

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2009, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Pratt (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bunker, Copping, Crowther, Davies, De-Lara-Bond, Ms Dean, Dhillon, Malcolm Doody, Michael Doody, Edwards, Mrs Falp, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Mrs Grainger, Hammon, Harris, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Kinson, Kirton, Mrs Knight, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Mellor, Mobbs, Pittarello, Rhead, Shilton, Mrs Tyrrell, Vincett, Ms Weed, and White.

12. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barrott, Caborn, Coker, Guest, Hatfield, Mrs Sawdon, Mrs Scarrott and Wilkinson

13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on the 13 May 2009, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the details set out in Appendix A to the minutes regarding the membership of the committees being amended to reflect the revisions made at the Annual Council Meeting, namely:

Standards Committee: Councillor Vincett to replace Councillor Dhillon

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Kinson to replace Councillor Mrs Higgins

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Mrs Higgins to replace Councillor Kinson

Planning Committee: Councillor Kinson to replace Councillor Vincett.

14. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The Chairman thanked the Council for the best wishes that had been extended to him when he had been elected as Chairman of the Council at the Annual Council Meeting on 13 May 2009.
- (B) The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillor Alpha Bah, who was a member of Bow Council, Sierra Leone, and was currently on a visit to the UK.
- (C) The Chairman referred to a serious flying accident in which John Archer, Head of Planning, had been involved. On behalf of the Council, he wished Mr Archer best wishes for a full and rapid recovery.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

15. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Geoff Southgate of the Bringing Leamington Allotment Societies Together Campaign, and Councillor Richard Brookes, Chairman of the Planning Committee of Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council, who were attending the meeting to make submissions regarding aspects of the Core Strategy Preferred Options.

16. CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED OPTIONS

It was moved by Councillor Hammon and duly seconded that the recommendations from the meeting of the Executive held on 10 June 2009 regarding the Core Strategy Preferred Options, be approved.

Prior to the debate of the recommendations, the Chairman made a statement on advice received from the Interim Head of Legal Services regarding the pre-disposition and pre-determination principles which members of the Council were required to observe were debating the Core Strategy recommendations.

First Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Kirton and duly seconded that the proposals regarding land in the vicinity of South Woodside Farm be deferred until Phase 2 of the process.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

Second Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Vincett, and duly seconded that a new working party be convened to work with the Planning Officers to construct, within the critical time restraints, a further strategy to develop a fifth town within Warwick District and that both strategies be then referred to the public for consultation.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared lost.

Third Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Rhead and duly seconded that the public consultation period for the Preferred Options be extended until 30 September 2009.

The mover and seconder of the original motion indicated their willingness to accept this amendment which was therefore declared carried.

Adoption of Report

The original motion, as amended by the third amendment, was then put to the meeting and declared carried.

17. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED that the following amendments to the membership of Committees be approved:

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Employment Committee: Councillor Hatfield to be replaced by Councillor Mrs Bunker;

Licensing Committee: Councillors Mobbs and Mrs Gallagher to be replaced by Councillor Hammon (and one vacancy from the Conservative group); and Councillor Edwards to be replaced by Councillor Wilkinson with effect from 10 July 2009;

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Barrott to be replaced by Councillor Wilkinson;

Regulatory Committee: Councillor Mobbs to be replaced by Councillor Mrs Gallagher; and

Warwick District Towns Conservation Area Advisory Panel: Councillor Hammon to be replaced by Councillor Mrs Mellor, and Councillor Crowther to be replaced by Councillor Wilkinson.

18. **SECTION 92 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In addition to Members who had already disclosed their interests in the minute of the Executive, the following declared their interest in respect of the following minute:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Person Declaring Interest</u>
Minute No. 16. Core Strategy Preferred Options	Councillors Michael Doody, Mrs Goode, Kirton and Shilton (Personal: being Members of Warwickshire County Council). Councillors Mrs Bunker and Shilton (Personal: being Members of Kenilworth Town Council).

19. **COMMON SEAL**

It was

RESOLVED that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 8.25 pm)

CHAIRMAN
29 June 2009