



# WHITEHILL TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2016, 7PM AT WHITEHILL VILLAGE HALL, SUTTON FIELD, WHITEHILL, BORDON, GU35 9BW.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Andrews, Cllr A Carew (Leader), Cllr D Cooper, Cllr M Davison, Cllr I Georgii, Cllr C Leach, Cllr C Mitchell, Cllr Miss S Pond (Council and Meeting Chairman), Cllr R Russell and Cllr Mrs L Webber.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs L Malikoff-Johnston and Cllr D Sanders

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Andrea Mann, Deputy Town Clerk

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** 40

### **1. Presentation of the Contribution to the Community Awards 2016**

Cllr A Carew and Cllr Miss S Pond presented the Contribution to the Community Awards:

- The under 18 category winner's trophy was awarded to lone Upfold, in recognition of her hard work and dedication to the East Hampshire Youth Council.
- Lisa Baird was recognised for her commitment to voluntary youth work in the local area and in her roles as leader of the Brownies and Girl Guides.
- Sarah Bawtree was recognised for her commitment to voluntary youth work in the local area, including her work with Outreach and in her role as youth club leader.
- Bonny Clark was recognised for her willingness to help and support others at the day nursery she manages and for supporting local charities in the community.
- Jenny Clarke was recognised for her work as a Community Ranger with the Deadwater Valley Trust, for going over and beyond her duties.
- Carol Anne Dann was recognised for her work with the local Royal Voluntary Service Lunch Club.
- Fi Edwards was recognised for her work in supporting local community groups.
- Steve Johnson was recognised for his support and commitment as an active member of the Royal British Legion, St Matthews Church and the War Memorial Association and also his support to other community groups in the Town.
- The over 18 category winner's trophy was awarded to Carol Anne Dann.
- A special recognition award was awarded to Steve Johnson.



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## 2. Guest Speakers

- a) Steve Pearce, East Hampshire District Council gave an overview on the town's regeneration.
- b) Jonathan Turner, Homes & Community Agency introduced the developers of Quebec Park and Louisburg Barracks.
- c) Tim Willcocks, Radian gave a presentation on the Quebec Park.
- d) Stuart Goodwill and Aaron Wright from Barratts/David Wilson Homes gave a presentation on the Louisburg Barracks development plans.
- e) James Child, Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company gave a presentation on the town centre development.

Question	Response
What were the build timings for the new town centre compared to the houses and where could residents view more information on the town centre?	There was a consultation event on 10 May showing more detailed plans. The new town centre building would start at the same time as the house build but could take time due to the complexities of accommodating 500 parking spaces, some of which were basement spaces taking 9 months to build. The shop builds would take approximately 12 months to build, opening approx. Christmas 2018 and 12 months after the first house build completion.
How did the regeneration propose to attract new residents and businesses to the town, considering that local house prices were cheaper than other surrounding areas as there was no rail access to London and Viking Park had failed to attract tenants and remained unlet?	The project was hoping to build a town where people wanted to live and work through incentives such as superfast broadband, the Healthy New Town status, green town status and energy savings. There were a lot of businesses already interested in investing in the new town and Viking Park had one new tenant and a further expression of interest.
What will happen to the Garrison Church building which is outside the development area?	There would shortly be consultation to establish any potential interest for community use.
Who would be responsible for the new green spaces?	A management company would be responsible for Louisburg and Whitehill Town Council would be invited to tender.
Was it possible to make a recommendation on the Louisburg road names?	Agreed.
There had already been errors made in the construction of the bat roost; which created too much light, were subject to vandalism due to their timber construction and were too close to housing and at risk from cats. New tenants would need to observe the laws and mitigation bunkers would need to be in place when demolition starts.	Main Garrison site: The planning conditions set out plans and timings and these conditions were being worked through. EHDC guidelines on pets were being followed. Louisburg: There were 2 bat homes in place which were being monitored and further plans were being developed.



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What were the plans for delivering the superfast broadband which had been promised?	All aspects were under discussion with many technical aspects to consider. S Pearce promised to come back with figures when these were available.
Would there be banks in the new town centre?	Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration Company were in discussion with banks and expected there would be 2 banks in the new town.
Would there be a safe passage for horses on the relief road, across the double roundabout at Whitehill, linking up to Shipwrights Way?	A Pegasus link was required. This enquiry would need to be referred to Hampshire County Council.

### 3. Apologies

Cllr L Malikoff-Johnston and Cllr D Sanders.

### 4. Minutes of 2015 meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2015 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.  
(Proposed by Cllr D Cooper, seconded by Cllr Miss S Pond, 2 Members AGREED).

### 5. Highlights of Town Council activities

Cllr A Carew presented the highlights of the Town Council's activities.

### 6. District and County Councillors' Reports

None received.

### 7. Questions from members of the public

Question	Response
A breakdown was requested on certain financial information published in the Council's newsletter.	Details could be viewed on the Council's website.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....