

10/062 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTIFICATIONS**

The following application notifications (copies of which were circulated during the Meeting) were considered and comments made as noted thereunder.

EN/10/00066/TPO Pollarding of a lime tree at 3 Kimbolton, Higham Ferrers No comment or objection.

EN/10/00012/FUL New double garage at 2 Swans Way, Higham Ferrers. No comment or objection

EN/10/00226/TPO Crown reduction and partial reduction of Sycamore at 5 Bolingbroke Place, Higham Ferrers No comment or objection

RESOLVED that the Local Planning Authority be advised of the comments now made.

10/063 **POLICY AND ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. A M Sauntson) moved the receipt and adoption of the Reports and Recommendations of the Committee.
Following further discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Report and Recommendations of the Policy and Establishment Committee held on 02 February 2010, (copies of which being Folios 3914 – 3917 had previously been circulated) be received and adopted

10/064 **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – CONSULTATION ON PARISH PARTNERSHIPS**

A document had been received from Northamptonshire County Association of Local Council – Consultation on Parish Partnerships – The Northamptonshire Councils Charter (copies of which had been previously circulated). The Town Clerk outlined the various important issues which were raised within the document and following a discussion it was agreed that all Members with internet access study the document on line and that the Town Clerk copy and circulate the document for those not on line, with a view to responding to the consultation at the next Meeting of the Council.

10/065 **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL – INCORPORATION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING ON 20 MARCH 2010**

A notice had been received from Northamptonshire County Association of Local Council (copies of which had been previously circulated) regarding the proposed Incorporation of the Association and Notice of Special Meeting on 20 March 2010. The Town Clerk outlined the reasons for the changes proposed and following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk and Councillor H L Jackson represent the Council at the Special Meeting, and that Councillor Mrs M Knott be appointed substitute delegate.

10/066 **PROPOSED NEW PHARMACY**

A letter had been received from NHS Northamptonshire (copies of which had been previously circulated) relating to the decision taken following a consultation on an application for a proposed new pharmacy adjacent to Waitrose, Crown Park, Rushden, which had been refused. The letter was received

10/067 **HIGHAM FERRERS TOURISM – APPLICATION TO ERECT FINGER SIGN**

A letter had been received from Higham Ferrers Tourism (copies of which had been previously circulated) requesting permission to erect a finger sign adjacent to the Library in Midland Road. A discussion ensued regarding the best way that this could be achieved at the conclusion of which it was

RESOLVED that Higham Ferrers Tourism be requested to make a donation to the Council for the cost of the new finger sign and that the application to the Highway Authority be made by the Council, with the Council being responsible for the ongoing maintenance and insurance of the sign.

Councillors H L Jackson and Mrs. A M Sauntson having declared an Interest left the Meeting whilst the item was discussed.

10/068 **TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACE KINGS MEADOW PHASE TWO**

A letter had been received from Technical and Development Services Ltd (copies of which had been previously circulated) making application to make staged payments on transfer of Open Space at Kings Meadow Phase Two development. The Town Clerk advised that the proposal was in line with what the Council had previously suggested and following discussion it was

RESOLVED that Taylor Wimpey (South Midlands) Ltd be permitted to pay the commuted sum of £100,000 upon transfer of the Public Open Space at Kings Meadow Phase Two by an initial payment of £40,000 followed by five annual payments of £12,000 subject the approval of the Planning Authority being sought by the developer to the variation.

10/069 **COUNCILLOR MRS. G M MURDIN BEM**

It was proposed by Councillor D C Lawson MBE and seconded by Councillor G L Moore and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. G M Murdin BEM be excused from the necessity of attending Meetings of the Council until the next Annual Meeting of the Council due to her current medical indisposition.

