

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE
VICTORIA ROOM, LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN HALL
ON
9TH OCTOBER 2006**

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor K.G. Pacey)

Councillor M.A. Akroyd	Councillor M. J. Hunt
Councillor M.A. Allen	Councillor K.L. Jones
Councillor K. Anthony	Councillor M.T. Jones
Councillor A.M. Bava	Councillor A.M. Kershaw
Councillor I.E.G. Bentley	Councillor R. Kershaw
Councillor C.J. Blanchard	Councillor P.G. Lewis
Councillor T.R. Brown	Councillor C.H.G. MacLeod
Councillor J.M. Bryant	Councillor W.G. Muldoon
Councillor J.L. Bush	Councillor M.E. Newton
Councillor S.R. Campbell	Councillor A.P. Noon
Councillor A. Cowles	Councillor M.B. Page
Councillor H.J. Edwards	Councillor M.E. Preston
Councillor R.J. Feeney	Councillor E.J. Rodgers
Councillor E.J. Flavell	Councillor I.R. Sharpe
Councillor H.J. Fryer	Councillor R.J. Shepherd
Councillor G.G. Gay	Councillor D.P. Slater
Councillor S. Gough	Councillor E.D. Snartt
Councillor D.C. Green	Councillor N.A. Stork
Councillor S.J. Hampson	Councillor J.J. Sutherland
Councillor P.S. Harley	Councillor J.C. Tormey
Councillor C.M.R. Harris	Councillor J. Vincent
Councillor D.W. Houseman	Councillor S.C. Williams
Councillor J.M. Hunt	

Honorary Aldermen Dodd and Hurst

33. PRAYERS

Reverend Canon Jim Wellington said prayers.

34. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors T.G. Duffin, S. Forrest, R. Jenkins, J.W. Moore and R.M. Wilson and Honorary Aldermen Stott.

35. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

The following disclosures were made:

- (i) by Councillors Harley, Houseman, M. J. Hunt, M.T. Jones, A.M. Kershaw, Lewis, Newton, Page, Preston, Shepherd, Snartt and Stork in all matters relating to Leicestershire County Council;
- (ii) by Councillor Houseman in all matters relating to Syston Town Council;
- (iii) by Councillors Fryer and Rodgers in Item 5.1 on the agenda relating to Electoral Arrangements for Parish Councils (Barrow upon Soar).
- (iv) by Councillors Anthony, Brown, Bush, Fryer, Gay, Harley, K.L. Jones, A.M. Kershaw, R. Kershaw, Lewis, Newton, Page, Preston, Rogers, Shepherd, Snartt, Stork and Vincent in Item 6.2 on the agenda relating to Question under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Concessionary Travel and Item 7.2 on the agenda relating to Motions on Notice – Concessionary Travel Scheme.
- (v) by Councillor Stork in Item 6.6 on the agenda relating to Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks.

36. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4th September 2006 were confirmed and signed, subject to the references to Councillor Barber (Minute 28E, page 7) being changed to Councillor Bava.

37. PRESENTATION

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Mrs. Barbara Parish, Area Fund Raiser from County Air Ambulance gave a presentation on the role of the Air Ambulance and its fund raising.

A copy of the Presentation is filed with the minutes.

38. QUESTION UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 6(V)

The Mayor informed the Council that no notice had been given of any questions in accordance with Council Procedure rule 6v.

39. BUSINESS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

A. Electoral Arrangements for Parish Councils (Barrow upon Soar)

Council considered the report concerning Electoral Arrangements for Parish Councils (Barrow upon Soar), agenda item 5.1.

Proposed by Councillor Bryant and seconded by Councillor M.J. Hunt that the making of a Local Order be authorised, to be effective for the ordinary Parish Council Elections in May 2007, to “increase the number of Parish Councillors for Barrow Upon Soar from thirteen to fifteen”.

RESOLVED that the making of a Local Order be authorised, to be effective for the ordinary Parish Council Elections in May 2007, to “increase the number of Parish Councillors for Barrow Upon Soar from thirteen to fifteen”.

B. Loughborough Special Policy Review

Council considered the report concerning Loughborough Special Policy Review, agenda item 5.2.

Proposed by Councillor Page and seconded by Councillor R. Kershaw that paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the Saturation Policy be amended as set out in section 5 of the report of Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED that paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 of the Saturation Policy be amended as set out in section 5 of the report of Licensing Committee.

C. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Issues

Council considered the report concerning Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Issues, agenda item 5.3.

Proposed by Councillor Page and seconded by Councillor Flavell that Enforcement Officers from Melton Borough Council and North West Leicestershire District Council be authorised to act within Charnwood Borough Council’s boundary.

RESOLVED that Enforcement Officers from Melton Borough Council and North West Leicestershire District Council be authorised to act within Charnwood Borough Council’s boundary.

