

21ST MAY 1990

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the New Forest District Council
held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 21st May 1990.

Councillors:

p Mrs. N.E. Alldridge
p A.E. Avery
p Mrs. O.A.M. Badland
p Mrs. M.J. Bannister
p Wg. Cdr. H.E. Bennett, MBE
p W.E.B. Boothby
p E.R. Bowring
p P. Brown
p D.S. Burdle
p R.J. Burnett
p Miss M.A. Clarke
p J.E. Coles
p M.R. Cox
p Miss S.A. Cooke
p J.G. Craig
p B.A. Cullers
p G. Dawson
p J.J. Dawson
p Miss P.A. Drake
p Major S.S. Elvery
p Mrs. L.K. Errington
p M.G. Galpin
p L.P. Gibbs
p A.D. Goodall
p W.J. Greer
p A.J.C. Griffiths
p S.S. Hayes
p Group Capt. M. Hermiston, MBE
p R.C.H. Hale

Councillors:

p J.M. Hoy
p J.A.G. Hutchins, JP
p A.A. Joyce
p J.D. Keating
p D.W. Killen
p Mrs. M.C. King
p M.J. Knill
p A. Lee
p J. Lovering
p Mrs. P.J. Marlow
p J. Maynard
p R.F. Orton
p Mrs. S. Paton
p R.A. Penny
p R.E. Podesta
p Mrs. E.I. Pugh
p C.G. Ramsden
p Mrs. E.M.F. Randall
p A.W. Rice, T.D.
p M.H.G. Richards
p W.S. Rippon-Swaine
p Mrs. M.J. Robinson
p Mrs. J.C. Safe
p Mrs. J.K. Vernon-Jackson, JP
p S.S. Wade
p G.H. Wales
p J.C. Webb, DFC
p Mrs. D. Wilson
p Mrs. P.A. Wyeth

Apologies:

were received from Cllrs. Miss Cooke and Keating.

Officers Attending:

P.A.D. Hyde, R. Carver, N.J. Gibbs, D. Gurney, E.W. Hughes,
E.S. Johnson, I.B. Mackintosh, Mrs. M. Ollis, T. Simpson, P. Springham
and Miss J. Debnam.

The Vice-Chairman of the Council (Cllr. J.A.G. Hutchins, J.P.) in the
Chair.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Cllr. Mrs. Errington moved, the Vice-Chairman of the Council seconded
and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Cllr. Derek Burdle be elected Chairman of the Council to continue in office until his successor becomes entitled to act as Chairman at the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 1991.

Cllr. Burdle then took the chair and made the declaration of acceptance of office which was formally witnessed by the District Secretary.

Cllr. Hutchins invested the Chairman with the Chain and Badge of Office. He also presented Mrs. Burdle with a bouquet of flowers.

On behalf of all the staff, the General Manager congratulated the Chairman on his election.

Expressing his thanks for a second year of office, the Chairman mentioned in particular his wife, fellow members, the General Manager and officers, and the staff at his business for their help and support. He also thanked the Vice Chairman for his able assistance. He referred to the agreement that had been expressed for New Forest 2000 and spoke of the need to continue to influence the County Council, SERPLAN and the Secretary of State for the Environment that there should be no further major developments in the District.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman of the Council moved, Cllr. Mrs. Pugh seconded and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Cllr. J.A.G. Hutchins, J.P. be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman at the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 1991.

The Vice-Chairman made the declaration of acceptance of office which was formally witnessed by the District Secretary. The Chairman invested Cllr. Hutchins with the Badge of Office.

The Vice-Chairman thanked members for his election and for the support he had received from members and staff during the past year.

3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 26th February and 23rd March 1990, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Minute 79 by the addition of the following, prior to the resolution on page 11:-

"Cllr. Maynard considered that the Personal Community Charge would have been 84 lower than proposed had the contribution made through the Central Government Support Grant been held at the 1981/82 level. In addition, the grant took no account of increased responsibilities now falling on Local Authorities. He moved that this Council should deplore the imposition of the Community Charge, and the lack of financial support from Central Government. The amendment was seconded by Cllr. G. Dawson.

Cllr. Craig reminded members that the item did not relate to the

principal of the Community Charge, but only the setting of that charge.

Cllr. Mrs. Wilson submitted figures demonstrating that the total income raised by this Council in 1990/91 was higher than in the previous year, but that the proportion had changed, with less being raised from commercial ratepayers.

