

EPPING FOREST LOCAL COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping **Date:** Wednesday, 15th July, 2009

Room: Council Chamber **Time:** 7.30 pm

Democratic Services Officer: Adrian Hendry (tel: 01992 564246)
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Members:

District Council Representatives:

Councillors Mrs P Smith (Chairman), Mrs A Grigg, Mrs A Haigh, R Morgan and Mrs J H Whitehouse

Local Council Representatives:

Clerks and Chairmen/Members of Parish and Town Councils

County Council Representatives:

Members for the following divisions:

North Weald and Nazeing:	Councillor A Jackson
Loughton Central:	Councillor C Pond
Ongar and Rural:	Councillor G McEwen
Epping and Theydon Bois:	Councillor Mrs J Whitehouse
Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South:	Councillor V Metcalfe
Chigwell and Loughton Broadway:	Councillor J Knapman
Waltham Abbey:	Councillor Mrs E Webster

**PLEASE NOTE THE START DATE OF THE MEETING
COFFEE/TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FROM 7.00
P.M IN THE MEMBERS ROOM**

1. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Decision Required:

- (1) To confirm the appointment of District Councillor Mrs P Smith as the Chairman of the Committee for the Civic year;
- (2) To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Committee for the Civic Year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 4th March 2009, (previously circulated) and matters arising.

4. COMPLAINTS AGAINST PARISH COUNCILLORS (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the attached report.

5. ELECTIONS

The Returning Officer to give a verbal update on the recent elections.

6. ISSUES RAISED BY LOCAL COUNCILS

To discuss the following matters raised by Local Council's:

- **Functionality of the *iplan* system** – concern was expressed that this system was not improving, but rather had recently become almost unusable with upload/download problems and lack of access.
- **Waste Collection Services for Village Halls etc.** – Local Councils were advised that EFDC had reached a decision on this matter; and recyclables which were sorted, would be collected free with other rubbish, being subject to a recharge. However, it was not clear what the charge would be. Clarification would be requested on the procedure to be operated.
- **EFDC support for parishes with village planning** – Local Councils felt that support was lacking for those parishes seeking to ensure local communities have some influence in the planning outcomes for their settlements through engagement in the process of Village Planning.
- **Planning Enforcement** – Local Councils were concerned that planning enforcement was often slow, weak and appeared to be underfunded, making it ineffective in preventing abuse of the planning system. In particular, concern had been expressed at the damage done to footpaths and highways by developers. They suggested that a planning condition should make developers responsible for damage to highways resulting from site operations.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the proposed meeting dates of the Committee scheduled for the remainder of this municipal year:

18 November 2009

17 March 2010.