

WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2009 in the Old Town Hall, Market Place, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs. Dr. M. Wise (Town Mayor)
Mrs. J. Boulton
J.C.W. Gillman
K.J. Herbert
A.V. Hickmore
D. Keeble
A. Marsden
N.S. O'Keeffe

In Attendance: C/Cllr. Mrs. J. Heathcoat
1 Member of the Press
The Town Clerk & Assistant Clerk

145/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. M.J. Barker, R. Cox, Ms. J. Farmer, S. Leniec and D. Price.

146/09 Minutes of last meeting : 9th September 2009

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

147/09 Matters Arising & Action List

Min. 134/09 (124/09): Cllr. Hickmore stated that the redesignation of the boundary had not yet been discussed by the P&H Committee, but this would be included on the Agenda of the next meeting.

Min. 142/09: Cllr. Keeble declared a belated interest in the bill for Dorma UK, and stated that he works for one of their competitors and expressed the view that the bill seemed excessive. He was advised to consult with the Deputy Clerk on the matter.

Min. 144/09: The Clerk apologised to Cllr. Hickmore, and to the Council, that she had failed to submit his nomination before the deadline.

148/09 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

149/09 Public Question Time

No questions had been received.

150/09 Public Speaking Time

(a) Report from Thames Valley Police

The report, which was circulated prior to the meeting, was NOTED. Cllr. Hickmore proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Police expressing the Council's gratitude for the way in which they were dealing with the increase in

of the young people in the town. Cllr. Hickmore
RIED.
present who wished to speak.

151/09 County Councillor's Report

C/Cllr. Mrs. Heathcoat thanked the Council for their support of Thames Valley Police. She outlined some of the activities which she had carried out during the last month, and made particular reference to a day spent with fire crews which was the prize for being the highest fund raiser for the Firefighter Charity.

152/09 District Councillors' Report

D/Cllr. Cox had submitted a written report, which was NOTED. Council also noted that Cllr. Cox's absence at this meeting was due to his attendance at the VWHDC Development Control meeting and the Clerk was asked to obtain information regarding the dates of future meetings in order that the Council could change the dates of their meetings to avoid a clash.

153/09 Chairman's Activity Report

The Chairman tabled a written report, which was NOTED. He sought Council's approval to send a letter to the town of Arura located in the West Bank, north of Jerusalem. He had been asked to send the letter, by a delegation from Faringdon who were soon to visit the town to establish friendship links. Council gave their approval for the letter to be sent.

154/09 Reports from Committees

Planning & Highways : 8th & 29th September: Both sets of Minutes were NOTED.
Venues : 22nd September: The Minutes were NOTED.
Finance : 29th September: The Minutes were NOTED and the decisions made under Min. 83/09 were APPROVED.

155/09 Reports from Outside Committees

Neighbourhood Action Group: 8th September: The Minutes were NOTED. Cllr. Hickmore expressed concern that the flower bed behind Budgens was to be removed and believed that, as this was originally organised and paid for by the Joint Environmental Trust for Faringdon, their permission should be sought.

156/09 Clerk's Report & Schedule of Payments

1. The following bills had already been paid because payment was required in advance of installation.

More Than IT	Replacement computer for FC & TIC	1,023.50
Gas Care UK	Payment for replacement boilers ó C/Ex	13,340.00

2. The following bills required authorization in the usual way.

Davis Home Centre	Miscellaneous items	218.46
Gold Dust Commercial	Office cleaning	299.00
J. Barnes	Corn Exchange window cleaning	95.00
Mr. T. Wheeler	Bus shelter & P/House window cleaning	75.00

	Photocopier charges	67.70
	mp House Council Tax	359.00
Dennisø Removals	Relocation of F.C. & T.I.C.	373.75
Chubb Fire Ltd.	P/House fire alarm maintenance	81.65
A. Cane	Mayorø photograph	10.00
Sacha Barnes Associates	Site Survey and concept plan fees for Tucker Park play area	1932.69
MoreThanIT	Installation of USB disk backup systems	230.00
	Relocation of TIC and new PC installation	764.75
	Installation of PDQ terminal	115.00
The National Trust	Allotment Rental	147.50
Cotswold Coolers	Bottled water	20.70
Vine UK Ltd.	Repair to C/Ex toilet	97.75
Viking Direct	Stationery	75.46
PHS Group plc	Waste disposal charges	59.80
Simply Schoolwear	LSS uniform	22.88
Ordnance Survey	Paper map copying licence renewal fee	62.96
WPS Insurance Services	Addition premium	200.29
Mrs. S. Thurston	Reimb. For Heritage Day expenses	121.51
NPower	C/Ex electricity charges	95.10
Electrical Technolog-G Ltd.	Replacement lighting ó C/Ex	905.05
Hodsons Solicitors	Legal fees : Willes Close advice	223.80
Steelway Fensecure	Replacement fencing ó Tucker Park & Oakwood Park (supply only)	3421.93
Abingdon & Witney College	Health & Safety course : Lesley Owers	96.00
Post Office Counters Ltd.	Van Tax renewal	185.00
CommuniCorp	Local Councils Update Subscription	65.00
Ms. L. Owers	Reimbursement for drill	100.00
Imprest Wages A/c	Salaries for September (inc. £150 P/Cash)	11552.94
Direct Debits:		
O2 Online	Venues Mobile Phone	22.49
O2 Online	ROS Mobile Phone	13.22
Zen Internet Ltd.	Broadband charges	48.92
Esso Fuel Card Services	Van & mower fuel	40.29
British Gas Business	C/Ex gas charges	64.55
Pitney Bowes	Postage charges ó Franking machine	40.00
British Telecom	Office telephone charges	485.09

TOTAL FTC INVOICES

31,353.69

F.C. & T.I.C. Invoices

Thematic Trails	Stock purchases	68.00
The National Trust	Stock purchases	8.00
A. Pagett	Stock purchases	34.10
J. Wharton	Stock purchases	8.00

	Stock purchases	52.55
	Stock purchases	27.00
	Stock purchases ó 2010 Calendar	434.70
Simply Schoolwear	Stock purchases	101.65
Photographic Heritage	Stock purchases	103.63
T. Farebrother	Stock purchases	32.00

Agency Sales

Newbury & Dist. Agricultural Society		710.00
Mr. S. Leach		23.40
F. Cormack		19.35
Faringdon Community Bus Ltd.		166.53
West End Theatre Managers	Theatre ticket sales	160.09
Alison Pilkington	Artist of the Month sales	57.15
Margarita Morris	Jewellery sales	51.30

TOTAL F.C. & T.I.C. INVOICES 1551.63

Cllr. D. Keeble proposed that the above bills be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr. O'Keeffe and CARRIED.

157/09 New Waste Collection & Recycling Services

Council was invited to nominate one or two members to liaise with VWHDC to identify properties which are unable to accommodate the new containers, either by location or restricted space or access. Cllrs. Gillman and Hickmore volunteered for this role and the Editor of the Faringdon Folly was asked to print an appeal to members of the public who believed their properties were in this category to inform the Town Clerk. The Clerk was asked to contact Didcot and Thame Town Councils to ascertain what practical problems they had experienced with the new service.

158/09 Correspondence

Cllr. Hickmore drew attention to a letter of thanks for Heritage Day from D/Cllr. Beth Fleming, the Vice Chairman of the VWHDC, and expressed the opinion that it was a pity none of the town's District Councillors had attended.

A letter from British Telecom inviting Council to adopt the telephone kiosk in Canada Lane for the sum of £1 was highlighted and the Clerk was asked to accept the invitation.