

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on
Thursday, 13 May 2010 at 6.30 pm in the
Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn**

PRESENT:

The Mayor, Councillor M Pitcher

Councillors, Mrs L Bambridge, A Beales, M Chenery of Horsbrugh,
Mrs Z Christopher, Mrs S A Clery-Fox, D Collis, C Crofts, G R Daniell,
N J Daubney, W Daws, A J Dobson, I Goodson, I Gourlay, R W Groom, D Harwood,
H A S Humphrey, J C Johns, D M Johnson, R Johnston, P Lagoda, M C Langwade,
J Law, A Lawrence, J R Legg, B W C Long, A M Lovett, I Mack, T C Manley,
F Moreau, A Morrison, Mrs J Murphy, Mrs E A Nockolds, M J Peake, D J Pope,
C Sampson, G J Sandell, R Searle, M A Shorting, Mrs V M Spikings, M S Storey,
A M J Tyler, N J C Ullswater, C L Walters, Mrs E Watson, A M White,
Mrs M Wilkinson and T de Winton.

Honorary Aldermen J Ansell, P Brandon,
J B Howling, Lord Leicester, P R Richards, Mrs C P Sharp,
Wing Cdr V A Stapley and L V Wilkinson.

Apologies for absence were received from
Councillors P R Burall, G Hipperson, J Loveless, Mrs K Mellish, Mrs J Mickleburgh,
R Payn, Mrs C Rye, D Rye, Mrs S Smeaton, H C Symington and J M Tilbury.

and Honorary Aldermen Sir Jeremy Bagge, E G Benefer, A F Burch, Mrs B A Burch,
E R M Pratt, B A Seaman and I Stockwell.

C1: PRAYERS

Prayers were led by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Most Reverend Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh.

C2: HONORARY ALDERMAN ROY SPENCER

The Council stood for a moments silence in as a mark of respect to the Late Honorary Alderman Roy Spencer who sadly had passed away during the week.

C3: STATEMENT MADE BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor made the following statement to the Council and its guests:
"As this municipal year draws to a close and the new one begins we will face new challenges. However, over the past two and a half years this Council has faced the threat of local government reorganisation against the will of the people.

This Council took a united stand against this imposition. Here in West Norfolk we believe in democracy and local opinion. Our officers

worked hard in preparing our opposition to unitary solution for Norfolk as proposed by the then government. I would like to mention those officers without whom we would not have succeeded: our Chief Executive - Ray Harding, Executive Director - Debbie Gates, Policy and Performance Manager - Ian Burbidge, Legal Services Manager - Nicola Leader, Policy and Performance Manager - Vanessa Dunmall and Communications Manager, Sharon Burbidge.

All Members of this Chamber were united in this cause along with the numerous Parish Councils and the Business and Voluntary Sectors and our local Members of Parliament. Finally, for spearheading this campaign within our borough and other districts across Norfolk we should show our appreciation to the Leader of this Council, Cllr Nick Daubney.”

The Council unanimously agreed with the statement.

C4: **ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2010/11**

It was proposed by Councillor N J Daubney, and seconded by Councillor B Long that Councillor Mrs Zipha Christopher be elected to the office of Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Zipha Christopher be elected to the office of Mayor and Chair of the Council for 2010/11.

Councillor Mrs Christopher took the Chair, read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and then, in addressing Members, thanked them for her election and informed the Council that Councillor Michael Chenery of Horsburgh, would be both her Consort and the Mayor’s Chaplain for the year.

The Mayor also informed the Council that she would continue to appoint Mayor’s Cadets: Cadet Helena Ferreira - T.S. Vancouver, Lance Cpl. Lauren Nurse - Army Cadets and Cpl. Sam Hoare - 42 (F) A.T.C.

The Mayor’s Charity for the year would be West Norfolk Young Carers.

C5: **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2010/11**

It was proposed by Councillor I Mack and seconded by Councillor D Collis that Councillor T Manley be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Trevor Manley be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor and Vice-Chair of the Council for 2010/11.

Councillor Manley read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, and informed the Council that his wife, Mrs Coral Manley would be his Deputy Mayoress.

C6: **IMMEDIATE AND PAST MAYOR AND CONSORT**

It was proposed by Councillor Daubney and seconded by Councillor Long that a vote of thanks be made to the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy and Deputy Mayoress.