Cllr. Mrs. Bannister moved that the motion be now put. On being seconded by Cllr. Lovering, the matter was put to the vote. With 31 members voting in favour the motion was declared carried.

With 12 members voting in favour of the amendment and many more voting against the amendment was declared lost."

4. MEMBERSHIP.

The Returning Officer reported that on 29th March, 1990, Shirley Anne Cooke had been elected for the Totton North Ward, on 5th April 1990, William James Greer had been elected for the Brockenhurst Ward, and on 3rd May 1990, Robert Charles Henry Hale was elected for the Fordingbridge Ward.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(a) New Members

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the Council.

(b) Birth of Child to Duke and Duchess of York

The Chairman announced that, on behalf of the people of the New Forest, he had written to the Duke and Duchess of York to congratulate them on the birth of their second child. The letter of acknowledgement was submitted to the meeting.

(c) Grant to Hampshire Regiment

The Chairman reminded members that they had agreed to pay a grant of 300 to the Hampshire Regiment towards the provision of equipment for their off duty periods. Letters of thanks from their Commanding Officer and the Regimental Secretary, thanking members for this gift, were submitted to the meeting.

(d) Football Teams

The Chairman presented representatives of three local football teams with engraved Georgian goblets to mark their achievements in the past season.

Bashley Football Club had won the Beazer Homes Southern Division and been promoted to the Premier Division. A.F.C. Totton had won the Medisport Wessex League Cup Tournament, while the Sway Junior Football Team had achieved notable success in two seven- a-side football tournaments in Vitre, France.

(e) Keith Smith

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Keith Smith, Committee Administrator, was one twelve British representatives who had acted as observers of the first democratic elections in Romania, which had been held on the previous day. He congratulated Keith

on his achievement.

(f) Buckland Rings

On behalf of the Buckland Trust, Cllr. Mrs. Vernon-Jackson presented the Chairman and Vice-Chairman with copies of a book on Buckland Rings. She conveyed the grateful thanks and best wishes of the members of the Buckland Trust, mentioning in particular Ted Marsh.

(g) Local Government Management Game 1990

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Council's team had again achieved a creditable performance in this year's competition. On each of three rounds the team had obtained a very high grade, which in previous years would have qualified them to go forward to the final. Unfortunately, this year the standard of competition was extremely high and the team had just failed to reach the final.

(h) Peter Springham

The Chairman was pleased to present Peter Springham with a Silver Salver to mark the occasion of his retirement after 35 years service with the Council and New Forest Rural District Council. The Chairman thanked Peter for his sound professionalism and commitment to the Council's affairs and also the kind assistance he had given to members and his fellow officers.

(i) Flowers

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs Wyeth for the flower arrangements.

6. LICENSING COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Mrs. Pugh presented the minutes of the meetings held on 1st March, 10th April and 2nd May 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Group Capt. Hermiston, M.B.E. presented the minutes of the meetings held on 8th March and 25th April 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

(a) Flood and Storm Damage - January and February 1990 (Minute 84)

Cllr. Group Capt. Hermiston advised members that Cllr. Cullers had left the meeting at this stage, and his absence had been recorded. He did not, however, have any interest in this matter.

(b) Rumbridge Street Car Park, Totton - Effects of Road Improvement to Brockenford Lane (Minute 90)

Cllr. Mrs. Randall considered that the construction of a new

access road through part of the Rumbridge Street Car Park would confirm Brockenford Lane as an industrial area, and cause significant noise problems for local residents. She asked that full consideration be given to the disadvantages of this scheme before a final decision was taken.

Cllr. Mrs. Bannister advised members that this was a sensitive issue that had been deferred to allow the Town Council to seek the views of local residents.

Cllr. Group Capt. Hermiston informed members that Rumbridge Street Car Park was under used and it was feasible to release land to provide the new access road. The matter would be discussed again on 17th June when the views of the Rumbridge Street Residents Association and the Town Council would be taken into account.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Miss Drake presented the minutes of the meetings held on 14th March, 11th April, 24th April and 9th May 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

- (a) Erection of Four Industrial Units and Two Storey Office with Associated Car Parking, Former Car Breakers Yard, Marsh Lane, Lymington (Application 43564) (Minute 222)

Cllr. Mrs. Vernon-Jackson drew members attention to the advice given at the meeting that there was no public right of way through this site. She had subsequently received additional information which suggested that such a right of way did indeed exist.

Cllr. Miss Drake agreed that this matter would be investigated and a reply sent to Cllr. Mrs. Vernon-Jackson.

