

At a Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Market Square, Higham Ferrers on Tuesday 25 May 2010.

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. V M Newbery)	
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor H L Jackson)	
Councillor D E Drage	Councillor A Dunn
Councillor P Gadsby	Councillor R J Gell
Councillor Mrs. M Knott	Councillor D C Lawson MBE
Councillor Mrs. S Mantle	Councillor G L Moore
Councillor A M T Reading	Councillor Mrs. A M Sauntson
Councillor Mrs. M E Tuffnail	Councillor Mrs. P H Whiting

10/169 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 27 April 2010 (copies of which being Folios 396 – 3941 had previously been circulated), of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 10 May 2010 (copies of which being Folios 3944 – 3948 had previously been circulated) and the Additional Meeting of the Council held on 11 May 2010 (copies of which being Folios 3949 – 3950 had previously been circulated) were approved and signed by The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. V M Newbery)

10/170 **APOLOGIES**

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors M P Beesley and Mrs. G M Murdin BEM .

10/171 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Declarations of Interest were made by Members:

Councillor Mrs. M E Tuffnail – Payments 3073 and 3083

Councillor Mrs. P H Whiting – Agenda Item 8(c) East Northamptonshire Council

Councillor G L Moore – Agenda Item 8(b) Higham Ferrers WW1 History Group

Councillor A M Sauntson - Agenda Item 8 (c) East Northamptonshire Council
and Payment 3073

Councillor Mr. R J Gell– Agenda Item 8(d) Annual Spring Fair

10/172 **LIAISON WITH THE POLICE**

PC D Brown and PCSO M Thaseen were present and outlined crime issues currently being addressed in Higham Ferrers. Members raised a number of issues including parking problems in Elizabeth Way, the increase in violent offences unlicensed motor cycles at Skew Bridge, problems of parking in Chichele Street, and the increase in thefts of and from motor vehicles.

10/173 **QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 19**

In response to questions asked pursuant to Standing Order 19 the Town Clerk agreed to take the following action;

Policy and Establishment Committee - To place the following items on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Committee; 1. Litter Bins in Saffron Road Recreation Ground 2.. Council Policies and 3. Documentation for the process of Freedom Status applications.

10/174 **PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS**

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting of the Planning Application Determinations affecting Higham Ferrers made by East Northamptonshire Council since the last Meeting.

10/175 **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/ 00748/ FUL	Proposed single storey rear extension and a new access off Meadow View to provide off road car parking at 37 Linden Avenue, Higham Ferrers	No comment or objection
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And it was

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

10/176 **EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS CONTRIBUTION**

A letter had been received from East Northamptonshire Council (copies of which had been previously circulated) advising of the availability of the East Northamptonshire Business Partnership Contribution of £1000 being available. The Town Clerk advised that at a recent Victorian Sparkle Working Party Meeting it had been agreed that the Council would make an application for the whole of the amount on behalf of the Council and Higham Ferrers Tourism following discussion of the budget requirements between the Town Clerk and Mr. S Wiles.

10/177 **HIGHAM FERRERS WORLD WAR 1 HISTORY GROUP – APPLICATION TO USE TOWN SEAL**

A letter had been received from Higham Ferrers World War 1 History Group (copies of which were circulated at the Meeting) requesting permission to use the

Town Seal on the front cover of a Roll of Honour of those from Higham Ferrers who had served in the Great War. A brief discussion took place and it was

RESOLVED that the Higham Ferrers World War 1 History Group be permitted to use the Town Seal on the front cover of a Roll of Honour of those who had served in the Great War, permission being limited to this publication only and for 100 copies only.

Councillors G L Moore having declared an Interest left the Meeting whilst the item was discussed.

10/178 **APPLICATION FOR SCOPING OPINION**

A letter had been received from East Northamptonshire Council (copies of which had been previously circulated) regarding a request to provide a Scoping Opinion with respect to the environmental issues relating to an application for Development of a 160,000 bird colony egg laying unit at Holywell Farm, Chelveston Road, Stanwick. A discussion took place at the conclusion of which it was

RESOLVED that the Council respond to the Planning Authority that any Environmental Impact Assessment should include issues of visual impact, noise pollution, environmental pollution by smell from waste produced, traffic implications and especially the impact on wildlife bearing in mind the fact that grass verges on the Stanwick Road are protected as sites of Special Scientific Interest and may be damaged by large vehicular movements too and from the site.

