

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Petersfield Town Council was held at the Town Hall, Petersfield on 8 January 2007.

PRESENT:

- Mr R Ayer (Town Mayor)
- Mrs H Ayer
- Mr A Baird
- Mr V Clarke
- Mrs L Daubney
- Mr B Dutton
- Mr P Molloy
- Mr H Sandeman
- Ms M Vincent
- Mr G Watkinson

Also in attendance:

- Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk)
- Mrs S McMorran (Deputy Town Clerk)
- Mr M Cartwright (HCC Councillor)
- Mr J West (HCC Councillor)
- Insp L Rickwood (Hampshire Constabulary)
- Sgt P Bromell (Hampshire Constabulary)
- Petersfield Herald
- Petersfield Post
- and 0 members of the public

C 0557 TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Town Mayor made the following remarks:

- He had attended a Charter Signing Ceremony at Warendorf on 8 December 2006 and had also signed the 'Golden Book', which was an honour. A bronze plaque had also been presented and the Town Mayor asked for suggestions for the display of the plaque.
- A letter had been received from the Caring and Sharing Trust stating what a wonderful town Petersfield was - a copy is attached to these minutes for information.
- Team members were required for the Town Council quiz team for the charity event on 3 February
- The Masonic Open Day event date had changed from 17 February to 10 February 2007.

C 0558 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Hick and Jenner.

C 0559 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

C 0560 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Petersfield Town Council held on 5 December 2006 (previously distributed) be approved and signed.

C 0561 PRESENTATION REGARDING STRUCTURE FOR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICING - HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Sgt. Paul Bromell gave a very interesting and informative presentation regarding the structure for Safer Neighbourhoods Policing. He also took questions regarding CID, current staffing levels, PSCOs, continued opening of Petersfield Police Station and the Roads Policing Unit.

The Town Mayor thanked Sgt Bromell for attending the meeting.

C 0562 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 5 and 19 December 2006 and 2 January 2007 be received.

C 0563 EXTRACTS

RESOLVED that the extracts from the decisions of the East Hampshire District Council's South Planning Committee, notified during December 2006 be received.

It was then

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes in order for Councillors to discuss topics (which do not appear on the agenda) with members of the public.

As no member of the public wished to speak the meeting was re-convened.

C 0564 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Cartwright informed members that HATs (Hampshire Action Teams) was now operational and three listening meetings had been scheduled to take place: 22 January for EHDC members, 15 February for Parish and Town Councils and 27 February for Voluntary Groups.

Mr Cartwright had also been advised by the Head of Music Services that two local Year 11 students of TPS, Holly Hill and Martha Russell, had been made Young Music Ambassadors, which was a national award.

C 0565 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report.

C 0566 COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLVED

(a) Grounds Committee

No meeting held in December 2006

(b) Public Halls Committee

No meeting held in December 2006

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 14 December 2006 be received.

C 0567 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Members received and noted the Town Clerk's report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for information.

C 0568 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - MEMBERS' REPORTS

No reports.

C 0569 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS MADE IN DECEMBER 2006

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments made in December 2006 be received and approved, copy attached to these minutes for information.

C 0570 CITY EXPLORER MAP

Members were asked to consider using one side of the proposed City Explorer Map of Petersfield for tourism details for the town. Some members were unsure why the Town Council should be involved, as other information was available on these matters. Members were reminded that the Tourism leaflet had been removed from the 07/08 budget. It was suggested that the text be produced 'in house' and brought to the Council for approval. Following further consideration it was

RESOLVED that the offer to use one side of the proposed City Explorer Map for Tourist Information be accepted providing that there were no costs to the Town Council.

A Recorded Vote had been requested prior to voting

FOR: Messrs. Ayer, Clarke, Watkinson,
Dutton, Sandeman and Mrs Ayer

AGAINST: Mr Baird and Ms Vincent

ABSTENTIONS: Mr Molloy and Mrs Daubney

C 0571 **BUS SHELTERS - THE CAUSEWAY**

Members were asked to give consideration to the provision of two bus shelters in The Causeway - F 0533 December 2006 refers. The Town Clerk advised members that HCC had verbally advised him that funding was in place for the second bus shelter - a total of £16,000 was offered.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that the offer of a solid back bus shelter at The Causeway (coming into Petersfield) be accepted

RESOLVED that the offer of a second bus shelter at The Causeway (going out of Petersfield) be accepted

RESOLVED that quotations for a cleaning and maintenance contract for all bus shelters owned by the Town Council be sought and brought to Council for decision.

