

11 JUNE 2001

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 11 June 2001.

- p Cllr Miss P A Drake - Chairman
- p Cllr J M Hoy - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p Mrs S M Abernethy
- p K F Ault
- K E Austin
- E R Bowring
- e F J Bright
- p Mrs D M Brooks
- p D S Burdle
- p W R Catt
- p Mrs J L Cleary
- p J E Coles
- p D E Cracknell
- p P H Cummings
- p B D Dash
- e 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
- p S A Hayes
- p J D Heron
- p Mrs M D Holding

Councillors:

- e Mrs A M Howe
- 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
- Mrs M McLean
- p A W Rice TD
- p B Rickman
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- p B Rule
- p T M Russell
- p D N Scott
- M J Shand
- p S A Shepherd
- e Mrs B Smith
- p Mrs L P Snashall
- p G Spikins
- e M H Thierry
- p D B Tipp
- p J Waddington
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- e C A Wise
- p P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

D Yates, Ms E Malcolm, C Malyon, G Ashworth, D Atwill, Ms J Bateman, Mrs J Griffiths, Miss G O'Rourke and J Ward.

11. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2001 be signed as a correct record, subject to Councillor Woods being recorded as absent.

12. DECLARATION OF CASUAL VACANCY.

RESOLVED:

That the resignation of Cllr Richardson be noted and that a subsequent vacancy on the Council be declared.

13. BY-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL BASHLEY WARD – RETURNING OFFICER’S REPORT (REPORT A).

Members were advised that Cllr Mrs J Cleary had been elected to fill the vacancy for the Bashley Ward of New Forest District Council. Members commented on the significant changes in the legislation in relation to postal votes that had occurred and congratulated Mrs R Rutins, Democratic Services Manager and her team for all the additional hard work they had undertaken to provide as many electors as possible with the opportunity to vote.

14. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the meeting held on 11 June 2001. On the motion that the report be received and the recommendations adopted:-

(a) New Forest District Local Plan

A member expressed concern that modifications were being proposed for incorporation into the Local Plan in advance of supplementary planning guidance. He was of the view that further public consultation should take place. Another member expressed concern at the over-development that was occurring in the New Milton area. In addition there were large areas along the coastal strip that were being purchased as second homes which affected local affordability.

In accordance with Standing Order 47.1 the Chairman invited Mr Ashworth, Policy and Plans Team Leader to respond on matters of detail.

Mr Ashworth reported that the current District Local Plan had been adopted at the end of 1999. The recommendations before the Council for proposed alterations to the current plan did not affect the statutory plan which had to remain in place whilst the Council were considering revisions.

The Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee commented that a number of reports detailing proposed revisions to the Local Plan had been considered by members over the previous year. Consultation had taken place with all Parish and Town Councils and outside bodies and their comments incorporated. All members of the Council had had an opportunity to comment on the Local Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and the recommendations adopted.

In accordance with Standing Order 55, Cllr Ault requested that his vote against this decision be recorded.

Cllr M S Wade declared a pecuniary interest in Item 2 (Pay Award 2001) of the Report of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 11 June. He left the meeting. There was no debate.

15. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

In view of the Council's earlier decision to declare a vacancy in the Marchwood Ward following the resignation of Cllr Richardson, it was moved and seconded that the vacancies arising from the resignation should remain vacant pending the outcome of the by-election.

Upon a vote the motion was lost.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cllr Cleary be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Housing Review Panel;
- (b) That Cllr Bright be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Dibden Bay Steering Group;
- (c) That Cllr Kendal be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Marchwood Junior School Management Committee for Community Use; and
- (d) That Cllr Shand be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Burgate Scheme, Fordingbridge Community Use Management Committee.

CHAIRMAN