

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD  
ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr G Whiting (Chairman)  
Cllr D C Lawson MBE  
Cllr A Dunn  
Cllr R J Gell  
Cllr H L Jackson  
Cllr Mrs P H Whiting  
Cllr Mrs A M Sauntson  
Cllr Mrs V Newbery  
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**  
None.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
**Other Interests.**  
Cllr R Gell ó Item 11 - Mayors Allowance as Deputy Mayor.
3. **MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.
4. **PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)**  
None.
5. **PROTOCOL FOR MARKING THE DEATH OF A SENIOR NATIONAL FIGURE OR LOCAL HOLDER OF OFFICE**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the protocol for marking the death of a Senior National Figure or Local Holder of Office as drafted be adopted.
6. **STREETLIGHTING**  
As no further information on pricing for the upgrading of streetlights to Heritage Lightsø in Market Square, College Street, Wood Street and High Street had been received this item was deferred.
7. **REVIEW OF INSURANCE**  
A copy of the insurance schedule had been circulated.  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the insurance cover be reviewed
8. **FUND TRANSFERS**  
This item was deferred as the information was not available.
9. **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL**  
Town Clerk reported that she had met the officer from the County Council along with Cllr D Lawson MBE, Cllr Mrs A Sauntson, and Cllr Mrs V Newbery to discuss

the School Crossing patrol. It had been agreed that Cllr DC Lawson MBE would talk to the schools about their contribution to funding the service, Julie Brown would try and source possible training providers for a new person as well as contact former school crossing patrol persons to see if they would be interested in the role in Higham Ferrers.

**RESOLVED:**

That the matter be deferred until further information was available.

10. **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The DoctorsøSurgery had advised that they had purchased one for internal use, but would need funding for a Public Access Defibrillator.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk updates the cost of the defibrillator and check with the surgery that they would be willing to place one on their wall.

11. **MAYORAL ALLOWANCE**

There was some debate over what Civic Eventsøwould cover. This budget would primarily be for the Civic Service, but could also include Civic Funerals and possibly Mayor Making.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the Mayors Allowance is increased by RPI each year and that a new budget is set for Civic Events at £400 with effect 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

12. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.**

**RESOLVED:**

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the following items of business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.

13. **CCTV**

The Clerk updated members on the cost for moving the system to Daventry which would include the cameras at the playing field.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk obtain firm costs for moving the system to Daventry including the playing field cameras, along with upgrading the Town Centre cameras and 2 of the playing field cameras. The additional camera at Westfields to be included.

14. **RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the confidential business has been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

15. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

None.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

16th June 2015.

Chairman

Date