate it was **RESOLVED** to make some amendments to response letter, as submitted by Cllr S Jones as follows:  
To change the wording in the penultimate paragraph to read ‘ FTC is also concerned about potential flooding issues’ and to amend wording in relation to 7.6 of the decision notice to omit “ These assertions are not true.....”  
Proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Hing – 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to response as amended – Proposed Cllr Mumford, seconded Cllr Muir – 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. **ACTION: Clerk to forward response.**

**HIGHWAYS**

- 231 12/13 To consider and agree action in light of recent information received regarding the Bromford Housing proposals for off road parking at Victory Villas, London Road**

Debate took place regarding the plans which have been submitted to GCC by Bromford Housing for the offroad parking at Victory Villas, London Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Bromford Housing to advise that the plans should be re-done to allow cars to turn freely to allow vehicles to exit the area safely. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Bromford Housing.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

- 232 12/13 To consider and agree the way forward regarding policing in Fairford and the lack of IT equipment in the Police Point.**  
Following debate, it was agreed that a letter needs to be written to the Police Authority/Police Commissioner to enquire about the lack of policing in Fairford, what is to be done about the lack of IT equipment at the Police Point, which does not allow police officers to work from Fairford and the availability of a timetable of when police will be on site. **ACTION: Clerk to write a letter to the Police Authority.**
- 233 12/13 To agree dates in May for Annual Town meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> May or 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013).**  
It was **RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Town meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - All in favour.
- 234 12/13 Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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