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NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 26 February 2001

- p Cllr A W Rice TD - Chairman
- p Cllr Miss P A Drake - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p Mrs S M Abernethy
- p K F Ault
- p K E Austin
- p E R Bowring
- p F J Bright
- p Mrs D M Brooks
- p D S Burdle
- p W R Catt
- p J E Coles
- p D E Cracknell
- p P H Cummings
- p B D Dash
- p J J Dawson
- p W H Dow
- p T J Droogleever
- p L T Dunsdon
- p B C Earwicker
- p M H G Fidler
- p R L Frampton
- e Ms C F Gradidge
- p P C Greenfield
- e R C H Hale
- p L E Harris
- p F R Harrison
- e S A Hayes
- p J D Heron
- p Mrs M D Holding
- p Mrs A M Howe

Councillors:

- p J M Hoy
- p Mrs M Humber BA
- p J A G Hutchins JP
- p M J Kendal
- p M C Kidman
- p G N D Locock
- p Mrs B M Maynard
- p Mrs M McLean
- p G K Richardson
- p B Rickman
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- B Rule
- p T M Russell
- p D N Scott
- e M J Shand
- p S A Shepherd
- p Mrs B Smith
- p Mrs L P Snashall
- p G Spikins
- p M H Thierry
- p D B Tipp
- p J Waddington
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- p C A Wise
- p P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Also Attending:

Tenants Representatives

Mr R Morley and Mr B Birks

Officers Attending:

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D Yates, N Gibbs, K Ireland, Ms E Malcolm, C Malyon, Ms J Bateman, K Green,
Miss G O'Rourke and Mrs R Rutins.

57. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2001, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

58. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(a) Appletree Court Grounds

The Chairman reported that the grounds at Appletree Court should look as lovely as ever thanks to the new gardener Errol Parkhurst.

Mr Parkhurst who had spent three years working for Southampton City Council Parks Department had trained at Sparsholt College where he had gained his diploma in horticulture before working in the Southampton University Glass Houses and Botanic Gardens. Mr Parkhurst joined New Forest District Council in the Autumn of 2000.

(b) Quality Hat Trick for Commercial Services

The Chairman reported that in 1993 the Refuse Collection Team within New Forest Commercial Services became the first Council business unit to gain formal Quality Assurance accreditation to British Standard ISO9002.

In 1997 the Engineering Works Team made a double for Commercial Services with their accreditation to ISO9002.

The hat trick has now been achieved with the Building Works Team being the proud recipients of the latest quality assurance certificate.

Members joined the Chairman in commending the employees who had worked hard to gain the recognition of this prestigious award. The Chairman presented the certificate to Mr J Burnham; Mr K Beanland, Ms S Snook, Mr A Rickman and Mr M Yates.

(c) Cllr Mrs D Wood

Cllr Wood announced that this would be her last Council meeting as she was standing down as a Councillor with effect from 12 March. Cllr Wood commented that she had very much enjoyed being part of an excellent local authority and working with officers and members alike.

A number of members paid tribute to Cllr Wood and said that she had always worked hard and carried out her work as a District Councillor with integrity. Members wished Cllr Wood well in her new life and expressed sadness to see her go.

59. GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 26 January 2001. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Application to Increase the General Tariff for Hackney Carriages in the District

A member expressed concern that the implementation date for the increase in Hackney Carriage tariffs was different to that originally agreed by the Council. The Vice-Chairman commented that due to a misunderstanding the date had been brought forward. The Committee had re-considered the matter and, acting within its delegated powers, had confirmed the 6% increase to take effect from 27 February 2001 not 1 April as previously agreed.

60. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

Councillor Holding presented the report of the meeting held on 4 January 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations be adopted it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

61. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meetings held on 17 January and 21 February 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations be adopted:-

(a) General Fund Revenue Budget 2001/02

In moving the report the Vice-Chairman of the Committee set out the background and the reasons for the budget and expenditure plans for 2001/02. The Vice-Chairman commented that, in order to protect the basic services and to provide the improvements outlined, the Council's total net expenditure would need to increase to £17.386m giving an increase in the council tax of 7.8% or 66p per month for the average band D council tax payer.

