

6 JANUARY 1997

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 6 January 1997.

p Cllr Miss S A Cooke - Chairman
p Cllr J A G Hutchins JP - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

p K E Austin
p Mrs O A M Badland
e S Bailey
p P A Baker
p Mrs P D Baker
p Major C Beeton MBE
p Mrs C A Bianchi
E R Bowring
p D S Burdle
p J E Coles
p M R Cox
p D E Cracknell
W F Croydon
p B D Dash
p G Dawson
p J J Dawson
p Miss P A Drake
p K W Drew
p B C Earwicker
e A S Emery
p Mrs L K Errington
e R K Goodridge
p W J Greer
p R C H Hale
p L E Harris
p D Harrison
p F R Harrison
p S A Hayes

Councillors:

p Mrs A M Howe
p J M Hoy
e M R Jones
p M J Kendal
e G N D Locock
p Mrs B M Maynard
p N D M McGeorge
p Mrs M McLean
p S M Noel
p R F Orton
P G Pearce-Smith
C G Ramsden
p A W Rice TD
p B Rickman
p Miss G M Rickus CBE
p Mrs M J Robinson
p D N Scott
p Lt Col M J Shand
p S A Shepherd
p Mrs B Smith
p Mrs L P Snashall
p G Spikins
p Mrs J K Vernon-Jackson MBE JP
p M S Wade
p S S Wade
e Dr M N Whitehead
p Mrs D Wilson
p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

I B Mackintosh, N J Gibbs, D A Gurney, E S Johnson,
Mrs A Allport, Mrs J Livesey, J Rainbow and T Simpson.

43. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 1996, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of the Councillor who was omitted from the lists of members voting "for" in the three recorded votes set out in Minutes 32 and 41.

44. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(a) Cllrs Drake and Shand

The Chairman expressed condolences to Cllrs Drake and Shand, whose mothers had both passed away recently.

(b) New Year's Honours List

The Chairman advised members that the following honours had been awarded in the New Year's Honours List:

Mr Edmund de Rothschild, CBE
Mrs Joyce Dewey, MBE
Mr Charles Currey, MBE
Mr Kenneth Monk - Queen's Fire Service Medal

(c) Customer Care Award

The Chairman was pleased to present Neil Burton and Natalie Howes, Dog Wardens, with customer care awards for exceptional service.

45. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received, it was -

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

46. LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) Cllr R F Orton (Minute 39)

Cllr Orton thanked members and officers for their good wishes during his recent illness.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

47. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meetings held on 13 November and 11 December 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) Public Participation (Minute 137)

Attention was drawn to the fact that Professor Smart had spoken on developments in Milford-on-Sea and not in Hordle.

- (b) 1997/98 Transport Policies and Programme
(Minute 141)

In response to queries regarding the insufficient funds available for carrying out works to the A338, Cllr G Dawson confirmed that the County Council would be asked to reconsider the matter. He also undertook to submit with the request a copy of the RAC's recent press release on highway safety.

- (c) County Council Site Visit - Dibden Bay
(Minute 142)

When asked about the outcome of the County Council site visit to Dibden Bay, Cllr G Dawson confirmed that one of the planning applications had been deferred and two had been refused. He also particularly thanked local councils, members and officers for the support which they had all given on the issue of these applications.

- (d) Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan -
Inspector's Report (Minute 158(a))

Cllr Wilson disclosed a pecuniary interest in this item and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion thereon.

Requests were received for local residents to be reassured regarding the development of sand and gravel extraction sites. Although there would be full consultation, the Chairman of the Committee confirmed that there were no applications to consider at the moment.

- (e) Bids for 1997/98 Transport Capital Programme
(Minute 164)

Cllr Burdle drew attention to the fact that the Committee had also agreed to submit a scheme for the junction of Ringwood Road with the A326. However, the accuracy of the minute was a matter for Planning and Transportation Committee itself. The Chairman of the Committee agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting.

