

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD ON
MONDAY, 10 AUGUST 2009

The Mayor, Councillor D R Poole

Councillors: Miss K P Darby, Mrs H P Durbin, Mrs A Emsley, Mrs B S Haddock, Mrs D M Hone, M A McCormick, Mrs S M Newton, R A K Radford, Dr L E Radford, P A Ruffles and Mrs B M Wrangles.

Town Clerk, Mrs N L Villa
Assistant to Town Clerk, Miss M Challis
Mrs Janet Bird, on behalf of the Mayor's Chaplain

Mrs Nikki Caborn, Herts Co-ordinator, Herts Air Ambulance
Mr Steven Carter, Chairman of Trustees, Herts Aid

Prayers – Mrs Janet Bird led the opening prayers

Presentations – Councillor Miss Kim Darby presented cheques to the Mayor of Hertford Appeal Fund charities for her Mayoral year. Herts Air Ambulance and Herts Aid each received £4,125.26.

The Mayor presented Councillor Miss Kim Darby with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her hard work in fundraising for the Mayor of Hertford Appeal fund during the course of her Civic Year.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P A Ruffles declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 relating to land adjacent to 81 Sele Road, as he has previously worked with the residents of that property in connection with the piece of available plot land.

91. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had the pleasure of meeting with a number of Chelsea Pensioners at a recent event at Hertford Bowls Club.

Other Mayoral engagements have included a tour of Tolmers Scout Camp, during which he was able to use the air rifle range, and also a visit to Northwood's HMS Wildlife for a demonstration by the Ship's Company (which included the Town Clerk).

On Sunday 23 August, the Mayor will be welcoming a group of soldiers from the Royal Anglian Regiment who are taking part in a 150 mile walk in 10 days. The event has been organised by a mother whose son was killed in Afghanistan. The walk will finish with the "Golden Mile" from Hertford North station to The Castle. It is hoped that a number of ex-servicemen and Councillors will be at the Castle to welcome them.

92. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 27th July 2009 be approved as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign the same subject to the following amendment:

Cllr P Ruffles be added to the list of those in attendance

93. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

94. CHARITY NOMINATIONS

The Council considered nominations for the appointment of three Town Councillor trustees to a new charity which will be formed from the

amalgamation of Miss Jordaines, Ann Dimsdale, Hertford Relief in Need and Nobles charities.

The Mayor will be one of the Trustees as ex-officio.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Councillors Mrs S M Newton and P A Ruffles be nominated as Trustees to the new charity which will be formed from the amalgamation of Miss Jordaines, Ann Dimsdale, Hertford Relief in Need and Nobles charities.

95. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that:

In view of the confidential nature of the following items, which relate to the business matters of other individuals and organisations, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed. This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972.

96. LAND ADJACENT TO 81 SELE ROAD, HERTFORD

The Council considered an invitation from East Herts District Council to bid for a small parcel of land adjacent to 81 Sele Road, Hertford.

The land covers an area of 3938 ft², and is big enough to fit approx. 6 2.5 pole allotment plots. The Council has a duty to consider making additional allotment plots available under Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 s.23 (2).

East Herts. Council were asked to consider gifting the plot of land to the Town Council, but have since received offers to purchase the land.

In order to secure the land and its future, the Town Council must make a bid to East Herts. Council. Other costs relating to purchasing the land will include clearing, water supply, signage and fencing.

An application has been made in the past to build a bungalow, and the Council would like to see the land protected from housing development in the future.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Town Clerk be authorised to place a bid for the land adjacent to 81 Sele Road and;
- b) Authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of Finance, Policy and Administration, to negotiate as required to ensure the Town Council secures the purchase of this land.