

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 March 2007, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

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

901. PRAYER

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

902. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Butler, Mrs Falp, Gill, Guest, Mrs Mellor, Shilton and Short.

903. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2007, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair.

904. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (A) The Chair announced that the Warwickshire Direct Partnership, of which Warwick District Council was a key partner, had been awarded first prize in the E-Government National Awards 2006. The partnership was the winner of the Shared Service category with a submission based around the partnerships use of the Customer Relations Management System. On behalf of the Council, he congratulated Councillor Mrs McFarland, Customer and Community Services Portfolio Holder, and Ms Karen Pearce, Acting Director (Customer Information and Advice), and presented the awards to them.
- (B) The Chair referred to the Antiques' Roadshow event being held on Friday 9 March 2007, and the performance of 'Relative Values' by Noel Coward on Thursday 29 March 2007, in aid of his charities. He again encouraged as many Members as possible to attend.
- (C) The Chair referred to his Civic Service which would be held on Sunday 25 March 2007 in the Lord Leycester's Hospital, Warwick.
- (D) The Chair also referred to the event being held on Thursday 5 April 2007 entitled 'Climate Change – Our Challenge', which would take place in the Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

- (E) The Chair announced that the official opening of the Harbury Lane Playing Fields would take place on Saturday, 14 April 2007 at 10.00 am. Invitations to attend the event would be sent out shortly.

905. PRESENTATIONS

Mr Richard Hall, Head of Environmental Health, made a presentation regarding the No Smoking Regulations which would come into operation at 6.00 am on Sunday 1 July 2007.

906. MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS

The Council received a Petition, sponsored by Councillor M Doody, containing 485 signatures, as follows:-

“We the undersigned, being parishioners of St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, appeal to the Councillors of Warwick District Council and Warwickshire County Council to allow us a concession to park our vehicles close to the Church in the designated parking places free of charge during our weekend services.”

RESOLVED that the Petition be referred to the Executive.

907. EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive dated 12 February 2007 with the exception of Minute numbers 845 and 847 which had been considered at the Council meeting on 22 February 2007, be approved and adopted.

908. REGULATORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Goode, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Regulatory Committee dated 24 January 2007, be approved and adopted.

909. AUDIT AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Pratt, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Audit and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 6 February 2007, be approved and adopted.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

910. EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Kinson, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 6 February 2007, be approved and adopted.

911. 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 7 February 2007, be approved and adopted.

912. 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 7 February 2007, be approved and adopted.

913. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Davis, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Standards Committee dated 14 February 2007, be approved and adopted.

914. PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the Planning Committee dated 10 and 31 January and 20 February 2007, be approved and adopted, subject to the Declaration of Interest shown in Minute 869 with regard to Grosvenor Court, 6 Kenilworth Road, Royal Leamington Spa, being amended to Spinney Farm, Banbury Road, Bishop's Tachbrook, referred to in Minute 893.

915. EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Employment Committee dated 24 January 2007, be approved and adopted.

(Although not included on the Agenda for the meeting, the Chair of the Council agreed to this item being considered as a matter of urgency to enable the report to be received within the current cycle of meetings).

COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

916. **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 7.45 pm)

CHAIR