

TOWN TWINNING JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE

14th JULY 2008

- * Cllr. S.C. Pryde – Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby – Deputy Chairman
- * Cllr. A.P. Watts
- * Mrs. N. Green
Mr. P. Riley
Miss. S. Smith (Upshire School)

* Denotes Members present.

Also present: Mr. Blake and Mr. Walton.

In attendance: Town Clerk.

177. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby, Mr. P. Riley and Miss. D. Clark.

178. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest.

179. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st January 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

180. **Joint Civic /Twinning Association Visit to Hoerstel 2008:** The Chairman referred to the recent joint visit to Hoerstel making the point that as ever it was a welcoming and successful weekend with our hosts from the Hoerstel Town Council and the Hoerstel Twinning Association. Mrs. Green made reference to the organisation of the visit in particular to the visit to the Parliament building in Düsseldorf and referred to a number of Members who withdrew at the last minute as a result of illness and had no travel insurance to cover cancellation costs. The own Clerk suggested that the Twinning Association take out travel insurance through the International Twinning Bureau. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT the information regarding the twinning visit be noted.

181. **German Evening 2008:** Following the success of last year's event Members considered the possibility of promoting a similar event in 2008 and following discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT ;

- (a) German evening to be held on 29th November 2008,
- (b)Representatives from Hoerstel be invited to attend arriving on 28th November so as to participate in the Cavalcade of Light,
- (c)The Twinning Association to produce a brochure,

- (d) The Twinning Association to organise a raffle and auction,
- (e) The Town Council to make similar arrangements regarding Germanbeer as 2007 and
- (f) Entertainment to be provided by Bavarian Strollers and Chingford Morris Men.

182. **Twining Association:** Mrs. Green reported that two girl pupils from King Harold School had recently spent two weeks of work experience in a kindergarten in Hoerstel and two girls from Hoerstel would be on a return visit during October and one girl is on a work experience exchange this month. King Harold School pupils are visiting Hoerstel in September. Mrs. Green went on to say that she is concerned about the Twinning Association funding and the Association is investigating a fund raising event and she asked would the Council agree free use of the Town Hall.. The Chairman advised that an application for Grant Aid would be required. Mr. Blake advised that the Chingford Morris Men would be visiting Hoerstel from the 24th July for the Catalans Festival weekend. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT the Twinning Association information be noted.

183. **Town Council:** The Chairman referred to a recent visit by representatives of the Town Council to Bayeux and went on to say tentative discussions had taken place regarding a friendship link. It was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT this information be noted.

184. **Visit from Hoerstel Twinning Association 2009:** The Chairman reminded Members that a group from Hoerstel Twinning Association/Town Council would visit Waltham Abbey during 2009 and it was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT the Town Clerk write to both Herr Heinz Huppe, the Burgermaster and Bernard Varnschular of the Twinning Association asking when the visit would be taking place.

185. **Bevergen:** Mr. Walton referred to information he had received from members of the Twinning Association in Bevergen and to newspaper reports regarding a hailstorm which had taken place on the 22nd June resulting in much damage particularly to the glasshouse industry in the area. It was moved by the Chairman and

RECOMMENDED – THAT a letter of support be sent to Heinz Huppe on this matter.

S.C. PRYDE - CHAIRMAN

