



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 14TH APRIL 2016 AT 8.10PM.

Membership: Councillors Mrs D.Lemay, (Committee Chairman), J.G.Ling, G.Waite (Ex-officio), P.Hay (Deputy Committee Chairman), J.Noades (Ex-officio). S.Bowman, S.Basra.
Present: Councillors G.Waite, S.Bowman, Mrs D.Lemay, J.Noades, P.Hay.
Officer in attendance: J.Jones (Town Clerk), C.Matthews (Admin Assistant).

629. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Councillors Basra and Ling.

630. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations.

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

The Chairman stated that she had nothing to report.

632. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2016

Minute 578 - Councillor Hay stated that he had not said that the cemetery land had been purchased.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes are a true record with the amendment of Minute 578.

633. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

Gate between Edwinstree School and Norfolk Road Playing Field.

It was noted that a letter had been received from Herts County Council retrospectively requesting to install a gate from Edwinstree School into Norfolk Road Playing Field, this to improve safety for pupils.

The Committee were of the opinion that the gate may be in the wrong place and should be further east closer to Bowling Green Lane, also a second gate should be considered from Footpath 30 into the school.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RECOMMENDED

That this Council approves retrospectively, the installation of a gate between Norfolk Road Playing Field and Edwinstree School.

Parking on High Street

It was reported that the occupants of 100, High Street are still experiencing problems with vehicles parking outside of their front door.

The Clerk was asked to write to the residents suggesting that they take photographs of the offending vehicles together with registration numbers and report to the Police as obstruction.

The Clerk was asked to request from Highways a bollard outside the front door of 100, High Street.

Weight Restriction - Baldock Road

It was noted that the Amenities Committee has requested that the Resources Committee re-visit the request for a weight restriction on Baldock Road.

Historically, a consultation was carried out and residents concluded that they did not wish to see a weight restriction on Baldock Road. It was suspected at the time that those residents lived on London Road who would be most affected by a weight restriction. It was further noted

that a weight restriction would not apply to farm vehicles. The Police have said it would be difficult to enforce a weight restriction.

It was agreed that the Clerk should request a temporary weight restriction on Baldock Road for the duration of development in the town.

Councillor Bowman referred to the narrow footpath leading from the Taylor Wimpey site which should have been widened as part of the planning consent. He had watched a lady with a buggy trying to negotiate the road which had very nearly resulted in an accident.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Police pointing out this significant danger.

Councillor Bowman referred to the missing white lines across the entrance to the Co-op also the footway outside of the Co-op on the corner of Hare Street Road is being damaged by tree roots. The Clerk was asked to write to the Co-op asking them to repaint their white lines and also paint directional arrows or provide a notice saying 'turn left'. Also contact Highways regarding the damaged footway.

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

It was noted that Toby Archer is to produce a model of the High Street plans for the Annual Town Meeting.

635. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANOR HOUSE.

The Clerk reported that the contractor undertaking the shed replacement has asked for stage payments.

There followed a proposal and second that payments be made £4,000 week 1, £4,000 week 3 and the balance less 10% on completion.

There followed an amendment of £4,000 week 1, £2,000 week 2, £2000 week 3, balance less 10% of total cost paid on completion, 10% to be held for 6 months. This amendment was unanimously agreed.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

**That stage payments be made to the contractor for the shed replacement of:
£4,000 week 1, £2,000 week 2, £2000 week 3 balance less 10% of total cost paid on completion, 10% to be held for 6 months.**

The Clerk reported that she had authorised a payment of £288.46 for urgent repairs to the rear fence of the Manor House as it was in danger of falling onto parked vehicles.

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

Noted that the ABC AGM will be held on the 19th April 2016. Conor Matthews reported that the centre refuse bin has disappeared, the Centre Manager is in contact with EHDC to arrange a replacement.

637. TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT REQUESTS.

EHDC Diversionary Activities.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £200 be made to East Herts Diversionary Activities.

Buntingford Cougars

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £500 be made to Buntingford Cougars.

Buntingford Community Garden

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £275 be made for the Community Garden.

Rib Valley Trampoline Group

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £250 be made to the Rib Valley Trampoline group.

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

Conor Matthews reported that there has not been a recent meeting of the Youth Council, there are six or seven members. Youth Council vacancies are advertised in the newsletter. The Youth Council are thinking of marking the Queen's 90th birthday.

639. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

Councillor Noades reported that the Twinning Association had met last week to finalise arrangements for the Luynes trip. The trip had been very good and Councillor Noades stated that he had travelled at no expense to the Council.

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

Councillor Hay stated there is nothing to report.

Meeting closed 9.02pm

Next meeting of the Resources Committee: Thursday 19th May 2016 at 8.00pm.