

26 JULY 1993

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notes of an informal meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 26 July 1993.

p Cllr Mrs J K Vernon-Jackson MBE JP - Chairman
Cllr S S Wade - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

p Mrs N E Alldridge
p K E Austin
p Mrs O A M Badland
p S Bailey
p P A Baker
p Mrs P D Baker
p Mrs M J Bannister
p Major C Beeton MBE
p W E B Boothby
p E R Bowring
e Mrs D M Brooks
p D S Burdle
p R J Burnett
p J E Coles
Miss S A Cooke
p D E Cracknell
e J G Craig
p W F Croydon
B A Cullers
G Dawson
p J J Dawson
Miss P A Drake
p B C Earwicker
p Major S S Elvery
Mrs L K Errington
p L P Gibbs
p W J Greer
A J C Griffiths
p R C H Hale

Councillors:

p R C H Hale
p F R Harrison
Mrs Y P Holloway
p Mrs A M Howe
J M Hoy
J A G Lovering JP
p J Lovering
p J Maynard
e N D M McGeorge
Mrs M McLean
e Miss G E Meaden
p R F Orton
P G Pearce-Smith
p C G Ramsden
p A W Rice TD
Miss G M Rickus CBE
p Mrs M J Robinson
p D N Scott
p Lieut Col M J Shand
p S A Shepherd
p A J Simmons
Mrs B Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
p G Spikins
R G Vernon-Jackson
G H Wales
Mrs D Wilson
Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

P A D Hyde, Chief Executive
N J Gibbs, Director of Community Services
D A Gurney, Director of Finance and Administration
Mrs M Holmes, Director of Personnel and Management Development
E S Johnson, Director of Planning
I B Mackintosh, Director of Technical Services
Miss J Debnam, Committee Administrator.

1. INFORMAL MEETINGS: 22 and 29 April 1993 (REPORTS A AND B).

The notes of the meeting held on 22 and 29 April 1993 were agreed.

2. DECOR IN MEMBERS' ROOMS AND MEMBERS' COFFEE ROOM.

At the suggestion of Cllr Mrs Robinson, members considered whether pictures should be displayed in the Members' Room and Members' Coffee Lounge. It was considered there was merit in this idea and that local artists or members of staff could be invited to display either art work or photographs, possibly even for sale. It was agreed that this matter would be investigated further.

!Action: Robert Powell!

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

At the request of Cllr Simmons members considered whether to produce a simple statement of the Council's financial situation, annually or bi-annually, for inclusion in the Council's newspaper. An example, produced by a member of the public, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Members supported the provision of a financial statement in principle, provided it was kept simple and was cheap to produce. It was noted that the example which had been circulated was appropriate to a private company, and was not applicable to a public body.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Public Relations Working Party for discussion.

!Action: Derek Gurney/Colin Schuman!

4. THE WHEEL INN, PENNINGTON.

At the request of Cllr Rice, members considered whether to investigate the acquisition of The Wheel Inn at Pennington with a view to demolition to improve the junction. Members were advised that this was a County matter and it was doubtful if they could react sufficiently promptly to secure the purchase. In addition, although demolition of the building would increase visibility, it would not be possible to achieve the safest form of junction arrangements.

5. DYE FROM SEATING.

Cllr Hale expressed his concern that the red dye came off the seats in the Council Chamber, particularly in hot weather, and was then impossible to remove from clothing. Members were advised that the source of the colouration was unlikely to be red polish. Ways of preventing a recurrence of this problem would be investigated.

!Action: Director of Technical Services!

6. PAGE NUMBERING.

Cllr Harrison asked for consideration to be given to ways of rationalising the page numbering within the Council Minute Book.

!Action: Committee Services - Jan Debnam!

CHAIRMAN