C 0572 **HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAM**

Members were asked to nominate up to three representatives to attend the next meeting of the Hampshire Action Team on 15 February 2007 at Greatham Village Hall.

RESOLVED that Messrs Ayer and Watkinson attend the Hampshire Action Team Listening Event on 15 February 2007 at Greatham Village Hall.

C 0573 **GRANTS/FUNDING**

Members received and noted a letter of thanks from the Winton House Centre.

C 0574 **STAFF MATTERS**

Members received non-confidential recommendations regarding the Asbestos Survey from the Staff Panel meeting held 12 December 2006.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that 14 hours overtime be allocated to the MCO to enable him to carry out an asbestos survey on the Petersfield Town Football Club clubhouse.

It was also

RESOLVED The Town Council would not seek to charge tenants for the work carried out for the Asbestos Surveys.

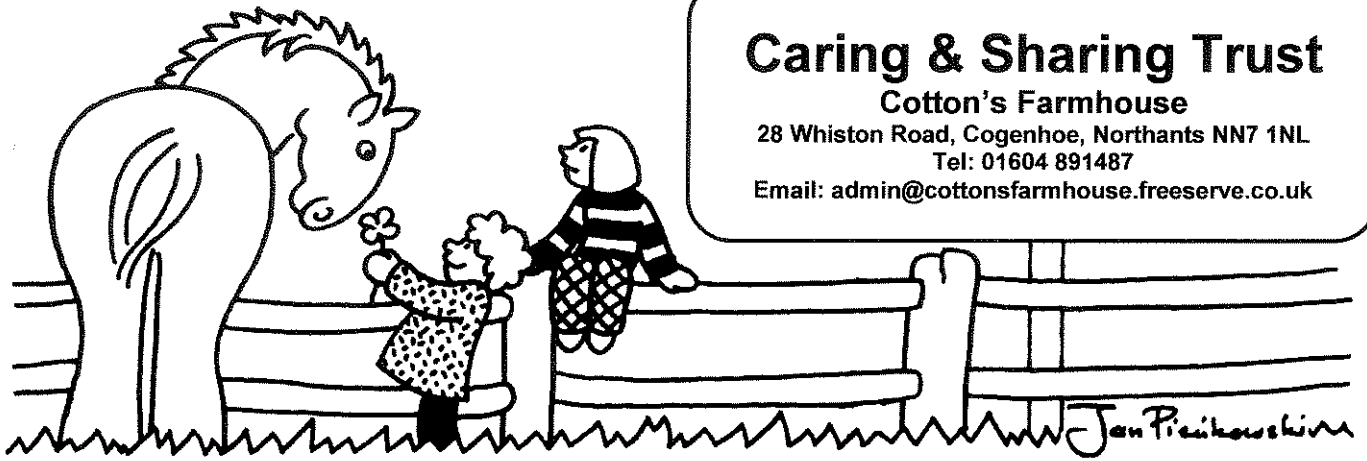
CONFIDENTIAL

RESOLVED to evoke Standing Order 36m to exclude the Press and Public for the remainder of the meeting.

F 0575 CONFIDENTIAL STAFF MATTERS

RESOLVED that the post of Administration Assistant be awarded forthwith, with the salary scale set at SCP 12 - 18, commencing at SCP 18 with the agency fee paid to the Employment Agency as detailed in the staff panel report dated 12 December 2006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44 pm.



meeting the needs of children and adults with physical and learning disabilities

Patrons: Brian Binley MP FRSA, Tony Clarke, Rt Hon The Lord Naseby, Tracey Ullman

Mr Robert Ayer
Town Mayor of Petersfield
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20th December 2006

Dear Mr Mayor

Just thought I would like to drop you a line to say what a wonderful town Petersfield is.

Caroline Scattergood and I have visited many times and are even thinking that, one day, we may re-locate nearby.

In an age where most things seem to get worse with time, Petersfield just seems to get better and better.

Hope you will pass on our sentiments to your colleagues and thank you all for doing such a grand job.

