

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 23 August 2006, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.45 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Evans (Chair); Councillors Ashford, Mrs Begg, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bunker, Butler, Caborn, Chander, Coker, Mrs Compton, Copping, Crowther, Davies, Ms De-Lara-Bond, Doody, Mrs Edwards, Evans, Mrs Falp, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Goode, Hammon, Harris, Hatfield, Holland, Kinson, Kirton, Mrs Knight, Kundi, MacKay, Mrs McFarland, Mrs Mellor, Pratt, Sandhar, Mrs Sawdon, Shilton, Smith, Tamlin and Vincett.

317. PRAYER

A period of reflection was presented by the Chair's Chaplains.

318. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cockburn, Davis, Guest Ms Hirsch and Ms Flanagan.

319. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2006, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair.

320. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) The Chair reported with deep regret that Mr Ken Frogley, who for a time had been a member of staff at the Town Hall, had recently died. His funeral would be held on Friday 25 August 2006.

(B) The Chair reported that in July the Council had been awarded the Civic Trust Green Flag award and the Green Heritage Site Accreditation in respect of Jephson Gardens and the Mill Gardens, Royal Leamington Spa.

On behalf of the Council, he congratulated members of staff within the Leisure and Amenities service and Glendale for their endeavours in achieving these awards. The Chair then presented the awards to Councillor B Gill, Cultural Services Portfolio Holder, Mr David Anderson, Parks Development Officer, Carey Lovejoy, representing Glendale and Mr Nigel Bishop, Parks and Open Spaces Strategic Manager.

(C) The Chair reported that this would be the last meeting of the Council to be attended by Miss Janie Barrett who would be leaving the Council as Chief Executive in September. On behalf of the Council, he sincerely thanked Miss Barrett for the valuable contribution she had made to the business of the Council over the past ten years as Chief Executive and

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wished her every success for the future. The best wishes and thanks of the Chair were then endorsed by Councillors Crowther, Boad, Coker and Kirton.

- (D) The Chair reminded members that a sponsored walk along Riverside Walk would be held on Sunday 1 October 2006 in support of his charities, and he encouraged as many members as possible to participate.

321. MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS

- (A) The Council received a petition sponsored by Councillor M Doody, as follows:-

“We the undersigned residents of Offchurch are concerned at the continued delay in providing a green waste scheme to the village and are dismayed to hear that the present scheme is not going to be extended until 2008 at the earliest. We think this is unacceptable and urge the District Council to review the priority it is giving to this scheme.

In the absence of a collection service we are faced with a round trip of 10 miles to deposit green waste at the nearest tip – these unnecessary car journeys are obviously damaging the environment and run counter to the “Low Carbon Lifestyle Guide” supported by your Council. We appreciate that almost 50% of households within the District are also without a green collection service and we urge the District Council to extend the scheme to all households in the District as soon as possible. However, if the Council is not able to provide a service to all households in the immediate future and decides to phase it in over time, we believe that priority should be given to those communities, which, like Offchurch, are the greatest distance from the nearest tip.”

RESOLVED that the petition be referred to the Executive for consideration.

322. EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive dated 24 July 2006, be approved and adopted.

323. MEMBER/TRADE UNIONS JOINT CONSULTATION AND SAFETY PANEL

It was moved by Councillor Ashford, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Member/Trade Unions Joint Consultation and Safety Panel dated 5 July 2006, be approved and adopted.

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324. REGULATORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Goode, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Regulatory Committee dated 17 July and 9 August 2006, be approved and adopted.

325. AUDIT AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Caborn, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 18 July 2006, be approved and adopted.

326. EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Doody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 18 July 2006, be approved and adopted.

327. CULTURE AND SOCIAL POLICY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Kirton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Culture and Social Policy Committee dated 19 July 2006, be approved and adopted.

328. ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Compton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Environment and Economic Policy Committee dated 19 July 2006, be approved and adopted.

329. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 11 July and 2 August 2006, be approved and adopted subject to the relevant declarations shown in Minute 290 being deleted and replaced as follows:-

“Minute No 291 – W2006/0309 Oldwich Lane East (formerly Honiley Airfield), Wroxall.

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Councillor Mrs Compton declared a personal and prejudicial interest because she was involved in her capacity as Ward Councillor and, on the legal advice of the Monitoring Officer, she left the room while the item was considered.

Minute No 308 - TPO299 2 Rosemary Hill, Kenilworth.

Councillor Mrs Blacklock declared a personal and prejudicial interest because she was involved in her capacity as Ward Councillor and she left the room while it was considered.”

330. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) It was moved by Councillor M Coker and duly seconded:-

“That this Council inform the Acute Service Review Project Office that it feels it is essential to retain the current services provided by Warwick Hospital on a permanent basis as the Council is gravely concerned as to the effect that any transfer of services from the hospital will have on the availability and access to such services to people of our District and South Warwickshire in general.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5(6), it was then moved and seconded that the motion proposed by Councillor Coker be considered at the meeting.

On this being put to the meeting, it was declared lost.

The motion was then referred to the Executive for consideration.

331. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Personnel Services proposing a change in the Officer of Employment Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution in relation to the appointment of paid services.

It was then moved by Councillor Crowther and duly seconded that the Officer Employment Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution be amended to allow the appointment of the Chief Executive to be made by a politically balanced panel of nine members arranged for that purpose and then ratified by the Council.

On this being put to the meeting, it was declared carried.

In accordance with this decision, the following members were appointed to the Appointments Panel to conduct the forthcoming interviews for the Chief Executive:

Councillors Boad, Crowther, Gifford, Gill, Kirton and Mrs Knight, together with three representatives to be appointed by the Conservative group.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

332. 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 9.15 pm)

CHAIR

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