



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 8.00PM.

Membership: Councillors Mrs D.Lemay, (Committee Chairman), J.G.Ling, G.Bonner (Ex-officio), G.Waite, P.Hay, T.Archer and J.Noades (Ex-officio & Deputy Committee Chairman).

Present: Councillors G.Waite, T.Archer, J.Noades, P.Hay, G.Bonner, J.Ling and Mrs D.Lemay.
Officer in attendance: Jill Jones (Town Clerk), C.Matthews (Admin Apprentice).

454. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies.

455. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations.

456. TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman stated that she had nothing to report.

457. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2015

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes are a true record.

The Chairman referred to Minute 394 and explained that she had deferred discussion on the future of TAG until Councillor Ling was present.

458. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP AND MATTERS ARISING INCLUDING FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF TAG.

Buntingford Cycle & Pedestrian Links - Consultation.

Councillors recommended that Mill Close and Chapel End are included in the consultation area.

Future of TAG

Councillor Ling suggested going back over the TAG Minutes and summarising what the group has achieved.

Councillor Ling stated that the reason we have TAG is before 2002 there was another group where various organisations were represented, this was eventually disbanded. The Council then set up its own group with many of the same organisations represented but with different people. This group has gradually become less active when a lot of the plans were produced. This needs a complete review and there should be an introspective meeting to decide the way forward.

Councillor Archer stated that overlapping needs to be avoided.

It was agreed to hold another TAG meeting in a week or two to look at the future of the group.

459. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PHOENIX PROJECT GROUP.

Councillor Ling reported that Taylor Wimpey have responded that the Section 278 had been signed and works to the roundabout at the junction of Hare Street Road and Station Road will now go ahead. Although it's too late to incorporate this work as part of the Shared Space Scheme, little will be done that will compromise other works at a later date.

Councillor Ling further reported that he had attended a meeting in Birmingham with Phil Jones Associates and Opus Arup. (report attached).

Representatives of Phil Jones Associates will make a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting and will attend a meeting at The Manor House on the 6th March to discuss important issues and to gather evidence.

The Annual Town Meeting presentation will be the start of the consultation process. It was suggested that this could be combined with the Neighbourhood Plan consultation although it was noted that one should not delay the other.

The Clerk was asked to include Councillor Lings' report and discussion on the 6th March on the Full Council Agenda.

460. CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANOR HOUSE.

The Clerk explained that the system for consultation on Planning Applications is changing and East Herts Council will no longer be sending paper copies of all minor planning applications. This means that the Planning Committee will rely on projected images and members of the public will have to be shown electronic details.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk may spend up to £6,000 on a lap top and screen/projector or TV for viewing planning application, this to be in consultation with Councillor Waite.

461. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE SETH WARD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Councillor Ling reported that he had been approached by a number of people regarding the storing of chairs on the SWCC stage. It's proving difficult for people to move them.

The Clerk explained that she had agreed with the Centre Manager and the complainants to meet at the centre to try and find a solution.

462. TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT REQUESTS.

Buntingford Cougars - Contribution to portable goals.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £500 be made to Buntingford Cougars towards portable goals,

Buntingford in Transition

Following a proposal, second and a vote of 4 in favour and 3 against it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £294 be made to Buntingford in Transition to cover the cost of booklets.

Buntingford Bowls Club

Following a proposal, second and a vote of 6 in favour and 1 abstention it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £600 be made to Buntingford Bowls Club to cover the cost of purchase and installation of an AED Cabinet.

463. NEW HOMES BONUS PROJECTS - UPDATE.

The Clerk reported that feasibility studies are moving forward on the Shared Space Scheme and a Cemetery.

464. CONSIDERATION OF THE INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN AND THE PURCHASE OF AED CABINETS.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That one defibrillator is located at The Manor House at an agreed location after consultation with the Conservation Officer.

465. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND MATTERS ARISING.

The Clerk reported that the last Youth Council meeting had been spent looking at and forming a response to the Bovis planning application. A trip to the House of Commons is planned for the 17th March.

466. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Councillor Noades reported as follows:

Luynes visit remains at four nights duration. SWCC booked for Soiree 2nd May, this to include a fish and chip supper. The Mayor of Luynes will be travelling to Buntingford during the visit.

16th to 20th September confirmed for the Olvega visit.

SWCC booked for the 16th May for "Dave's 60's Hop" tickets £10 to include supper.

Quiz night booked for 10th October at Benson Hall.

Next meeting 2nd March 2015.

467. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY.

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed 9.18pm

Next meeting of the Resources Committee: Thursday 12th March 2015 at 8.00pm.

**Buntingford Town Council
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Report on Meeting between:

Cllr Jonathan Ling, Buntingford Town Council (JGL)

Phil Jones, Phil Jones Associates (PJ)

Annabel Keegan, Phil Jones Associates (AK)

Richard Bailey, Opus Arup (RB)

Time:

Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 2.00 pm

Held at:

Phil Jones Associates
Seven House
18 High Street
Longbridge, Birmingham
B31 2UQ (B31 2TS for sat nav)

1 Report

This was supplied by AK subsequent to her site visit to Buntingford on 5th January 2015.

The following additions need to be made to the annotated map on Page 7:

- Eastern Gateway - Hare Street Road
- Western Gateway - A507/A10
- Northern Gateway - Through Pigeon development to Ermine Street
- Footways and cycle ways (as proposed by BTC and HCC)

2 Planning Costs and Invoicing

Page 9 of the report needs some amendment of Tasks and Costs in table for clarity

Invoices for work undertaken will be supplied by PJA on task completion.

3 Presentation

PJ and AK will provide a persuasive presentation at the Annual Town Meeting in Buntingford on 16th April 2015 at 8 pm.

Drafts of this will be supplied to BTC well beforehand for any useful revisions and adaptations.

4 The Way Forward

- PJA will deal with all aspects of planning "Shared Space" in Buntingford based on the philosophy and observations of Ben Hamilton-Baillie and will keep BTC and RB in touch.
- PJA will not be involved with "Engineering" or "Delivery". These aspects will be down to
- RB will talk with David Burt, Project Sponsor at HCC Highways about the plans with a view to ensuring the acceptance of the plans from both an Opus Arup and HCC highways perspective and will keep BTC and PJA informed.
- It was agreed that AK and PJ will develop the plans for Buntingford according to their proposal in the January Report with a view to making a presentation in Buntingford in the Spring of 2015. They will visit the Town on Friday 6th March 2015.
- JGL agreed to supply AK with all relevant documents which he possesses.

J G Ling 12th Feb 2015