- (f) Land Adjacent to Gordleton Industrial Estate,
Off Sway Road, Lyminster (Minute 166)

Cllr Hayes asked whether the County Council had since assessed the report from the Traffic Consultants and whether that had a bearing on the outcome of the planning application. The possibility of reviewing the boundary of the Heritage Area was also raised and members were

reminded that this would be considered at the Inquiry into the New Forest District Local Plan. Although the County Council had not commented on the traffic report, Planning and Transportation Committee could reconsider the application if the highway objection were to be withdrawn.

- (g) Land Adjacent to Gordleton Industrial Estate,
Off Sway Road, Lymington (Minute 167)

The logic of Planning and Transportation Committee acting contrary to policy in approving this planning application but applying policy and refusing planning permission in respect of the development of the adjacent site was queried. Cllr Scott requested that responses be sought to his questions regarding the suitability of the road serving the adjacent site. Another member asked whether other sites which were allocated for industrial use were readily available. In reply, the Chairman of the Committee stated that this application represented an extension of an existing industrial development and was less of an intrusion into a non-industrial area than the new development proposed on the adjacent site. Usually the availability of industrial land was a matter for the land owner. A list showing land availability would be circulated for members. The Director of Planning would seek responses to Cllr Scott's questions from the County Council.

- (h) Marl Lane Bridge Restoration Society (Minute 175)

Attention was drawn to the fact that this minute should be been numbered 174.

- (i) New Forest District Local Plan Proposed
Changes - Delegated Authority (Minute 175)

Clarification was sought as to the circumstances under which this delegation would be used. In addition, it was felt that all members should be notified when the delegation was used. Cllr G Dawson confirmed that the delegation would only be exercised when there was insufficient time to wait for a Planning and Transportation Committee meeting and that all members could be informed of its use.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

48. HOUSING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman allowed consideration of this item as a matter of urgency because the Housing Committee minutes had been circulated with the other minutes but reference to them had inadvertently been omitted from the agenda.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) Minutes (Minute 33)

Cllr Wilson asked whether there was any onus on officers to remind committees that members wished to challenge the accuracy of minutes. There was no such responsibility on officers and it would be difficult for such matters to be raised in the absence of the member who wished to challenge accuracy because the matter would need to be debated. However, consideration would be given as to whether a reminder mechanism could be introduced.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

49. DIRECT SERVICES CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received, it was -

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

50. CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 1996.

Cllr Burdle disclosed a pecuniary interest in the New Forest Industrial Association (minute 43) but, as there was no discussion or voting thereon, he remained present.

On the motion that the minutes be received, it was -

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

51. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 1996.

On the motion that the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted, it was -

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted.

52. COUNCIL TAX 1997/97 - SETTING THE TAX BASE (REPORT A).

Members considered a report setting out the calculation of the Council's tax base for 1997/98. In response to a query, it was confirmed that the separate circulation of Appendix 1 to the report did not affect the Council's decision.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 1997/98, as set out in the report, be approved;
- (b) That, pursuant to the report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount calculated by the New Forest District Council as its Council Tax base for the year 1997/98 be as follows and as further set out in the Annex to these minutes:

PARISH/TOWN	TAX BASE
Ashurst & Colbury	903.66
Beaulieu	462.61
Boldre	1,005.96
Bramshaw	323.13
Bransgore	1,824.03
Breamore	183.08
Brockenhurst	1,707.85
Burley	755.95
Copythorne	1,160.58
Damerham	231.81
Denny Lodge	153.43
East Boldre	388.16
Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	575.22
Exbury & Lepe	93.60
Fawley	4,652.65
Fordingbridge	2,251.03
Hale	252.28
Hordle	2,165.15
Hyde	485.96
Hythe & Dibden	7,069.97
Lymington & Pennington	6,429.72
Lyndhurst	1,338.38
Marchwood	1,745.39
Martin	184.82
Milford-on-Sea	2,480.26
Minstead	356.50
Netley Marsh	802.34
New Milton	9,848.07
Ringwood	5,089.74
Rockbourne	162.85
Sandleheath	247.87
Sopley	290.31
Sway	1,575.11
Totton & Eling	9,022.84

Whitsbury	95.04
Woodgreen	247.79
Whole District	66,563.14

53. 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 decisions made at this meeting.

CHAIRMAN

Attachment: Minute 52 (b) - Annex