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Cllr Robinson, moved an amendment giving alternative budget proposals for 2001/02 as follows:

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS 2001/02

	£ 000
Budget Requirement per Advisory Cabinet	
- 7 February 2001	17,368
Health Development Post	32
Town Centre Development	10
Chairman's Car	-7
Reduction in Contingency	- 100
Developers' Contributions Interest	150
Garden Refuse Sacks	7
Domestic Refuse Sacks	7
Recycling Stickers	1
Special Collections	7
Neighbour Notification	5
Members Allowances	- 61
Adjusted Budget Requirement	<u>17,419</u>
Less:	
Collection Fund Surplus	- 136
Revenue Support Grant	- 3,252
Non-Domestic Rate Redistribution	- 6,459
	<u>7,572</u>
Tax Base Number of Properties	68,224.70
Expenditure per Band D Property	110.99
% Increase Band D Property	8.51%

In moving the amendment Councillor Robinson commented that whilst it was appreciated that this year the budget process had been approached differently in view of the modernising programme, many members felt that they had not had the opportunity to consider the expenditure plans and budget in detail. The consultation process needed to be more robust in future. The alternative budget proposals required an additional £51,000 of expenditure resulting in an 8.51% increase for a band D property.

Members discussed a number of issues in detail. In relation to social exclusion a view was expressed that an extension to the Concessionary Travel scheme would benefit a number of disabled and retired persons who currently experienced difficulties in travelling. In relation to Town Centre development a number of members commented that the abolition of charges for car parking in town centres had not reduced the downturn in the retail trade in the high streets.

A number of members expressed the view that the small increase in the council tax, considering the increase in frontline services that had been achieved, was commendable. The New Forest had a high elderly population who were on fixed incomes and struggled financially. Other members

pointed out that the amended proposals were modest. The proposed expansion of the concessionary fares scheme would only increase the council tax by less than 1p per household per week.

In summing up the Leader of the Liberal Democratic Group commented that the amended budget proposals provided an opportunity to make choices. It increased the costs for an average band D council tax payer from 66p per month, as proposed in the report, to 75p per month.

The Vice-Chairman in summing up said that the amendment had warranted careful and proper consideration. However, he was still of the view that the proposals would effectively result in a cut in services of £200,000 despite a proposed increase in the council tax.

Upon a vote being taken the amendment was lost.

It was therefore

RESOLVED

That the report be received and the recommendations be adopted.

62. CORPORATE AND FINANCE PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 8 February 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted:-

- (a) In the light of the modernising agenda members considered, in general, the method of reporting the views of Portfolio Performance and Review Panels. In particular some members expressed concern at the lack of detailed budget information that had been available to the Portfolio Performance and Review Panels. The role of Portfolio Performance and Review Panels was different to that of committees and consequently the method of reporting to them should reflect their new monitoring/review role. Some members felt that there was a need to provide a more detailed record of the debate that took place at Panels. It was noted that, as part of the modernising programme, these matters would be discussed in detail at the Modernisation Working Party to which all members had been invited to attend.

The Chief Executive reported that all members of the Council received Advisory Cabinet/Policy and Resources Committee agenda and reports to ensure they were kept fully briefed. The way in which matters were currently reported was in accordance with the Council's long established practices. However, the Council was still learning how best to use the new decision making processes and there was a need to consider alternative ways of reporting information and Panels' views.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

63. CRIME AND DISORDER PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 16 January 2001. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Emergency Response to Recent Flooding Problems

In response to a question as to why flooding should be considered by the Crime and Disorder Portfolio Performance and Review Panel the Chairman reported that the Panel's delegations had been amended to include emergency planning and road safety. A member suggested that it might be more appropriate for the title of the Panel to be changed to Community Safety to reflect more accurately their wider remit.

On a general point a member commented on the length of Committee/Panel reports and it was noted that members would have an opportunity to review this issue at the Modernisation Working Party.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

64. ECONOMY AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 31 January 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

65. HOUSING PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 7 February 2001. On the motion that the report be received:-

(a) Homelessness Trends in the New Forest

A member commented that, in relation to the Housing Association's Leased Property Scheme, he was of the view that the Panel had agreed that the "top up" rents to owners should have been increased to £100.