D. Request for Authorised Absence from Council and Council Committee Meetings – Councillor Moore

Council considered the report concerning Request for Authorised Absence from Council and Council Committee Meetings – Councillor Moore, agenda item 5.4.

Proposed by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Bush that Council authorises Councillor Moore's absence in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 until the end of the current term of office of the Council on the grounds that due to illness and a required period of convalescence, Councillor Moore will be unable to attend Council meetings within the required 6 month period since his last attendance at Plans Committee on 22nd June 2006.

In proposing and seconding the above motion, Councillor Shepherd and Councillor Bush wished Councillor Moore a speedy recovery. The Mayor, on behalf of Councillor Moore, thanked Councillors for their thoughts and get well messages.

RESOLVED that Council authorises Councillor Moore's absence in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 until the end of the current term of office of the Council on the grounds that due to illness and a required period of convalescence, Councillor Moore will be unable to attend Council meetings within the required 6 month period since his last attendance at Plans Committee on 22nd June 2006.

E. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Council considered the report concerning Appointments to Outside Bodies, agenda item 5.5.

Proposed by Councillor Vincent and seconded by Councillor Bryant that appointments be made to Outside Bodies as indicated on page 29 and 30 of the Council Agenda and that the vacancies listed be filled by Cabinet at its meeting on 12th October 2006.

RESOLVED that appointments be made to Outside Bodies as indicated on page 29 and 30 of the Council Agenda and that the vacancies listed be filled by Cabinet at its meeting on 12th October 2006.

F. Appointments to Committees

Council considered the report concerning Appointments to Committees, agenda item 5.6.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. Hunt and seconded by Councillor Newton that Councillor Blanchard be appointed to Investigation and Review Scrutiny

Committee to replace Councillor Rogers, and that Councillor Stork be appointed to Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Blanchard.

RESOLVED that Councillor Blanchard be appointed to Investigation and Review Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Rogers, and that Councillor Stork be appointed to Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee to replace Councillor Blanchard.

40. REFERENCE UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 2(G)

A. Question under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Rent Collection Services

Council considered Minute 64.4 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning Question under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Rent Collection Services, agenda item 6.1.

Proposed by Councillor Newton and seconded by Councillor Vincent that the Council notes Cabinet minute 64.4, referred to in item 6.1 on the agenda, relating to Questions under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Rent Collection Services.

Issues raised concerning Rent Collection Services related to proposals for tackling rent arrears and the use of the swipe card payment system.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 64.4, referred to in item 6.1 on the agenda, relating to Questions under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Rent Collection Services.

B. Question under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Concessionary Travel

Council considered Minute 64.5 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning Question under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Concessionary Travel, agenda item 6.2.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. Hunt and seconded by Councillor Newton that the Council notes Cabinet minute 64.5, referred to in item 6.2 on the agenda, relating to Questions under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Concessionary Travel.

Issues raised concerning Concessionary Travel related to role of the County Council, County Council proposals and whether the proposed scheme was affordable for the District Councils.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Snartt and seconded by Councillor Hampson to add the words “and that Council has no confidence in the Leader as a result”.

Reasons given for supporting the amendment to the motion were that the Council had not fully engaged with the County Council and by not accepting the proposal was delaying implementation.

Reasons given for opposing the amendment to the motion were that insufficient information was available to enable the full costs to be assessed and that the Council was committed to continued negotiation.

In pursuance of Council Procedure Rule 15(iv), Councillors Snartt and Hampson requested that the names for and against the amendment or abstaining from voting be recorded.

The amendment was defeated, the voting being as follows:

For the amendment – Councillors Allen, Bentley, Brown, Bush, Campbell, Fryer, Hampson, Harley, Houseman, J.M. Hunt, K. Jones, A.M. Kershaw, Lewis, Noon, Page, Preston, Shepherd, Slater and Snartt.

Against the amendment – Councillors Akroyd, Anthony, Bava, Blanchard, Bryant, Cowles, Edwards, Feeney, Flavell, Gay, Gough, Green, Harris, M.J. Hunt, M.T. Jones, R. Kershaw, MacLeod, Muldoon, Newton, Rodgers, Sharpe, Stork, Sutherland, Tormey, Vincent and Williams.

Abstaining on the amendment – Councillor Pacey.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 64.5, referred to in item 6.2 on the agenda, relating to Questions under Council Procedure Rule 28 – Concessionary Travel.

C. Environmental Enforcement

Council considered Minute 65 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning Environmental Enforcement, agenda item 6.3.

Proposed by Councillor Gough and seconded by Councillor Vincent that the Council notes Cabinet minute 65, referred to in item 6.3 on the agenda, relating to Environmental Enforcement.

