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COUNCIL MEETING

15 May 2008 – 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor Easter (in the Chair); Councillors Ames, Barker, Blyth, Castle, B Coleman, M Coleman, Collins, Cook, Field, Grey, S Hacon, Hewitt, Holmes, Jermany, Linden, Page, Peck, Pettit, Plant, Reynolds, Shrimplin, Smith, Stone, Tate, B Taylor, M Taylor, D Thompson, M Thompson, Walker, Watts, Weymouth and Williamson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burroughs, Garrod, P Hacon and Jeal.

Mr R Packham (Managing Director), Mrs J Ratcliffe (Executive Director – Customers and Resources), Mr C Skinner (Head of Central Services), Mr S Duncan (Head of Financial Services) and Mr R Hodds (Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer).

1. MINUTES

The minutes of 24 April 2008 were confirmed.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members were advised that no questions had been raised by a member of the public.

3. REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

(a) Updating Council's Constitution

Council considered the Monitoring Officer's report which asked Council to approve the amended and updated Constitution.

Council was advised that the Constitution had recently been reviewed by the Monitoring Officer and amendments had been made to:-

- Reflect the organisational structure introduced in April 2007.
- Take account of the role of the Cabinet Advisory Committees.
- Incorporate changes to the Standards, Licensing and Gambling Functions of the Council brought about by legislation.

- Allow for the Managing Director or an Executive Director to take an executive decision in an emergency (subject to consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader if at all possible).
- Make it clear that the Cabinet will decide who will be able to make “spending decisions” for large externally funded projects.
- Bring the Constitution up to date with recent changes in legislation (for example, the Standards Committee will now consider itself allegations that a member has breached the Code of Conduct).

Proposer: Councillor Castle

Seconder: Councillor Hewitt

That approval of the amended and updated Constitution be deferred until the next Council meeting.

LOST

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Stone

That the amended and updated Constitution be approved.

CARRIED

(b) Committee Memberships 2008/09

Council gave consideration to the appointment of members to the various Council Committees for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Castle

That the following Committee appointments be agreed:-

Cabinet (6)

B Coleman (C) (Leader)
Stone (V/C) (Deputy Leader)
Peck (Community)
Shrimplin (Environment)
Ames (Resources)
Plant (Regeneration and Tourism)

Cabinet Support Members

Tate (Resources)
Garrod (Environment)
Cunniffe (Community)
Watts (Leader)
Collins (Regeneration and Tourism)

Shadow Cabinet Members

Castle (Shadow Leader)
Walker (Deputy Leader - Resources)

Linden (Community)
Hewitt (Environment)
Holmes (Strategic)
Pettit (Regeneration and Tourism)

Strategic and Community Advisory Group (13) (8-5)

Blyth
M Coleman
Cunniffe
Grey
Hodds
Holmes
Linden
Peck (C)
Pettit
Tate
D Thompson
M Thompson
Williamson

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Customers and Resources Advisory Group (13) (8-5)

Ames (C)
Barker
Blyth
Burroughs
Cook
S Hacon
Hodds
Jermany
Linden
Pettit
Smith
Tate
Walker

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Regulatory

TPO SUB (5) (3-2)

Blyth
Burroughs
Linden

Economy and Environment Advisory Group (13) (8-5)

Castle
Collins
Field
Garrod
P Hacon
S Hacon
Hewitt
Page
Plant (C)
Reynolds
Smith
M Taylor
Weymouth

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Scrutiny (13) (8-5)

Barker
Burroughs
M Coleman
Collins
Field
Grey
S Hacon
Hewitt
Page
Pettit
Reynolds (V/C)
Weymouth
Williamson (C)

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Development Control (13) (8-5)

Barker
Blyth (S/C)
Burroughs

Reynolds (C)
D Thompson

Castle
Collins
Cook
Cunniffe
Jeal
Jermany
Linden
Reynolds (C)
D Thompson
M Thompson (V/C)

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Housing Appeals (13) (8-5)

Burroughs (V/C)
Blyth
M Coleman
Cook (C)
Cunniffe
Field
Grey
S Hacon
P Hacon
Hodds
Holmes
B Taylor
D Thompson

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Standards (5) (3-2)

Jeal
Pettit
Watts
Weymouth

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

(NB Councillor Smith's appointment delayed pending appointment of additional Independent Member).