10/179 **ANNUAL FUNFAIR AT CASTLE FIELDS**

A letter had been received from a resident on behalf of local residents (copies of which had been previously circulated) addressing their concerns regarding the problems arising from the Annual Spring Funfair at Castle Fields. A discussion ensued at the conclusion of which it was

RESOLVED that a Working Party be set up to investigate further the issues raised by the residents relating to the Annual Funfair with a view to reporting back to the July Meeting of the Council, the Working Party to consist of The Mayor (Councillor Mrs. V M Newbery), The Deputy Mayor (Councillor H L Jackson) and Councillors A Dunn, R J Gell and Mrs. A M Sauntson.

10/180 **NORTH LONDONSHIRE CAMPAIGN**

A letter had been received from North Northants Development Company (copies of which had been previously circulated) in response to the Council's letter on the 'North Londonshire' campaign. The letter was received.

10/181 **FURTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN HIGHAM FERRERS**

Councillor A Dunn advised that following the recent imposition of additional parking restrictions in Higham Ferrers it had become apparent that certain areas had not been addressed, these being namely Wykeham Road/ Lancaster Street

junction, Lancaster Street/Kings Avenue junction and Midland Road from the Library to the junction with Wood Street. Councillor Mrs. M E Tuffnail advised that the junctions of Milton Street with Wharf Road and Nene Road should also be included. Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Highway Authority outlining the further areas for restrictions, and that Councillor D C Lawson MBE raise the matter informally with the Area Highways Officer.

10/182 **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES**

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

Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils – The Town Clerk
Details of Special Extraordinary Meeting and decision to incorporate as a limited company and County Committee Meeting recently which had raised concerns over the future funding of the association

10/183 **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>
3068	BT Business Direct Ltd	A/Virus & Hard Drive	111.23
3069	H F Town Bowls Club	Grant (Half-year)	1,750.00
3070	Panasonic U.K. Ltd	Copier Service Charge	27.14
3071	Turney Landscapes Ltd	Castle Fields Tree Work	3,313.50
3072	W Cave Electrical	S. Pav. Lamp repair	29.38
3073	St Mary the Virgin P C C	Room Hire - Mayor-making	60.00
3074	Savour the Flavour	Buffet - Mayor-making	262.50
3075	RAO Stationers Ltd	Stationery & sundries	170.20
3076	1st Reaction Ltd	Parks Security Patrols (April)	885.95
3077	Petty Cash	Expenses Reimbursement	67.13
3078	Stephen J Pell	Building Works & Repairs	410.00
3079	Peter Tomas	Roller Shutter Service	88.13
3080	David J Linnell	Salary (May) & Expenses	1,491.04
3081	Julie Morriss	Salary (May)	737.15
3082	Ian McDonald	Wages (26/04-23/05)	674.62
3083	Jennifer Tuffnail	Town Hall Cleaning (May)	44.97
3084	W Cave Electrical	T Hall Lamp replacements	41.13
3085	Zurich Insurance Company	Additional Premium	129.17
DD096	Scottish Widows PLC	Stakeholder Pension	164.51
DD097	Tiscali UK Ltd	Broadband Provision	32.89

NB. Cllr. Mrs M E Tuffnail declared an interest in Payments Ref. 3073 and 3083.
 And Councillor Mrs. A M Sauntson declared an Interest in Payment 3073

10/184 **BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Town Treasurer presented a Bank Reconciliation to 30 April 2010 which, having been verified by Councillor D C Lawson MBE, was signed by the Mayor.

10/185 **BUDGET MONITORING**

The Town Treasurer presented a Budget Monitoring Report for the period to 30 April 2010 (copies of which had been previously circulated) and pointed out various salient issues contained under various headings within the Report which was received.

Mayor

29 June 2010