

**MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING
of FAKENHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**held at the PRICE OF WALES SUITE, FAKENHAM RACECOURSE,
on TUESDAY 1st February 2022 at 6:00pm**

PRESENT:

Councillor G Foortse (Chairman, Presiding)

Cllrs: V Joslin, M Campbell, M Dutton, J Holdom, M Coates, J Rockett, A Glynn, D Andrews, J Griffiths, G Acheson, T Duffy

Town Clerk: L Jennings

		Action (initials)
AGENDA		
197	TO CONSIDER FOR ACCEPTANCE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bucknell, Hunter and Thorpe.	
198	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none.	
199	TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONCERNING THE CHARTER MARKET AND FAKENHAM RECREATION GROUND CHARITY (FRGC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To discuss the creation of the Fakenham Town Community Charitable Incorporated Organisation (FTC CIO) to take over the Charter Market – there followed a lengthy discussion with many points raised and debated. 2. (1) On the proposition of Cllr Glynn, seconded by Cllr Rockett, that the Status Quo is maintained and that the Fakenham Town Council does not create the FTC CIO. (2) On the proposition of Cllr Dutton, seconded by Cllr Holdom that Fakenham Town Council continues creating the FTC CIO. The vote was taken on the second proposition with 2 votes for, 8 against and 2 abstentions. The first proposition was voted on with 8 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention. Therefore, the first proposition is carried. The solicitors will be informed. 3. To discuss the Auditors Report – (recommendation 7) to introduce outside members of the Council to become trustees of FRGC/FTC CIO. This item is in progress. 4. To set up a working party to review the existing FRGC constitution and make recommendations. The working party will consist of Cllrs Holdom, Rockett and Dutton who will report to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman. This item is in progress. 	
200	TO DEBATE THE PROPOSAL BY NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL (NNDC) TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON THE HIGHFIELD ROAD CAR PARK AND PREPARE THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL On the proposition of Cllr Foortse, seconded by Cllr Glynn that the Town Council is against this proposal. With 10 votes against, and 2 abstentions, Councillors then discussed their response. This would say that the Town Council are in favour of more affordable housing with exception sites that are available. Councillors felt that the land to the north of the old Grammar School site would	

	<p>be more suitable. Young families are especially welcome. Councillors felt the car park could also be used a transport hub for buses with electric vehicles running between the car park and town. The town will need this infrastructure of car parking and transport when the new 900 houses are built to encourage the residents to shop in the town. If the car park is lost to housing where will residents with season tickets park? There are 6 new properties being built very close by with no parking attached. Residents and visitors to Queens Road, Church Lanes, Caslon Close and may other streets close by would suffer and cause major problems with parking on street for pedestrians, vehicle users and the emergency services. Recently the COVID testing has taken up the majority of the car park for two or three days every week. Councillors would like to see the height barriers removed so that lorry drivers have somewhere in the town to part, rest, eat and use the facilities on the car park. The Facilities (WC) on the car park is very well used. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman will draft a response to NNDC and will circulate to all Councillors for their comments and input.</p>	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:34pm</p> <p>Confirmed this day of 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHAIRMAN</u></p>	