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COUNCIL MEETING

23 April 2009 – 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Watts.

Mr R Packham (Managing Director), 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 the 19 February and 26 March 2009 were confirmed.

2. COUNCILLOR WATTS

The Leader referred to the recent illness to Councillor Watts and Members agreed to send their best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

4. REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

(a) Annual Audit and Inspection Letter – Audit 2007/08

Council was advised that Cabinet at its meeting on 23 April 2009 had referred the following action points to Council for approval:-

- Continue to drive forward the Council's Improvement Programme to address areas of poorer performance.

- Ensure that it has sufficient capacity to deliver its improvement agenda.
- Ensure that the recommendations made in the Auditor's Annual Governance Report are implemented.

Proposer: Councillor Ames

Seconder: Councillor B Coleman

That the action points as outlined above be approved.

CARRIED

(b) Planning and Transportation Strategy in Great Yarmouth

On reference from Cabinet of 18 March 2009, Council was recommended to agree that a Group, comprising four County Council Members and three Borough Council Members, with a political balance, be agreed to keep under review the Planning and Transportation Strategy in Great Yarmouth, such Group to meet quarterly with meetings planned to cover identified issues in depth following an agreed programme.

Proposer: Councillor Plant

Seconder: Councillor B Coleman

That approval be given to the establishment of the above Group to keep under review the Planning and Transportation Strategy in Great Yarmouth on the lines outlined above.

CARRIED

(c) Proposed Gorleston Conservation Area Extension

Council considered the Head of Regeneration and Environment's report on the proposed Gorleston Conservation Area Extension.

Proposer: Councillor Plant

Seconder: Councillor B Coleman

That approval be given to the Extension to the Gorleston Conservation Area, and that the proposed extension to the Gorleston Conservation Area be notified to the Secretary of State.

CARRIED

(d) Code of Corporate Governance

Council considered the Head of Financial Services report which detailed an update to the Council's Code of Corporate Governance, in accordance with best practice.

Proposer: Councillor Ames

Seconder: Councillor B Coleman

That approval be given to the updated Code of Corporate Governance, and that the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.

CARRIED

(e) **Committee Timetable 2009/10**

Council considered the report of the Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer with regard to the proposed Committee Timetable for 2009/10.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Stone

That the proposed Committee Timetable for 2009/10, as now amended, be approved.

CARRIED

(f) **Committee Memberships 2009/10**

Council gave consideration to the appointment of members to the various Council Committees for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Castle

That the following Committee appointments be agreed:-

List of Committee Memberships 2009/10

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)
S Hacon (Environment)
Cunniffe (Community)
Watts (Leader)
Collins (Regeneration and Tourism)

Shadow Cabinet Members

Castle (Shadow Leader)
Walker (Deputy Leader - Resources)
Linden (Community)
B Taylor (Environment)
Holmes (Strategic)
Jeal (Regeneration and Tourism)

**STRATEGIC AND COMMUNITY
ADVISORY GROUP
(13) (8-5)**

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

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and
Minority Groups.

**ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT
ADVISORY GROUP
(13) (8-5)**

Butcher
Castle
Collins
Field
Garrod
S Hacon
Jeal
Page
Pettit
Plant (C)
Reynolds
B Taylor
Weymouth
Shrimplin: Observer

Named Subs: P Hacon

Any two Members from the Majority and
Minority Groups.

**CUSTOMERS AND RESOURCES
ADVISORY GROUP
(13) (8-5)**

Ames (C)
Barker
Blyth
Burroughs
Butcher
Cook
S Hacon
Jermany
Linden
Page
Pettit
Tate
Walker
Stone: Observer

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and
Minority Groups.

**SCRUTINY
(13) (8-5)**

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

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and
Minority Groups.

REGULATORY

**TPO SUB
(5) (3-2)**

Blyth
Burroughs
Linden
Reynolds (C)
D Thompson

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
(13) (8-5)**

Barker
Blyth (S/C)
Burroughs
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)**

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

**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.

Named Subs:

Any two Members from the Majority and Minority Groups.

**STANDARDS
(5) (3-2)**

Jeal
Pettit
D Thompson
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)**

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

**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)**

Barker (V/C)
Burroughs
Butcher (C)
Collins
Garrod
P Hacon
Hewitt
Jeal
Jermany
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

**GREAT YARMOUTH AREA
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(10) (2-8)**

Castle
Easter
Garrod (V/C)
Holmes
Jeal
Linden
Peck
Pettit
B Taylor
M Taylor (C)

**GORLESTON AREA
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(10) (5-5)**

Barker
Blyth
Burroughs
Collins
Cook
Hewitt
Page (C)
Walker
Watts
Williamson (V/C)

Legend:

(C) = Chairman
(V/C) = Vice-Chairman
(S/C) = Shadow Chairman
(TBA) = To be appointed

CARRIED

(g) Appointments to Outside Bodies 2009/10

Council considered the appointment of representatives to the various Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Castle

That the following appointments to Outside Bodies for the Municipal Year 2009/10 be agreed:-

