

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 19 July 2006.

**Attendance:**

Councillor Nelmes (The Mayor in the Chair) (P)

**Councillors:**

Allgood (P)	Johnston (P)
Anthony	Learney (P)
Baxter (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Beckett (P)	Love (P)
Bennetts (P)	Macmillan (P)
Berry	Mather (P)
Beveridge (P)	Maynard (P)
Busher (P)	Merritt (P)
Chamberlain	Nunn (P)
Chapman (P)	Pearce (P)
Clohosey (P)	Pearson (P)
Coates (P)	Pines (P)
Collin (P)	Quar
Cook (P)	Read (P)
Cooper (P)	Rees (P)
de Peyer (P)	Ruffell (P)
Evans (P)	Saunders (P)
Godfrey (P)	Spender (P)
Goodall (P)	Stallard (P)
Hammerton (P)	Stephens (P)
Higgins (P)	Sutton(P)
Hiscock (P)	Tait (P)
Hollingbery (P)	Verney (P)
Howell (P)	Wagner (P)
Huxstep	Weston (P)
Izard (P)	Wood (P)
Jackson (P)	Worrall
Jeffer (P)	Wright (P)

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1. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 April 2006 be approved and adopted subject to, in the attendance list, deletion of the name of Councillor Oxley and insertion of the names (as present) of Councillors Johnston, Spender and Sutton

2. That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2006, and the Special Meetings of the Council held on 31 May and 28 June 2006 be approved and adopted.

## 2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported with regret the death of former Councillor David Croker, who represented Compton Ward from 1979 – 1992. A letter of condolence had been sent to his family on behalf of the Council. The meeting stood for a few moments in silent tribute to his memory.

The Mayor then reported that the following people who lived in the District had received recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Ms Shirley Thorne MBE (South Wonston) – for services to local government.

Mr Andrew Smith OBE (Winchester) – for services to local government.

Mr Alastair Stewart OBE (Bramdean) – for services to broadcasting and charity.

A letter of congratulation had been sent to each of the recipients on behalf of the Council.

## 3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported that the Local Government Association had established a District Leaders Group, to improve the dialogue about key public sector issues between the national and local levels. Leaders of three councils from the South East region would be appointed as representatives to the national forum and Members would be kept informed of progress.

## 4. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14(2)(b)**

### 1. Incidents of Violent Crime in the District

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Collin.

### 2. Level of Void Housing Units

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Rees.

### 3. Delay in Allocating a Sheltered Accommodation Flat

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Rees.

### 4. Travellers at Micheldever

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

### 5. Guidance Related to Developments in Winchester

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Lipscomb, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

6. Building of Houses in Rear Gardens

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Lipscomb, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

7. Hanging Baskets – Partnership Arrangements with Winchester in Bloom

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Higgins.

8. Improvements to the Street Scene

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge.

9. Future of Supported People Working Party

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Rees.

10. Future of Planning Enforcement

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Lipscomb, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge.

11. HRA Land Suitable for Development

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

12. Casson Block Maintenance – Notification to Traders

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

13. Response Time to Members' Queries

The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Communications, Councillor Hollingbery, answered a question from Councillor Rees.

14. Cost of Bus Fares in Comparison to Park and Ride

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Lipscomb, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

15. Reduction of Bus Services in the District

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Lipscomb, answered a question from Councillor Higgins.

5. **PETITIONS**

The Mayor reported that one petition had been received, objecting to the proposal to build a school on land adjoining the Meadowside Recreation Centre at Whiteley.

Councillor Allgood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and discussion of the related Recommended Minute which would follow, as he was the County Councillor for the Southern Parishes Division which included Whiteley Ward. Councillor Collin declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he was an employee of Hampshire County Council. Both members left the Chamber during the consideration of both the petition and the Recommended Minute on the same matter.

Councillor Chapman also left the Chamber during consideration of both items.

