

**PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Petersfield Town Council was held at the Town Hall, Petersfield on 7 February 2005.

**PRESENT:** Mr B Dutton (Town Mayor)  
Mr R Ayer  
Mr V Clarke  
Mr C Jenner  
Ms M Vincent  
Mr G Watkinson

**Also in attendance:** Mrs B Macken (Town Clerk)  
Mrs L Farley (Administration Officer)  
Mr J West (HCC Councillor)  
Petersfield Herald  
Petersfield Post  
and one member of the public

**C 0591      TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Town Mayor informed Members that he had invited Supt. Rose to attend the Council meeting scheduled for 7 March 2005 to advise on the proposed structure for re-organisation. If Members of the public wished to attend, he invited them to call the Town Council office on 01730 264182, so that a larger room (than the Council Chamber) could be booked if numbers warranted.

Cllr. West would report to Members on the proposed visit to a Materials Recycling Facility.

The Town Council's application for a grant from the Quality Parishes Investment Fund had been refused on the basis that it had been received after the deadline of 1 January 2005 (C 0529 refers).

The Chairman of East Hampshire District Council, Cllr. Ken Graham, would be attending the Council meeting scheduled to take place on 4 April 2005.

Michael Mates, M.P. had agreed to attend the celebrations for the commemoration of VE Day and it was hoped that the public, especially young people, would also take part.

**C 0592      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Ayer and Mrs. Butler and Messrs. Baird, Hick and Molloy.

**C 0593      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following interests were declared:-

Cllr. Clarke - item C 0604 A - personal interests as a Trustee of the Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool and a member of Petersfield Heritage; and a prejudicial interest as an Officer of Sheet Village Association.

Cllr. R. Ayer - item C 0604 A - personal and prejudicial interest as his grandchildren attended the Petersfield Youth Theatre workshop; and item C 0605 - a personal interest being a Member of the EHDC Planning Committee.

Cllr. Watkinson - item C 0604 A - personal interest being the Town Council's Representative to the board of Trustees of the Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool; and C 0605 being the Town Council's Representative to The Petersfield Society for Special Needs.

Cllr. Dutton - item C 0605 - personal interest being a Member of the EHDC Planning Committee.

**C 0594      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Petersfield Town Council held on 10 and 19 January 2005 be approved and signed subject to the following amendments:-

10 January meeting: item C 0517 amended by the deletion of "due to her wish not to attend meetings of the Town Council until the current grievance by Officers against Cllr. Bob Ayer was either withdrawn or resolved". Item C 0518 amended to read "against him under the Employment Act 2002". Item C 0529 amended to read "advice on employment funding applications and for BMX and skateboarding equipment".

**C 0595      APPLICATIONS TO LICENSING JUSTICES**

The following application was received and noted:

ASK (123)	TO:	Amy <b>REVILL</b> and
19 High Street		Amy <b>RODWAY</b>
Petersfield		

**C 0596      PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 January 2005 (previously distributed) be received.

The meeting scheduled to take place on 4 January 2005 had been cancelled as it would not have been quorate.

**C 0597**      **EXTRACTS**

**RESOLVED**      that the extracts from the decisions of the East Hampshire District Council's South Planning sub-Committee, notified during January 2005 be received.

It was then

**RESOLVED**      that the meeting be adjourned, in order for members of the public to discuss matters of interest with Councillors.

As no questions were forthcoming the meeting was re-convened.

**C 0598**      **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. West advised Members that he had forwarded to the Town Clerk details of the Project Integra "Energy from Waste" plants at Chineham (nr. Basingstoke), the Green Waste plant at Hackwood/Herriard and the Materials Recycling Facility on the A31 east of Alton: and invited them to contact the appropriate Officer at Onyx to arrange a suitable time, date and venue for a visit.

He had taken the opportunity to raise with the successor group to CHRTS the question of a pedestrian crossing at Pulens Lane: and the lights in the mosaic with HCC officers (C 0523 refers).

Mr. Dutton was advised that Cllr. West had sent a reminder to the relevant HCC department regarding a 30 mph limit in Sussex Road.

**C 0599**      **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no District Councillor's report at this meeting.

**C 0600**      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RESOLVED**

**(a)**      **Grounds Committee**

that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2005 be received.

**(b)**      **Public Halls Committee**

that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2005 be received

(c) **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20 January 2005 be received.

F 0573 Annual Meeting of the Town

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be held on 13 April 2005 in the Rose Room, commencing at 7 p.m.

F 0574 Schedule of Meetings 2005/2006

**RESOLVED** that the Schedule of Meetings for the municipal year May 2005 to April 2006 be accepted and approved, with advice to Chairmen of Committees to cancel meetings with insufficient business.

**C 0601 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Mr. Watkinson - Petersfield Society for Special Needs AGM

Ms. Vincent - Petersfield in Bloom.

**C 0602 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE IN JANUARY 2005**

The Schedule of Payments made in January 2005 were received at this meeting and would be approved at the March meeting.

**C 0603 CASUAL VACANCY - BELL HILL WARD**

Members requested correspondence from the Electoral Services Officer (EHDC) requesting a decision as to whether the Town Council wished official poll cards to be provided for the by-election on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005. Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED** that the Electoral Services Officer at EHDC be advised that the Town Council wished official poll cards to be provided.

Cllr. Clarke left the meeting at 7 p.m.

**C 0604 GRANTS**

A. Members received the recommendations of the Grants Panel and Finance and General Purposes Committee, for the second tranche and

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes be approved (F 0570 B refers) subject to the proposed grant to Sheet Village Association being amended from £800 to £400.

Cllr. Clarke rejoined the meeting.

B. Members received a letter of thanks for funding received, from the Petersfield and District Citizens Advice Bureau, the contents of which were noted.

**C 0605 THE AVENUE PLAYING FIELD - EARLY YEARS GROUP**

Members received a request from the Early Years Group for confirmation that the Council was still supportive of the Group being based at The Avenue. Members were also asked for their views on a possible extension to the current Pavilion, linked but separate and of a size acceptable to both the Town Council and East Hampshire District Council, if no other suitable site could be found and a new (replacement for the temporary) building was not acceptable.

Members were advised of the basis for the Planning Inspectors' decisions of 21 August 2002 and 21 March 2002 relating to the portakabin and the proposed, new building, respectively: and that Planning Officers were bound by the Inspectors' rulings.

As the Town Council's Representative to the Society, Mr. Watkinson advised of the efforts that had been made to find a suitable, alternative site for a new building; and of the difficulties that had been experienced in doing so. He stressed that the Town Council was being asked to consider whether it was willing to consider the principle of having a replacement building on the site of the portakabin, not being asked to commit itself on the planning aspect.

Following further discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** that this Council is willing to enter into further discussions with the Petersfield Society for Special Needs, on the principle of their building a small extension at The Avenue, should it become necessary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.22pm

