

WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL



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11th March 2008

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** to be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** on **Tuesday 18th March 2008 at 7.30 pm** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

K J Abnett
Town Clerk

Contact Officer : Jackie King, Responsible Finance Officer (0118 974 0883)

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MEMBERS INTERESTS**
To receive any declaration of interests from Members on the business about to be transacted.
3. **THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
 - (a) To receive and approve the Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 15th January 2008 as a true and correct record and to be signed by the Chairman (pages 12521 to 12532 copy attached).
 - (b) To receive and approve the Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Grants Committee held on the 26th February 2008 as a true and correct record and to be signed by the Chairman (pages 12546 to 12550 copy attached).
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chairman to answer any questions raised by the public.

5. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

To receive and consider the Outstanding Matters report dated 11th March 2008 continued from the previous F & G P Meeting (copy attached).

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- (a) To approve the list of costs from 1st January to 11th March 2008, totalling the sum of £51,958.96 paid from the Clerks Drawings account printed 11th March 2008 (copy attached).
- (b) To approve the list of costs from 1st January to 11th March 2008 the sum of £136,001.96 paid from the F&GP account printed 11th March 2008 (copy attached). This amount includes transfers to the Clerk's Account of £42,413.92.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

To receive and consider the following Financial Reports:

- (a) Income and Expenditure to 29th February 2008 (copy attached).
- (b) Balance Sheet as at 29th February 2008 (copy attached).

8. TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT

To receive an update regarding the Town Centre Management from the Town Centre Steering Group.

9. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AND OPINION 2006-2007

To receive and approve for recommendation to Full Council the External Auditors Report for the Year ending 31st March 2007 dated 31st December 2007.

10. SPECIALIST BUILDING REPAIRS

To receive the Town Clerk's Report 4/2008 dated 21st February 2008, regarding specialist building repairs.

11. POST OFFICE CLOSURE PROGRAMME

- (a) To receive a letter from the Town Clerk to the Post Office Consultation Team regarding the projected closures of Barkham Road and London road Post Offices
- (b) To receive and consider a letter from the Post Office dated 30th January 2008 in response to our letter dated 24th January in response to their Area Plan proposals.

12. S106 MONIES

To receive a brief e-mail from Cllr L Gordon-Walker updating the Committee on his meeting with Cllr Deegun of Wokingham Borough Council, and their discussion relating to S106 monies.

13. WOKINGHAM FESTIVAL STAND - MARKETING OPPURTUNITIES

To receive and consider the P & T Officers Report 1/2008 regarding cost effectiveness of a stand at the Wokingham Festival and the marketing opportunity it may present.

14. PIGEON CONTROL

To receive and consider a request for £1,400 for funding following the recommendation 26788 from the Amenities Committee for the cost of repairs and upkeep of an existing pigeon cage above premises in Peach Street (2008/2009) and further funding of £400 per annum for the following 2 years. (2009/2010 - 2010/2011)

15. STREET NAMING

To receive recommendation 26772 from Planning and Transport Committee meeting held on 11th February 2008 that the names Gascoyne and Kerr be passed to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for approval to be added to the recommended list of Street Names

16. SPORTS SPONSORSHIP

To receive and consider a request from Wokingham Borough Council regarding sports sponsorship.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The fact file will be available for inspection and comment.

'In order to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, all persons attending this meeting are hereby notified that this meeting is being tape-recorded. The purpose of taping is that recordings act as an aide-memoire to assist the clerk in the compilation of minutes. The tapes are held in a secure location and overwritten once it has been resolved that the minutes are a true and correct record'.

Committee members:

Cllrs. Mrs L Barnes, D Carver, C.W Facey, L T Gordon-Walker, P A Houldsworth, C P Hudson, M J Hughes, P M Lucey, J P McGhee-Sumner, H D Miller (Chairman), J P Mirfin, B J Willis,

Backing Papers to: Cllrs. Mrs D M King, D G Lee, R J Wyatt