The Chairman of the Panel agreed that this was the intention and that the Advisory Cabinet/Policy and Resources Committee should be asked to consider the matter as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

66. LEISURE PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANEL.

The Chairman of the Panel presented the report of the meeting held on 9 January 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

67. NOTICE OF MOTION.

Cllr Kendal moved the following motion standing in his name:-

“This Council thanks the MP for New Forest West, Mr D Swayne and for New Forest East, Dr J Lewis, for their interventions with the Minister in respect of the underfunding for enabling new homes in the New Forest District by this Council as a result of the operation of the Major Repairs Allowance. In particular we thank Desmond Swayne for his kind comments in a speech during the Homes Bill debate and for asking the Minister to rethink the legislation as it applies to New Forest District Council.”

In accordance with Standing Order 41.2 the Chairman of the Council agreed that the motion be dealt with at the meeting.

Cllr Kendal in moving the motion commented that New Forest District Council had received praise from the Government Office for the South East in terms of their cross cutting administration in housing which had been set up as a model to be used by others.

The Housing Portfolio Holder in seconding the motion commented that the housing stock in the New Forest was very well managed and the real needs of rural areas in terms of housing were nationally recognised.

A member said that despite the comments of the Local MPs no additional funding had been forthcoming from the Government.

Another member commented that the issue was not about the amount of funding available but the way in which it could be used, and the fact that the Government was requiring funding to be spent in an area that New Forest District Council did not consider was of greatest need or priority.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion as set out above be agreed.

68. THE 2001/2002 COUNCIL TAX (REPORT B).

RESOLVED:

That it be noted that at its meeting on 8 January 2001 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2001/02 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992: -

- (a) 68,224.7 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year.

(b) LOCAL COUNCIL AREA

ASHURST & COLBURY	906.30
BEAULIEU	472.40
BOLDRE	990.10
BRAMSHAW	329.50
BRANSGORE	1,826.30
BREAMORE	171.40
BROCKENHURST	1,721.60
BURLEY	749.60
COPYTHORNE	1,192.20
DAMERHAM	233.20
DENNY LODGE	148.70
EAST BOLDRE	378.70
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	578.20
EXBURY & LEPE	96.70
FAWLEY	4,723.60
FORDINGBRIDGE	2,149.50
GODSHILL	206.60
HALE	263.30
HORDLE	2,313.00
HYDE	482.30
HYPHE & DIBDEN	7,329.30
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	6,548.30
LYNDHURST	1,343.30
MARCHWOOD	1,861.70
MARTIN	185.60
MILFORD-ON-SEA	2,528.70
MINSTEAD	348.80
NETLEY MARSH	805.80
NEW MILTON	10,228.30
RINGWOOD	5,167.00
ROCKBOURNE	160.50
SANDLEHEATH	261.40
SOPLEY	294.60
SWAY	1,587.30
TOTTON & ELING	9,291.50
WHITSBURY	101.20
WOODGREEN	248.20
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	68,224.70

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (c) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2001/02 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992: -
- (i) £74,413,207 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.
 - (ii) £54,389,235 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.
 - (iii) £20,023,972 being the amount by which the aggregate at (c)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
 - (iv) £9,846,400 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus), and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 15 January 2001 (Community Charge Surplus).
 - (v) £149.17 being the amount at (c)(iii) above less the amount at (d) above, all divided by the amount at (c)(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
 - (vi) £2,656,237 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
 - (vii) £110.24 being the amount at (c)(v) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (c)(vi) above by the amount at (c) (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(viii)

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA

	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	123.48
BEAULIEU	118.71
BOLDRE	125.69
BRAMSHAW	125.41
BRANSGORE	135.43
BREAMORE	124.24
BROCKENHURST	132.31
BURLEY	114.91
COPYTHORNE	118.21
DAMERHAM	125.25
DENNY LODGE	123.69
EAST BOLDRE	119.48
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	120.44
EXBURY & LEPE	116.44
FAWLEY	185.55
FORDINGBRIDGE	153.34
GODSHILL	144.12
HALE	119.73
HORDLE	128.93
HYDE	121.64
HYPHE & DIBDEN	156.01
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	151.78
LYNDHURST	120.66
MARCHWOOD	192.46
MARTIN	125.06
MILFORD-ON-SEA	126.26
MINSTEAD	122.28
NETLEY MARSH	118.19
NEW MILTON	146.53
RINGWOOD	142.01
ROCKBOURNE	122.70
SANDLEHEATH	124.78
SOPLEY	137.40
SWAY	135.44
TOTTON & ELING	172.32
WHITSBURY	130.99
WOODGREEN	118.30

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (c)(vii) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(ix) PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

These are the District plus Town/Parish Council elements only. See page 13 and 14 for the full amounts of Council Tax.