Local Development Framework Working Party (9) (5-4)

Licensing (13) (8-5)

Barker
M Coleman
Cunniffe
Garrod
Grey
Holmes
Jermany (C)
Page
Pettit
Tate (V/C)
Walker
Watts
Williamson

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Appeals (5) (3-2)

Cook
Holmes
Pettit
Reynolds (C)
Weymouth

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Audit and Risk (13) (8-5)

Castle
P Hacon
Linden
Peck
Plant (C)
Shrimplin
Stone
D Thompson
Williamson

Barker (V/C)
Burroughs
Collins
P Hacon
Hewitt
Hodds
Jeal
Jermany
Smith (C)
Tate
M Thompson
Walker
Watts
Ames (Observer only)

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

Community Housing Board (6) (4-2)

Blyth
Cook
Cunniffe
S Hacon
Linden
Peck (C)

Local Government Re-Organisation Working Party (5) (3-2)

Ames
Castle
B Coleman (C)
Stone
Williamson

ICT Governance Board (3) (2-1)

M Coleman
P Hacon
Stone

Named Sub:

Tate

CARRIED

(c) Appointments to Outside Bodies 2008/09

Council considered the appointment of representatives to the various Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2008/09.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Castle

That the following Appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2008/09 be agreed:-

Organisation

A47 Alliance

Representatives

Plant

Active Norfolk Board	Ames
Beacon Park Management Ltd	Plant (Director)
Bowls Tournament Working Party	Collins
Bridge Development Trust (The)	Linden, B Taylor
British Resorts Association	Collins
Broads Authority	D Thompson
Broads Tourism Forum	Plant
Car Parking Strategy Steering Group	Collins, S Hacon, Plant. (Ward Councillors to be co-opted when their Wards are affected)
<u>Chamber of Commerce – Norfolk</u>	
<u>(Great Yarmouth Committee)</u>	
Chamber Council	Plant
Citizens Advice Bureau	Page, Smith
<u>Community Association Management Committees</u>	
Church Lane	Blyth, Page
Newtown	Garrod, Peck
South Yarmouth	Pettit, B Taylor
Claydon Pavilion	Barker, Williamson
Community Safety (Great Yarmouth) Limited (CCTV Co)	Peck
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	Cook, Page, Pettit
East Anglian Tourist Board	Plant
East of England Regional Assembly	B Coleman
East Coast Revs & Bens Partnership Board	Ames, Cunniffe
First Move Furnishaid	Mrs G Doyle, Page, Pettit
Food and Safety Forum	Plant
Gorleston Pools Land Trustees	Burroughs, Walker, Watts
Great Yarmouth Community Trust	Peck
Great Yarmouth Economic Forum	Plant
Great Yarmouth Environmental Forum	Shrimplin (Sub: Garrod)
Great Yarmouth in Bloom	S Hacon, Shrimplin
Great Yarmouth Marketing Initiative	Plant (Subs: Collins, Stone)

Great Yarmouth Municipal Charities	Easter, Garrod, Jeal, Linden
Great Yarmouth Port Authority	B Coleman, Collins (3 Years from 1 April 07)
Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust	B Coleman, Cook, Cunniffe, Peck, Smith
Great Yarmouth Racecourse	Reynolds, Shrimplin
Great Yarmouth/Rambouillet Twinning Association	Reynolds, Shrimplin, Smith, Watts
Great Yarmouth Social Forum	Collins, Cunniffe, Peck
Great Yarmouth Sports Council	Ames, Grey, M Thompson
Great Yarmouth Sports Partnership	Grey
Great Yarmouth Sport & Leisure Trust	Easter, Plant, Shrimplin
Great Yarmouth LSP	B Coleman, Castle
Greater Yarmouth Tourist Authority	B Coleman, Jeal, Plant, Reynolds, Smith
GY/Waveney Sub Regional Officer/Member WG	Plant, Peck
HomeSelect Partnership Board	Cook, Linden, Peck
High School Foundation	Smith
<u>Internal Drainage Boards</u>	
Burgh Castle, Bradwell, Gorleston, Southtown) and Cobholm Island)	Cook, Jeal, Plant, Watts, Williamson and Mr T Wainwright
Broads IDB	M Coleman, Jermany, Reynolds, Shrimplin, D Thompson, Weymouth
James Paget Healthcare NHS Trust (Governors' Council)	Watts (3 years from 01.04.06)
King John's Charter Working Party	Collins (Chair), Castle, Hacon, Stone, Watts
<u>Local Government Association</u>	
General Assembly	B Coleman
Urban Commission	Peck
Rural Commission	Shrimplin
Coastal Issues	Shrimplin (Sub: Reynolds)
Norfolk Branch	B Coleman, Stone