Issues raised concerning Environmental Enforcement related to the timetable for the campaign and enforcement, implementation of the scheme in parts of the Borough and the importance of the scheme to quality of life.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 65, referred to in item 6.3 on the agenda, relating to Environmental Enforcement.

D. Response to Scrutiny – Refuse Collection and Recycling

Council considered Minute 66 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning Response to Scrutiny – Refuse Collection and Recycling, agenda item 6.4.

Proposed by Councillor Gough and seconded by Councillor M.J. Hunt that the Council notes Cabinet minute 66, referred to in item 6.4 on the agenda, relating to Response to Scrutiny – Refuse Collection and Recycling.

Issues raised concerning Refuse Collection and Recycling and the response to Scrutiny related to completion of the Customer Relationship Management System, project management, the Customer Satisfaction Survey, the costs and savings of the scheme and the role of Parish Councils and the Contractor.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 66, referred to in item 6.4 on the agenda, relating to Response to Scrutiny – Refuse Collection and Recycling.

E. South Charnwood Leisure Options

Council considered Minute 67 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning South Charnwood Leisure Options, agenda item 6.5.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. Hunt and seconded by Councillor Newton that the Council notes Cabinet minute 67, referred to in item 6.5 on the agenda, relating to South Charnwood Leisure Options.

Issues raised concerning South Charnwood Leisure Options related to the importance of the facility to the area, arrangements with neighbouring Councils concerning Leisure provision to the area and the quality of the current facilities.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 67, referred to in item 6.5 on the agenda, relating to South Charnwood Leisure Options.

F. Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks

Council considered Minute 78 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks, agenda item 6.6.

Proposed by Councillor M.J. Hunt and seconded by Councillor Newton that the Council notes Cabinet minute 78, referred to in item 6.6 on the agenda, relating to Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks.

Issues raised concerning Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste

Development Frameworks related to consultation arrangements, the selection of potential sites and whether such sites were appropriate, the impact on the area in terms of traffic, noise and pollution and the need for all Councillors to be engaged with the proposals.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 78, referred to in item 6.6 on the agenda, relating to Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks.

G. Further Part 2 Minutes – Medium Term Financial Strategy

Council considered Minute 71 of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st September 2006 concerning Medium Term Financial Strategy, agenda item 6.7a (supplementary papers).

Proposed by Councillor Sharpe and seconded by Councillor Bryant that the Council notes Cabinet minute 71 referred to in item 6.7a on the supplementary agenda, relating to Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Issues raised concerning the Medium Term Financial Strategy related to the linkage with the Corporate Plan and the strategy for the use of reserves.

RESOLVED that the Council notes Cabinet minute 71 referred to in item 6.7a on the supplementary agenda, relating to Medium Term Financial Strategy.

41. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

A. Cleaner Greener Charnwood – Street Management

Council considered the Motion on Notice relating to Cleaner Greener Charnwood – Street Management, agenda item 7.1 (supplementary papers).

Proposed by Councillor Snartt and seconded by Councillor Houseman that the administration conducts an urgent review of the fitness for purpose of the street management team structure and in particular, seeks to achieve a wider distribution of wardens thereby meeting the "cleaner greener" challenge right across Charnwood, including our villages.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.4, the following motion be considered by Cabinet: "that administration conducts an urgent review of the fitness for purpose of the street management team structure and in particular, seeks to achieve a wider distribution of wardens thereby meeting the "cleaner greener" challenge right across Charnwood, including our villages".

B. Concessionary Travel Scheme

Council considered the Motion on Notice relating to Concessionary Travel Scheme, agenda item 7.2 (supplementary papers).

Proposed by Councillor Snartt and seconded by Councillor Shepherd that having regard to the need to deliver a county wide Concessionary Travel Scheme, particularly to some of the most vulnerable residents within Charnwood living close to Leicester and the boundaries of the Borough such as at Anstey, Syston and Thurmaston, the administration seeks to engage in partnership working with the County Council and learns from what has already been achieved by five other Borough and District Councils within the County.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.4, the following motion be considered by Cabinet: “that having regard to the need to deliver a county wide Concessionary Travel Scheme, particularly to some of the most vulnerable residents within Charnwood living close to Leicester and the boundaries of the Borough such as at Anstey, Syston and Thurmaston, the administration seeks to engage in partnership working with the County Council and learns from what has already been achieved by five other Borough and District Councils within the County”.

42. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- (i) “I would like to announce the Annual Remembrance Day Service and Parade which will take place in Queen's Park, Loughborough on Sunday, 12th November. The service will commence at 10.45 am and Members and their guests wishing to accompany me are invited to assemble in the Queen's Lounge at John Storer House no later than 10.30 am”.
- (ii) “I would also like to announce that the next meeting of the Council, on 20th November, will be held at Stonehill High School in Birstall”.

43. PETITIONS

The Mayor advised Council that no Petitions had been received.

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