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	82.32	96.04	109.76	123.48	150.92	178.36	205.80	246.96
BEAULIEU	79.14	92.33	105.52	118.71	145.09	171.47	197.85	237.42
BOLDRE	83.79	97.76	111.72	125.69	153.62	181.55	209.48	251.38
BRAMSHAW	83.61	97.54	111.48	125.41	153.28	181.15	209.02	250.82
BRANSGORE	90.29	105.33	120.38	135.43	165.53	195.62	225.72	270.86
BREAMORE	82.83	96.63	110.44	124.24	151.85	179.46	207.07	248.48
BROCKENHURST	88.21	102.91	117.61	132.31	161.71	191.11	220.52	264.62
BURLEY	76.61	89.37	102.14	114.91	140.45	165.98	191.52	229.82
COPYTHORNE	78.81	91.94	105.08	118.21	144.48	170.75	197.02	236.42
DAMERHAM	83.50	97.42	111.33	125.25	153.08	180.92	208.75	250.50
DENNY LODGE	82.46	96.20	109.95	123.69	151.18	178.66	206.15	247.38
EAST BOLDRE	79.65	92.93	106.20	119.48	146.03	172.58	199.13	238.96
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	80.29	93.68	107.06	120.44	147.20	173.97	200.73	240.88
EXBURY & LEPE	77.63	90.56	103.50	116.44	142.32	168.19	194.07	232.88
FAWLEY	123.70	144.32	164.93	185.55	226.78	268.02	309.25	371.10
FORDINGBRIDGE	102.23	119.26	136.30	153.34	187.42	221.49	255.57	306.68
GODSHILL	96.08	112.09	128.11	144.12	176.15	208.17	240.20	288.24
HALE	79.82	93.12	106.43	119.73	146.34	172.94	199.55	239.46
HORDLE	85.95	100.28	114.60	128.93	157.58	186.23	214.88	257.86
HYDE	81.09	94.61	108.12	121.64	148.67	175.70	202.73	243.28
HYTHE & DIBDEN	104.01	121.34	138.68	156.01	190.68	225.35	260.02	312.02
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	101.19	118.05	134.92	151.78	185.51	219.24	252.97	303.56
LYNDHURST	80.44	93.85	107.25	120.66	147.47	174.29	201.10	241.32
MARCHWOOD	128.31	149.69	171.08	192.46	235.23	278.00	320.77	384.92
MARTIN	83.37	97.27	111.16	125.06	152.85	180.64	208.43	250.12
MILFORD-ON-SEA	84.17	98.20	112.23	126.26	154.32	182.38	210.43	252.52
MINSTEAD	81.52	95.11	108.69	122.28	149.45	176.63	203.80	244.56
NETLEY MARSH	78.79	91.93	105.06	118.19	144.45	170.72	196.98	236.38
NEW MILTON	97.69	113.97	130.25	146.53	179.09	211.65	244.22	293.06
RINGWOOD	94.67	110.45	126.23	142.01	173.57	205.13	236.68	284.02
ROCKBOURNE	81.80	95.43	109.07	122.70	149.97	177.23	204.50	245.40
SANDLEHEATH	83.19	97.05	110.92	124.78	152.51	180.24	207.97	249.56
SOPLEY	91.60	106.87	122.13	137.40	167.93	198.47	229.00	274.80
SWAY	90.29	105.34	120.39	135.44	165.54	195.64	225.73	270.88
TOTTON & ELING	114.88	134.03	153.17	172.32	210.61	248.91	287.20	344.64
WHITSBURY	87.33	101.88	116.44	130.99	160.10	189.21	218.32	261.98
WOODGREEN	78.87	92.01	105.16	118.30	144.59	170.88	197.17	236.60

