

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, FRANKLIN AVENUE, TADLEY AT 7.30pm ON 2 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Present:** Cllrs Broad (until 8.24pm), Burdett, Faulkner, Leeks, Lovegrove, Moss, Noad, Slimin (Chairman) and West

**In Attendance:** Town Clerk, 1 member of the press, 1 member of the public, Borough Cllr Bound

**1. APOLOGIES**

Received and accepted from Cllrs Ballard, Flahive, Frost, Hankinson, Keeling, Mullan, Quelch and County Councillor Tucker

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Burdett declared an interest in agenda item 9.

**3. MINUTES**

**66/10FC** It was

**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009.

**4. OPEN FORUM**

The meeting went in to open forum at 7.32pm and resumed at 7.37pm. Caroline Hall asked whether the Proposed Dispersal Notice would just move the problem elsewhere in the town. The Chairman responded that the location of the Esso in Tadley is unique in that it is at a crossroads of roads and footways. Caroline asked whether a drop in centre for young people would be viable, the Chairman responded that this something that is high on the Councils agenda and options are being investigated. Caroline reported that the Jake & Lee Fund has been shortlisted for the Peoples Millions, the voting will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and all Councillors were urged to vote 10 times.

**5. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS**

The Chairman reported: The Adult Fitness Trail has now been installed and there will be an opening ceremony on Saturday 7 November. Events attended included the Tri District Scouts Sponsored Walk on the 19 September and the Climate Change Event run by Basingstoke Council on the 29 October where the Greening Campaign was discussed. The Eco Working Party is to meet next week and Councillors agreed in principal to join the Greening Campaign. The Chairman is to attend Remembrance Day Services at Basingstoke and Tadley on the 8 November. A reminder was given that the Christmas event takes place on the 27 November. An invitation had been received to attend a Focus Group where the Power of Well Being will be discussed.

The Vice Chairman congratulated the Jake and Lee Fund on getting shortlisted for the Peoples Millions. Events attended included the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Michaels Church which had been a very worthwhile event. The Vice Chairman is to attend a CPRE meeting on development and the environment on the 11 November.

**6. ACCOUNTS**

**67/10FC** It was

**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to receive and sign a statement of receipts and payments for the months of August and September 2009.

**7. COMMITTEES**

**68/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to receive and approve the reports of the Highways and Planning Committee held on 29 September.

**69/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to receive and approve the report of the Recreation & Leisure Committee held on 14 September and 5 October 2009.

Cllr West asked for confirmation that there was a vacancy on the Recreation & Leisure Committee. This was given. Cllr West volunteered to join the Committee.

**70/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **15/10FGP** Victim Support – training, to make a grant of £250.

**71/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **16/10FGP** Dimension – sensory gardens, to not make a grant.

**72/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **17/10FGP** Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust – conservation work and accessibility, to make a grant of £350.

**73/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **18/10FGP** Hurst Leisure Centre – family learning day, to make a grant of £250.

**74/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to receive and approve the report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 19 October 2009.

**75/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to accept the recommendation **8/10P** to delete the paragraph regarding early retirement from contracts of employment.

**76/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (9/0/0)** to receive and approve the report of the Personnel Committee held on 19 October 2009.

## **8. REPORTS**

Cllr Bound reported he had attended a Community Safety Strategy Meeting where it was reported that there had been an increase in crime in Tadley. There was no update yet on the Boundary Hall site and a decision on the appeal in Shyshack Lane is still awaited.

Cllr Leeks had no report.

Cllr Musson had sent a written report: He had received complaints about the bus service to Basingstoke that the buses drive past the last stops in South Tadley as they are too full to collect anymore passengers, leaving all those waiting stranded until the next bus arrives. The response from Stagecoach stated that as the pattern is irregular they felt unable to plan or make any changes to alleviate the issues. He is still receiving calls and complaints about the inability of the Borough Council to make some planning decisions due to the HSE issue surrounding the AWE. He has lobbied via Sir George Young but the Government Office of the South East is at present not putting any timescale on this. There was a serious accident involving three vehicles at the bottom of the hill between Gales Garage and the Hospital entrance, this caused severe delays to the traffic and he has received comments that the diversion route was inadequate for the volume and size of the vehicles. One of the Trustees has resigned from the Allotments for the Labouring Poor so they need to find additional Trustee.

Cllr West reported that a management paper on recycling and waste is to be presented to the OSCOM Committee at Basingstoke Council on 19 November. The paper will contain proposed changes to the frequency of bin collections and also the disposal of green waste.

**9. AWE**

Cllr Burdett left the room at 8.09pm and returned at 8.17pm.

A letter from Robin McGill had been circulated to all Councillors. Certain projects are to be shut down, others are to be reallocated, some staff are to be retrained and others are to be made redundant. Cllr Ballard (via the Clerk) raised her concerns regarding the impact that redundancies will have on the local economy, i.e. shops, pubs, accommodation. Cllr Leeks and Slimin reported that there had been an item on the news regarding the storage of low level waste at AWE. Clerk to ask for more information on this.

**10. TADLEY VISION**

Cllr Burdett reported that the planning stages of the project are going well and the team is currently putting together questions building on the survey results. The team are planning to attend the Christmas event. More volunteers are needed and Councillors were urged to promote the project as much as possible.

**11. PROPOSED DISPERSAL NOTICE**

A request from Hampshire Constabulary for support for a Dispersal Notice along the A340 from the parade of shops at Mulfords Hill to the Esso Service Station and Millers Road, Swains Road, Swains Close, Maple Grove and Willow Road had been received. Further information had been requested and supplied.

**77/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (8/0/0)** to support the Tadley Police in their application for a Dispersal Notice.

**12. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO THE ALLOTMENTS FOR THE LABOURING POOR**

**78/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (8/0/0)** to approve the appointment of Terry Hoyles.

**13. NALC LARGER COUNCILS' CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2 DECEMBER 2009**

The Chairman requested permission to attend this event at a cost of £195 plus travel.

**79/10FC** It was  
**RESOLVED (8/0/0)** to approve attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Signed: ..... Dated: 4 January 2010