	Subs: Any two from Ames, Peck, Plant, Shrimplin
The Lydia Eva & Mincarlo Charitable Trust	Watts
Neighbourhood Management Project Board	Easter, Peck, Pettit
Norfolk Archaeological Unit Advisory Committee	Shrimplin
Norfolk Arts Forum Steering Committee	Ames
Norfolk Coast Partnership (Joint Advisory Panel)	Shrimplin (Sub: Reynolds)
Norfolk Coastal Centre for Independent Life	Peck
Norfolk County Joint Museums Committee Area Museums Committee	Collins (Sub: Cook)
Norfolk Health Scrutiny Committee	Weymouth
Norfolk Records Committee	M Coleman
Norfolk Waste Partnership	B Coleman (Sub: Shrimplin)
Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services	Ames
Norwich and Norfolk Racial Equality Council (Executive Committee)	Williamson
St Nicholas Church Preservation Trust	Collins
SeaChange Board	Ames
SHARP Project	Collins, M Taylor
Shrublands Youth & Community Centre	Blyth, Page, Mrs J Donohoe
Tenant Participation Compact Monitoring Group	Burroughs, M Coleman, Cunniffe, Field, Linden, Pettit, Peck, B Taylor Subs: M Thompson
Town Centre Company (Great Yarmouth) Limited	Burroughs
URC Board	Plant
Waveney, Lower Yare & Lothingland internal drainage Board	Ames, Blyth , S Hacon
Wherry Line Rail Partnership	Jeal

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(d) Area Liaison Meetings

Following consideration of this matter by the Strategic Advisory Group and Corporate Management Board, Council was asked to give consideration to the format for future Area Liaison meetings. The Deputy Leader reported that it was proposed that the Leader should chair both the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Area Liaison meetings and that these meetings would commence at 6.00 pm. Council were advised that the first session of these meetings would involve questions submitted in advance by Ward Councillors on ward issues and there would also be short question and answers from Ward Councillors, and that the second session would be answers to written questions submitted by the public in advance and also answers where possible to written questions from the public present at the meeting.

Councillors Castle, Hewitt, Holmes and Walker expressed their disappointment at the proposal to amend the Chairmanship of the Area Liaison meetings. The Leader reported that it was proposed that the future Area Liaison meetings would become more relevant and would deal with strategic issues and would also be more cost effective.

Proposer: Councillor Stone

Seconder: Councillor B Coleman

That the proposed revised format for future Area Liaison meetings, as outlined above, be approved, subject to the Managing Director being given the discretion to request relevant Officers to attend these meetings.

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4. BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 1 MAY 2008

The Returning Officer reported that the following members had been elected at the Borough Council Elections on 1 May 2008:-

- Bradwell North Ward – Alan Grey
- Bradwell South and Hopton Ward – Stephen Ames
- Central and Northgate Ward – Michael Taylor
- Claydon Ward – Anthony Blyth
- East Flegg Ward – George Jermany
- Gorleston Ward - Bertie Collins
- Magdalen Ward – Patricia Page
- Nelson Ward – Michael Jeal
- Ormesby Ward – Charles Reynolds
- St Andrew's Ward – Patrick Cook
- Southtown and Cobholm Ward – Penelope Linden
- West Flegg Ward – Barry Coleman
- Yarmouth North – Paul Garrod

The Leader welcomed the newly elected Members, Councillors Grey and Page to the Council, and also expressed his thanks and appreciation to the unelected Members at the election, Councillors C Walker and Wainwright.

5. COUNCIL CHAMBER – CODE OF CONDUCT

The Leader reminded Council of the convention that drinks should not be allowed in the Council Chamber. The Leader also referred to issues relating to the dress code for attendance at Council meetings.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.