Wishing you, and yours, a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely

Lena Davis FRSA and Caroline Scattergood.

CLERKS REPORT

Members are reminded that the items within this report are provided for information only and are not available for debate. If it is considered that an item listed within the report should be debated fully by members, then it will be placed on the next appropriate Committee or Council agenda. Any member wanting clarification or further information on any aspect of items within the report, please contact me in advance of the meeting.

General Reading and Information

The following publications have been received and are available for members to read:

- ✻ Allotments Regeneration Initiative
- ✻ Footpath Caption – Hampshire County Council’s first annual newsletter reporting on work to develop and implement the Countryside Access Plans (CAPs)
- ✻ Parish Plans News Sheet – December 2006
- ✻ Action News Update from Community Action Hampshire – December 2006
- ✻ Fieldwork from the Campaign to Protect Rural England
- ✻ Talk of the Town – Petersfield Town Juniors Newsletter
- ✻ Route Manager – Highways Agency Newsletter
- ✻ Notes of a meeting of the Providing Good Quality Services Panel at East Hampshire District Council held on 23rd November 2006
- ✻ Minutes of East Hampshire Association of Town & Parish Councils meeting held on 13th September 2006
- ✻ HAPTC December Bulletin
- ✻ The Local Channel Newsletter
- ✻ The School Places Plan 2006 published by Hampshire County Council
- ✻ Charity Commission News
- ✻ Voices – newsletter from Drum Housing Association
- ✻ Newsletter from Community First East Hampshire
- ✻ Communique – Community Care News from Community Action Hampshire
- ✻ Fields Focus newsletter from the National Playing Fields Association
- ✻ The Insolvency Service News – Issue 3
- ✻ Petersfield Museum News – Issue 5
- ✻ SPISE News 48 – newsletter of Sane Planning in the South East
- ✻ East Hampshire District Council’s Partners Magazine – Issue 63
- ✻ Email bulletin from the South East Rural Towns Partnership (SERTP)
- ✻ Hampshire Highways News
- ✻ Local Council Review
- ✻ Action News Update from Community Action Hampshire - January 2007

Other Information

- 1 I have received letters of thanks from Petersfield and District Citizens Advice Bureau and Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool for this years grant funding. The Swimming Pool also expressed their gratitude for the grant towards the installation of the solar water heating system.
- 2 Hampshire County Council have distributed the results of the Parish Path Poll results completed earlier this year.

- 3 The guest speaker at the East Hants Association of Parish & Town Councils meeting was Andrew Smith from Hampshire County Council Countryside Service (Access) dealing with 'Rights of Way'. I took the opportunity to ask about progress being made with Footpath 42. The County Council accept they have responsibility for repairing the path which has become dangerous due to the cutting action of the stream eroding the bank. The problem lies with the landowner refusing the County Council contractors access across his land to transport the materials to effect the repair and it is proving very difficult to find a legal way of forcing the landowner to give access. Investigations continue into finding a solution to the problem. In his opinion, matters are likely to come to a head sooner rather than later as it is getting increasingly difficult to extend the footpath closure order with the relevant Department at Whitehall.
- 4 HAPTC have distributed a supply of beer mats to be used to stimulate people's interest in becoming a Councillor at the elections in May. It is suggested that restaurants and pubs are targeted to use them for this purpose. The supply is not huge but anyone wishing to distribute some, please see me at your convenience.
- 5 HAPTC invite all Councillors to a Fairtrade Open Morning at their Offices in Winchester at any time between 10.00am and midday to mark the start of Fairtrade Fortnight 2007. Members will also be able to collect their Election Resources Pack. To plan catering for the event, will Members please RSVP to steven.lugg@hants.gov.uk by 19th February 2007.
- 6 Community First East Hampshire have circulated details of various computer training and communication related workshops being held over the next three months locally. If anyone is interested or knows of voluntary and community groups who might be interested, please let me know.
- 7 The Community Volunteering Awards are to take place on 23rd March 2007 at East Hampshire District Council's Offices. Nominations are requested from all voluntary and community groups in the District and should be submitted by 5th February 2007. I have further details and a nomination form for anyone interested.
- 8 The completed and signed Agreement for 2U Tyres Limited to use the Love Lane Car Park has now been returned.

Neil Hitch
Town Clerk
2nd January 2007