10/070 **SEVERE WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN**

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. A M Sauntson) advised that following Northamptonshire County Council now agreeing that High Street would be now treated as Category One during Severe Weather with regard to snow and ice clearance it was now necessary to review the Councils' own obligations. The Town Clerk advised that as a minimum a path should be salted across the Saffron Road and Market Square Car Parks, and when the Farmers Market was operational a wider salting would be required, similarly in the cemetery when a funeral was due.. A suitable salt applicator machine was available at a cost of £193.75, and rock salt was available locally at £8.95 for a 25kg bag. A short discussion ensued at the conclusion of which it was

RESOLVED that the Council purchase a salt distribution applicator at a cost of £193.75 together with 10 25kg bags of rock salt at £8.95 each for use on Council property in severe weather, all exclusive of VAT.

10/071 **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES**

The following reports were given by Members of the activities to other bodies;

South West Area JAG – *Details of meeting recently including details of an anti-social behaviour dispersal order, plastic glasses being made available in all licensed premises and adderss by Community Payback Officer.* Councillor Mrs. M Knott

Northamptonshire Police – *Details of Precept increase of 3.5% and Police Panel Meeting at the Pemberton Centre, Rushden* Councillor D C Lawson MBE

Northamptonshire County Council - *Details of Empowering Councils Grants applications for Riverside Park and tarmacing of verges in Queensway* Councillor D C Lawson MBE

Higham Ferrers Hachenburg Twinning Committee – *Details of trip from 03 – 07 June 2010 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the twinning with Hachenburg.* Councillor Mrs. V M Newbery

10/072 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The accounts for payment were circulated during the Meeting and it was

RESOLVED that payments be made as listed hereunder:

<i>Ref. No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
DD089	Tiscali UK Ltd	Broadband Provision	32.89
DD090	Scottish Widows PLC	Stakeholder Pension	159.54
2998	Panasonic Bus. Systems	Copier Service Charge	29.46
3000	Anglian Water	Metered water	30.48
3001	Stephen J Pell	Building repairs	215.00
3003	W Cave Electrical	Christmas Lights	3,088.02
3004	1st Reaction Ltd	Security Patrols (Jan.) Castle Field Tree Cond.	855.40
3005	RGS Tree Surveys	Survey	763.75
3006	British Gas Trading Ltd	Gas Supply	456.98
3007	Npton. Morris Men	Vic. Ex. Contribution	50.00
3008	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play Equipment Parts	290.78
3009	E. S. P. O.	Stationery & Sundries	23.30
3010	David J Linnell	Salary (Feb.)	1,434.37
3011	Mrs Julie Morriss	Salary (Feb.)	719.47
3012	Ian McDonald	Wages (25/01-21/02)	560.34
3013	Jennifer Tuffnail	Town Hall Cleaning (Feb.)	44.39
3014	PDM Screenprint Ltd	Hecham Chronicle 9	240.00
3015	Petty Cash	Expenses Reimbursement	58.76

NB. Cllr. Mrs M E Tuffnail dclared an interest in Ref. No. 3013.10/072

10/073 **BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Town Treasurer presented a Bank Reconciliation to 31 January 2010, having been verified by Councillor D C Lawson MBE and it was signed by the Mayor.

10/074 **BUDGET MONITORING**

The Town Treasurer presented a Budget Monitoring Report to 31 January 2010 (copies of which were tabled at the Meeting) and pointed out various salient issues contained under various headings within the Report.

10/075 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was moved by The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. A M Sauntson) and resolved that Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss an item of urgent business.

10/076 **RECREATION GROUND CCTV EQUIPMENT**

The Town Clerk advised that further problems had been experienced with the CCTV cameras installed at Saffron Road Recreation Ground and that both cameras required repairs currently which would be around £400 each, one of which already having been recently repaired for a different problem at a similar

amount. The cameras whilst of good quality were approaching 8 years of age and there were no guarantees that further problems would not be experienced. A quotation had been obtained to replace both cameras with new state of the art cameras at a cost of £2430.00 exclusive of VAT. A discussion ensued with the Town Clerk responding to Members questions regarding the equipment at the conclusion of which it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase two replacement CCTV cameras for installation at Saffron Road Recreation Ground at a cost of £2430.00 exclusive of VAT, subject to the Town Clerk obtaining a further checking quotation from another supplier for comparable equipment.

10/077 **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was moved by The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. A M Sauntson) and resolved that Standing Orders be resumed.

Mayor

30 March 2010