Councillor Hollingbery declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as he had made comments on a website which discussed Whiteley issues. He remained in the meeting for both consideration of the petition and the related Recommended Minute and spoke and voted thereon.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr M Evans (Chairman of Whiteley Parish Council) addressed the meeting and, in summary, explained that whilst the local community supported a new Primary School, there were strong objections to it being built on the Meadowside site, which was the only open space in Whiteley. Local people would prefer to see a school being built in North Whiteley as part of future phases of development. A City Council consultation exercise had resulted in 85% of those residents who responded stating their opposition to the proposal, even though many of those residents had children who would have benefited from the new school. In addition, the Parish Council had received approximately 380 responses against the school proposal (involving e-mails and the petition) which again demonstrated the strength of feeling against the current proposal, which the County Council had underestimated in trying to promote the Meadowside site. In conclusion the Parish Council urged the City Council to endorse the recommendations made by Cabinet on 10 July 2006.

The City Secretary and Solicitor reported that the petition had 330 signatures.

The Mayor thanked Mr Evans for his presentation and invited him to remain as the matter would be discussed as next business.

## 6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

The Mayor informed Council that the Recommended Minutes arising from the meetings of Cabinet and Principal Scrutiny Committee, both held on 10 July 2006, were set out in Report CL40 which had been circulated with a Supplementary Agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor had decided to accept that Report onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to consider all the Recommended Minutes set out therein.

Cabinet – 10 July 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 10 July 2006

Proposed School at Meadowside, Whiteley (Recommended Minutes as set out in Report CL40)

Before consideration of the item, the City Secretary and Solicitor reported the receipt of two additional letters of objection to the proposal. He also reported receipt of a letter from the Head of Corporate and Legal Services at Hampshire County Council and he read to the meeting the salient points from that letter, particularly relating to the anticipated longer term implications of refusing to dispose of the land for the erection of a school.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

Cabinet – 10 July 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 10 July 2006

Outdoor Sports Centre, Bar End (Recommended Minutes as set out in Report CL40)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted, subject to deletion of the words “subject to the supplementary capital estimate not being called in by Principal Scrutiny Committee”. That amendment was seconded by Councillor Hollingbery and became the Revised Original Motion before Council.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet (as amended) be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

Cabinet – 21 June 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 10 July 2006

Capital Outturn 2005/06 (Recommended Minute 128 of Cabinet and Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee as set out in Report CL40)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 128 be approved and adopted.

It was noted that the letter ‘m’ should have been placed after the figure of £1.755 in the Recommendation to indicate that the sum was £1.755 million.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 128 (as amended) be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

Cabinet – 21 June 2006  
Principal Scrutiny Committee – 5 June 2006

Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy – Update to the Constitution (Recommended Minutes 136 and 53 refer)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 136 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 136 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 53 be received and noted.

Cabinet – 21 June 2006

Minor Amendments to the Constitution – Portfolio Holders (Recommended Minute 141 refers)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 141 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 141 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 10 July 2006  
Principal Scrutiny Committee – 10 July 2006

Alignment between Portfolio Holders and Scrutiny Panels (Recommended Minutes as set out in Report CL40)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet as set out in Report CL40 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

7. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

The Council received and noted the minutes of the following meetings:-

Planning Development Control Committee – 30 March 2006

Standards Committee – 5 April 2006

West of Waterloovile Forum – 10 April 2006

Cabinet – 13 April 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 13 April 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 20 April 2006

Personnel Committee – 24 April 2006

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 17 May 2006

Cabinet – 18 May 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 25 May 2006

Cabinet – 31 May 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 5 June 2006

Winchester Town Forum – 7 June 2006

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 8 June 2006

Personnel Committee – 12 June 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 15 June 2006

Cabinet – 21 June 2006

Statement of Accounts Committee – 26 June 2006

Standards Committee – 4 July 2006

## 8. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
	Outdoor Sports Centre, Bar End (Exempt Appendix)	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
	New Offices – Feasibility Report Update	(Para 3 to Schedule 12A refers).

9. **OUTDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, BAR END**

The information contained in the Exempt Appendix to Report CAB1247 was noted.

10. **CABINET – 21 JUNE 2006**  
**PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10 JULY 2006**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 149 of Cabinet with regard to 'New Offices – Feasibility Report Update' be approved and adopted.

The minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee was set out in Report CL40.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 149 be approved and adopted as follows:-

“That the Colebrook Street site be adopted as the Council’s preferred site for new offices”.

2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee on the same matter be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 9.30pm

The Mayor