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2009/10

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES
A47 Alliance	Plant
Active Norfolk Board	Collins
Beacon Park Management Ltd	Plant (Director)
Borough Wide Energy Action Group	Peck
Bowls Tournament Working Party	Collins
Bridge Development Trust (The)	Linden, B Taylor
British Resorts Association	Collins
Broads Authority	Jermany
Broads Tourism Forum	Collins
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 (Sub: Butcher)
<u>Community Association Management Committees</u> Church Lane Newtown South Yarmouth Claydon Pavilion	Blyth, Page Garrod, Peck Pettit, Jeal Barker, Williamson
Community Safety (Great Yarmouth) Limited (CCTV Co)	Peck
East Anglian Tourist Board	Collins
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 in Bloom	S Hacon, Shrimplin

Great Yarmouth Marketing Initiative	Plant (Subs: Collins, Stone)
Great Yarmouth Municipal Charities	Garrod, Jeal, Linden, Pettit
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	P Hacon, Peck, Reynolds, Shrimplin
Great Yarmouth Seaman's Trust	Garrod, Mrs G Doyle, Mrs L Stroud (4 years from 26.06.08)
Great Yarmouth Sports Council	Collins, Garrod, Grey,
Great Yarmouth Sports Partnership	Grey
Great Yarmouth Sport & Leisure Trust	Easter, Plant, Shrimplin
Great Yarmouth Strategic Planning and Transportation Working Group	Castle, Plant, Reynolds
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 01.04.09)
King John's Charter Working Party	Collins (Chair), Castle, Hacon, Stone, Watts

Local Government Association

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
Lynn Grove Football Pitch Management Committee	Butcher
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	Collins (Sub: Cook)
Area Museums Committee	Collins, Cook, Page, B Taylor
Norfolk Health Scrutiny Committee	Weymouth (Sub: Page)
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 (2)	Collins (Chair), Pettit, B Taylor
SHIP Project	Peck (Chair), Holmes, Linden
Shrublands Youth & Community Centre	Blyth, Page, Mrs J Donohoe
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

CARRIED

(h) **Amendment to Article 10 of the Constitution**

Council considered the proposed amendment to Article 10 of the Constitution relating to the Area Scrutiny Committees.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Castle

That the proposed amendment to Article 10 of the Constitution relating to the Area Scrutiny Committees be approved.

CARRIED

5. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

(a) **Council – 19 February and 26 March 2009**

The Mayor presented the minutes of the Council meetings held on 19 February and 26 March 2009.

(b) **Cabinet – 18 March and 22 April 2009**

The Leader presented the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 18 March and 22 April 2009.

(c) **Scrutiny Committee – 23 February and 30 March 2009**

Council considered the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 23 February and 30 March 2009.

With regard to the item relating to the Councillor Call for Action, Councillor M Taylor asked that the issue of the Easter Fair opening a Sunday be referred to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

(d) **Audit and Risk Committee – 7 April 2009**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 7 April 2009.

Proposer: Councillor B Coleman

Seconder: Councillor Stone

That the minutes of Council of 19 February and 26 March 2009, Cabinet of 18 March and 22 April 2009, Scrutiny Committee of 23 February and 30 March 2009, and Audit and Risk Committee of 7 April 2009 be received.

CARRIED

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

In accordance with paragraphs 10.2 and 10.4 of Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of the Constitution, Council considered the following Members' questions:-

(a) Questions from Councillor Pettit

- (1) How many public conveniences are there within the Great Yarmouth Borough?
- (2) Where are they situated?
- (3) What dates and times are they open to the public?
- (4) Why have the public conveniences opposite Dickens Avenue at the entrance to the Pleasure Beach been demolished?
- (5) Does the Leader of the Council agree that some key toilets need to be open on the Seafront all year round to meet the needs of walkers, fishermen and long distance lorry drivers?
- (6) With Maritime House being used on a regular basis for meetings and especially with the summer season upon us, would it be pertinent to issue Councillors who do not live within the A zone permit parking area with temporary parking vouchers should the pay and display near the Marina Centre be full of visitors' vehicles?

Responses to Questions 1-5 by the Cabinet Member (Environment):-

- (1) The Cabinet Member (Environment) reported on the details of the 21 public conveniences that are within the Great Yarmouth Borough.
- (2) The Cabinet Member (Environment) gave full details of each of the public conveniences' locations.
- (3) The Cabinet Member (Environment) gave full details of the dates and times the conveniences are open to the public.
- (4) The Cabinet Member (Environment) reported on the reasons why the public conveniences opposite Dickens Avenue had been demolished and on the arrangements for their replacement.
- (5) On behalf of the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member (Environment) reported that two public conveniences were open along the Seafront all year round to meet the needs identified in question 5.
- (6) The Leader reported that as all Councillors with cars had been issued with passes that cover the pay and display car park adjacent to the Marina Centre and the St Nicholas car park there will be no need to issue parking vouchers as suggested in question 6.

The Cabinet Member (Environment) reported that he would send a full response in writing to Councillor Pettit in respect of the questions outlined in 1-6 above.

7. REPORT OF LEADER ON URGENT KEY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WERE NOT IN THE FORWARD PLAN

The Leader reported that there were no issues to report.

8. COUNCIL MEETING – 26 JUNE 2009

Council agreed that the Council meeting on Thursday, 26 June 2009 would commence at 6.00 pm and not 7.00 pm.

9. MAYOR'S OUTGOING BALL

His Worship the Mayor asked Members to consider donating raffle prizes for charity for his Ball on Friday, 30 April 2009.

10. THANKS TO MAYOR

Council recorded their thanks and appreciation to His Worship the Mayor for his Chairmanship of Council meetings during the Municipal Year 2008/09.

11. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm.

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