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (c)(vii) and (c)(viii) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the

number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (d) That it be noted that for the year 2001/02 the Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	453.72	529.34	604.96	680.58	831.82	983.06	1,134.30	1,361.16
HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY	39.36	45.92	52.48	59.04	72.16	85.28	98.40	118.08
	493.08	575.26	657.44	739.62	903.98	1,068.34	1,232.70	1,479.24

- (e) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (c)(ix) and (d) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2001/02 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: -

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	575.40	671.30	767.20	863.10	1,054.90	1,246.70	1,438.50	1,726.20
BEAULIEU	572.22	667.59	762.96	858.33	1,049.07	1,239.81	1,430.55	1,716.66
BOLDRE	576.87	673.02	769.16	865.31	1,057.60	1,249.89	1,442.18	1,730.62
BRAMSHAW	576.69	672.80	768.92	865.03	1,057.26	1,249.49	1,441.72	1,730.06
BRANSGORE	583.37	680.59	777.82	875.05	1,069.51	1,263.96	1,458.42	1,750.10
BREAMORE	575.91	671.89	767.88	863.86	1,055.83	1,247.80	1,439.77	1,727.72
BROCKENHURST	581.29	678.17	775.05	871.93	1,065.69	1,259.45	1,453.22	1,743.86
BURLEY	569.69	664.63	759.58	854.53	1,044.43	1,234.32	1,424.22	1,709.06
COPYTHORNE	571.89	667.20	762.52	857.83	1,048.46	1,239.09	1,429.72	1,715.66
DAMERHAM	576.58	672.68	768.77	864.87	1,057.06	1,249.26	1,441.45	1,729.74
DENNY LODGE	575.54	671.46	767.39	863.31	1,055.16	1,247.00	1,438.85	1,726.62
EAST BOLDRE	572.73	668.19	763.64	859.10	1,050.01	1,240.92	1,431.83	1,718.20
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & I	573.37	668.94	764.50	860.06	1,051.18	1,242.31	1,433.43	1,720.12
EXBURY & LEPE	570.71	665.82	760.94	856.06	1,046.30	1,236.53	1,426.77	1,712.12
FAWLEY	616.78	719.58	822.37	925.17	1,130.76	1,336.36	1,541.95	1,850.34
FORDINGBRIDGE	595.31	694.52	793.74	892.96	1,091.40	1,289.83	1,488.27	1,785.92
GODSHILL	589.16	687.35	785.55	883.74	1,080.13	1,276.51	1,472.90	1,767.48
HALE	572.90	668.38	763.87	859.35	1,050.32	1,241.28	1,432.25	1,718.70
HORDLE	579.03	675.54	772.04	868.55	1,061.56	1,254.57	1,447.58	1,737.10
HYDE	574.17	669.87	765.56	861.26	1,052.65	1,244.04	1,435.43	1,722.52

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LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
HYTHE & DIBDEN	597.09	696.60	796.12	895.63	1,094.66	1,293.69	1,492.72	1,791.26
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	594.27	693.31	792.36	891.40	1,089.49	1,287.58	1,485.67	1,782.80
LYNDHURST	573.52	669.11	764.69	860.28	1,051.45	1,242.63	1,433.80	1,720.56
MARCHWOOD	621.39	724.95	828.52	932.08	1,139.21	1,346.34	1,553.47	1,864.16
MARTIN	576.45	672.53	768.60	864.68	1,056.83	1,248.98	1,441.13	1,729.36
MILFORD-ON-SEA	577.25	673.46	769.67	865.88	1,058.30	1,250.72	1,443.13	1,731.76
MINSTEAD	574.60	670.37	766.13	861.90	1,053.43	1,244.97	1,436.50	1,723.80
NETLEY MARSH	571.87	667.19	762.50	857.81	1,048.43	1,239.06	1,429.68	1,715.62
NEW MILTON	590.77	689.23	787.69	886.15	1,083.07	1,279.99	1,476.92	1,772.30
RINGWOOD	587.75	685.71	783.67	881.63	1,077.55	1,273.47	1,469.38	1,763.26
ROCKBOURNE	574.88	670.69	766.51	862.32	1,053.95	1,245.57	1,437.20	1,724.64
SANDLEHEATH	576.27	672.31	768.36	864.40	1,056.49	1,248.58	1,440.67	1,728.80
SOPLEY	584.68	682.13	779.57	877.02	1,071.91	1,266.81	1,461.70	1,754.04
SWAY	583.37	680.60	777.83	875.06	1,069.52	1,263.98	1,458.43	1,750.12
TOTTON & ELING	607.96	709.29	810.61	911.94	1,114.59	1,317.25	1,519.90	1,823.88
WHITSBURY	580.41	677.14	773.88	870.61	1,064.08	1,257.55	1,451.02	1,741.22
WOODGREEN	571.95	667.27	762.60	857.92	1,048.57	1,239.22	1,429.87	1,715.84