- (b) Proposed Access Road, Rushington Lane Business Park, Chapel Lane, Totton (Application 44193) (Minute 228)

Cllr. Mrs. Randall informed members that amended plans had been received following further consultations. She considered that the situation was now urgent, and hoped that heavy goods vehicles would be directed off residential roads as a matter of urgency. She thanked the Officers for their work in the negotiations.

Cllr. Miss Drake expressed pleasure that local residents were now satisfied with the plans.

- (c) Erection of 125 Dwellings and Garages - Land East of Stem Lane and South of Great Woar Copse, New Milton (Applications 44188 and 44189 Detail) (Minute 269)

Cllr. Rice expressed concern that the reconstruction of Stem Lane would be carried out in two stages, with the second stage only being commenced after the sale of the first 50 dwellings.

Cllr. Miss Drake advised members that this matter would be investigated and a reply sent to Cllr. Rice.

- (d) Former W.T. Station, Bourne Road, Netley Marsh (Minute 288)

Cllr. Mrs. Alldridge expressed her concerns about the implementation of a Stop Notice, and the implications of the Notice for persons operating an H.G.V. business from this site. She had supported the decision at Committee, but had subsequently received representations from the site operators regarding difficulties in finding alternative premises, and the short period of time allowed for compliance. The operators stated that they would have to close the business should they be unable to store H.G.V.'s on the site. She asked that consideration be given to delaying a prosecution following the Stop Notice.

The Chairman (Cllr. Burdle), as local member, recalled that the full implications of serving the Stop Notice had been made clear in the report to the Committee. He considered that these were exceptional circumstances where a flagrant breach of planning control on a sensitive site, warranted a Stop Notice. He reminded members that there was still no planning application for this change of use, and in addition there had been many unsuccessful planning appeals.

Cllr. Mrs. King drew members attention to the nuisance being caused to local residents and considered that the service of a Stop Notice was entirely justified.

Cllr. Miss Drake advised members that enforcement action could be lengthy and in the present case it had been important to act very quickly. There had been no alternative but to serve the Stop Notice.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

9. STRATEGIC GROWTH IN TOTTON COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Knill presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, PLANNING AND STRATEGIC GROWTH IN TOTTON COMMITTEES.

Cllr. Group Capt. Hermiston presented the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting held on 21st March 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

11. HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Mrs. Bannister presented the minutes of the meetings held on 27th March and 10th May 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendation adopted.

(Note: Cllrs. Mrs. Safe and Wales disclosed non-pecuniary interests in the item regarding an application for grant assistance from the New Forest Villages Housing Association, but there being no discussion did not leave the meeting).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendation adopted.

12. LEISURE SERVICES.

Cllr. Hutchins presented the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendation adopted.

Control of Dog Fouling (Minute 103)

Cllr. Mrs. Wilson requested that consideration should be given to the imposition of Dog Fouling Byelaws, where necessary, on all land in the Council's ownership.

Cllr. Hutchins advised members that arrangement had been made to ensure that a co-ordinated approach would be taken on this problem to address all areas of land in the ownership of the District Council.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendation be adopted.

13. CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Lee presented the minutes of the meetings held on 9th April and 21st May 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted:-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted.

14. WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Mrs. Safe presented the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received:-

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

15. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Webb presented the minutes of the meetings held on 26th February, 9th April, 25th April, 10th May and 21st May 1990.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted:-

Appointments and Nominations to Outside Bodies - Lymington Harbour Commissioners (Minute 108(i))

Cllr. Goodall was concerned that this Council's representatives on Lymington Harbour Commissioners did not include a member from the eastern side of the river. All the representatives came from the west. He considered that the representatives should include one from Lymington Town Council and one from Boldre Parish Council. He moved that this matter be referred back for further consideration.

The amendment was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Wyeth.

Cllr. Mrs. Bannister questioned the constitution of the Harbour Commissioners and whether this authority had any right to require the Harbour Commissioners to provide representation for the Parish and Town Councils.

Cllr. Mrs. Vernon-Jackson referred to intense local feeling on this matter.

Following further discussion, the question was put to the vote and with the majority of members voting in favour, the amendment was declared carried.

(Note: Cllr. Mrs. Robinson disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the Southampton and South West Hampshire Community Health Council but there being no discussion on this item did not leave the meeting).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted subject to Minute 108(i) being referred back for further consideration.

16. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

RESOLVED:

That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any Orders, Deeds or documents necessary to give effect to any decision made at this meeting.

CHAIRMAN

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