CHAIRMAN

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12 MARCH 2001

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 12 March 2001

- p Cllr A W Rice TD - Chairman
- p Cllr Miss P A Drake - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p Mrs S M Abernethy
- p K F Ault
- p K E Austin
- E R Bowring
- p F J Bright
- p Mrs D M Brooks
- p D S Burdle
- p W R Catt
- p J E Coles
- p D E Cracknell
- p P H Cummings
- e B D Dash
- J J Dawson
- p W H Dow
- e T J Droogleever
- L T Dunsdon
- B C Earwicker
- M H G Fidler
- R L Frampton
- e Ms C F Gradidge
- p P C Greenfield
- p R C H Hale
- L E Harris
- p F R Harrison
- p S A Hayes
- p J D Heron
- p Mrs M D Holding
- p Mrs A M Howe

Councillors:

- p J M Hoy
- e Mrs M Humber BA
- p J A G Hutchins JP
- e M J Kendal
- e M C Kidman
- e G N D Locock
- e Mrs B M Maynard
- e Mrs M McLean
- e G K Richardson
- p B Rickman
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- p B Rule
- T M Russell
- p D N Scott
- p M J Shand
- p S A Shepherd
- e Mrs B Smith
- e Mrs L P Snashall
- p G Spikins
- p M H Thierry
- p D B Tipp
- e J Waddington
- p M S Wade
- e S S Wade
- e C A Wise
- P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

D Yates, K Ireland, Ms E Malcolm, C Malyon, Ms J Bateman, K Green and Miss G O'Rourke.

69. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 12 March 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendation adopted it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendation adopted.

70. MEMBERSHIP OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND REVIEW PANELS.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Wyeth be appointed to the Environment Portfolio Performance and Review Panel in place of Cllr Abernethy and that Cllr Abernethy be appointed to the Housing Portfolio Performance and Review Panel in place of Cllr Wyeth.

CHAIRMAN

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20 MARCH 2001

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special meeting of the New Forest District Council held at the Waterside Theatre, Esso (Fawley) Recreation Club, Long Lane, Holbury on Tuesday, 20 March 2001.

p Cllr A W Rice TD - Chairman
p Cllr Miss P A Drake - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

p Mrs S M Abernethy
p K F Ault
e K E Austin
e E R Bowring
p F J Bright
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p M H Thierry
p D B Tipp
e J Waddington
p M S Wade
e S S Wade
e C A Wise
p P R Woods
p Mrs P A Wyeth
Vacancy

Officers Attending:

Ms E Malcolm, Miss J Debnam, Miss G O'Rourke, S Trueick, D Atwill and J Ward.

71. SPECIAL PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the special meeting which had been held earlier during the day, 20 March 2001.

On the motion that the report be received:-

The Chairman advised Members that Councillors Brooks, Dash, Harris, Harrison, Richardson, Shand, Waddington and S Wade had disclosed interests in the subject matter of the meeting and, as a consequence, were not in a position to attend for the debate and voting.

The Chairman also advised Members that Councillors Austin, Bowring, Cracknell, Dawson, Droogleever, Hale, Kendal, McLean and Shepherd had apologised from attending.

Cllr Catt disclosed a pecuniary interest in the subject matter of this item, as he owned shares in Associated British Ports. Such ownership was however below the threshold which established a clear and substantial interest. He consequently remained in the meeting to speak and to vote.

Cllr M S Wade disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in the subject matter of this item but did not consider such interest was clear and substantial and remained in the meeting to speak and to vote.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That following its further assessment of the Dibden Bay port development applications, the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions be informed that this Council restates its objection to the proposals;
- (b) That the DETR be informed that this Council does not consider that an overriding case has been made regarding the need for the development, and that the Council's initial concerns about the impact of the development proposals have been reinforced following further assessment, in line with the comments contained in Report A to the special meeting of the Planning Development Control Committee, together with the following additional concerns:
 - The wider effects of the additional railway routes, including additional closure of the level crossing in Junction Road and consequent effects on the community of Totton; and conflict with movements on the existing rail network.
 - The effects of additional HCV movements on all the settlements along the Waterside, and beyond into the Forest. In addition, traffic congestion along the A326, A35 and neighbouring local roads.
 - The inadequacy of enforcement of HCV routes and the consequent need for sufficient control of HCV movements to prevent or minimise such traffic through the Forest. This might need additional statutory monitoring and control measures and other solutions.
 - The overall effect of the proposals on the health and quality of life of residents along the Waterside, and wider within the New Forest District.
 - Concern over the accuracy of the modelling of the effects of the dredging and port development on the stability of the saltmarshes and mudflats, and the consequent conclusions that might be drawn from such modelling.
 - Concern that the assessment of wave action did not recognise the height of bow waves that might be generated by larger ships, or by wind action.

- Concern over the potential release of toxic materials into the saltmarshes as a result of the dredging and recharging operations.
 - Concern that the recharge might destroy the Saltmarshes it was designed to assist, thereby making further habitats unavailable for use as feeding grounds by the bird population.
 - The loss of the amenity value of land at Hythe Marina Bund and its replacement with land at a more remote location.
 - The possibility that development might be in a flood plain and exacerbate flooding problems elsewhere.
- (c) That the District Council should, accordingly, continue to assess the development proposals and should present its objections and concerns at the forthcoming Public Inquiry;
- (d) That the DETR be informed that this Council also restates its view that the Appropriate Assessment has not been carried out in accordance with relevant guidance, and is therefore inadequate. The DETR should therefore require this Appropriate Assessment to be revised and resubmitted, prior to the Public Inquiry;
- (e) That the DETR be informed that this Council would have refused planning application 70255 (erection of noise barriers along the Fawley Branch Line) on the grounds that:
- (1) the proposed noise barriers, by virtue of their height, size, design and proximity to neighbouring residential properties, represent an inappropriate and visually intrusive form of development, to the detriment of the residential and visual amenities of neighbouring occupiers, contrary to policy DW-E1 of the New Forest District Local Plan; and
 - (2) the applicant has not submitted sufficient details concerning the design of the proposed noise barriers. Consequently, the Local Planning Authority has been unable to determine whether the proposed noise barriers would be adequate in their design and construction to offset the impact of the increased noise arising from the additional rail traffic as a result of the port development proposals;
- (f) That the DETR be informed that this Council would have refused planning application 70243 (works along the A326) on the grounds that:
- (1) the need for a new container port has not been adequately demonstrated;
 - (2) there is currently inadequate information to fully assess the following issues:

- (i) whether the highway proposals can adequately and safely deal with the volume of traffic generated by the overall port development; and
 - (ii) whether the highway proposals would give rise to significant additional environmental disturbance to people living in the vicinity of the A326, due to the increased volume of traffic using the A326 and the likelihood of traffic diverting onto other local roads.
- (3) it is likely to result in increased HCV traffic on local and Forest roads where controls in respect of the enforcement of HCV routes are currently inadequate without further statutory measures
- (g) That this Council formally objects to the Notice of Intention to issue an Exchange Land Certificate, and that the objections set out in Appendix C to Report A to the Planning Development Control Committee, be strengthened to highlight that the proposed exchange of land will be in a more remote location and consequently of lesser amenity value to the residents of the Marina and the wider community, and forwarded to the Government Office for the South East;
- (h) That officers be authorised to enter into discussions with ABP as appropriate with a view to resolving any objections if possible;
- (i) That the Chief Executive and the Director of Environment Services be given authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, and the Economy and Planning Portfolio Holder, to take any action necessary to enable the Council to respond quickly and effectively on matters relating to the Council's objections and its presence at the forthcoming Public Inquiry.

CHAIRMAN