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its sincere appreciation for the work undertaken by Councillor Michael Pitcher and his Mayoress, Gillian Pitcher, during his period in office as Mayor of the Borough and by Deputy Mayor Colin Sampson and his Deputy Mayoress, Susan Sampson during his period of office as Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor then presented gifts to Councillor Pitcher and Mrs Pitcher, and to Councillor Sampson and Mrs Sampson.

C7: **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

RESOLVED: That Councillor N J Daubney be appointed Chair of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the Membership of the Cabinet as follows be noted:

- B Long – Deputy Leader and Environment
- A Beales – Community
- V Spikings - Development
- R Johnston – Performance
- J Law - Regeneration
- G Howard – Special Projects
- E Nockolds – Sports Arts and Open Spaces

C8: **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS ON THE FOLLOWING BODIES AND PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS**

RESOLVED: 1) That the proportional allocation of seats with regard to Council Bodies in the Constitution be agreed in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended by subsequent legislation), and in accordance with Section 16 of that Act.

2) That Members be appointed to the proportional Council Bodies as follows:

i) **APPOINTMENTS BOARD**
(9 Members - 7 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Lib Dem)

N Daubney (C), K Mellish (C), A Lawrence (C), B Long (C),
I Mack (LD), A Morrison(C), M Pitcher (C), R Searle(C), A Tyler (L),

ii) **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BOARD**

(18 members - 16 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Lib Dem)

D Collis (L), C Crofts (C), W Daws (C), R W Groom (C), D Johnson (C), B Long (C), J Loveless (LD), T Manley (C), J Mickleburgh (C), A Morrison (C), M Peake (C), M Pitcher (C), G Sandell (C), V Spikings (C), M Storey (C), H Symington (C), G Wareham (C), A White (C)

iii) **COMMUNITY & CULTURE PANEL**

(9 Members – 8 Con, 1 Lib Dem)

L Bambridge (C), A Clery-Fox (LD), G Daniell (C), W Daws (C), H Humphrey (C), A Lovett (C), J Murphy (C), S Smeaton (C), C Walters (C)

iv) **REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT PANEL**

(9 Members – 8 Con, 1 Lab)

M Chenery of Horsbrugh (C), D Collis (L), J Johns (C), M Langwade (C), M Pitcher (C), C Sampson (C), R Searle (C), M Shorting (C), E Watson (C)

v) **RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE PANEL**

(9 Members – 8 Con, 1 Lib Dem)

P Burall (LD), A J Dobson (C), A Lawrence (C), J Legg (C), K Mellish (C), A Morrison (C), D Pope (C), N Ullswater (C), T de Winton (C).

vi) **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

(5 Cllrs: 4 Con, 1 Lab, 3 Parish, 3 Ind persons)

I Goodson (C), D Harwood (C), J Legg (C), A Tyler (L), C Walters (C), Mr M Sale (Independent Member), Mr J Dawson (Parish Member), Mr H Malik (Parish Member), Mr R Steward (Independent Member), Mr G Brierley - (Independent Member), Mr D Shepperson - (Parish Member)

3) That Members be appointed to serve on the following bodies, the political balance having been agreed by Council with a nem con vote:

i) **CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(9 Members – 4 Con, 2 Lab, 2 Lib Dem, 1 Ind)

P Burall (LD), C Crofts (C), I Gourlay (L), I Mack (LD), M Pitcher (C), D Pope (C), G Sandell (C), J M Tilbury (I), A Tyler (L)

ii) **SCRUTINY LIAISON COMMITTEE**

(4 Members: Chairs of Panels and Cabinet Scrutiny Committee)

iii) **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

(Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act)

(15 Members -12 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Lib Dem, 1 Ind)

A Clery-Fox (LD), C Crofts (C), I Goodson (C), I Gourlay (L), R Groom (C), M Langwade (C), J Legg (C), A Lovett (C), T Manley (C), M Pitcher (C), C Sampson (C), G Sandell (C), S Smeaton (C), J M Tilbury (I), A White (C)

iv) **LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD**

(All other Licensing and Appeals matters)

(15 Members - 12 Con, 1 Lab, 1 Lib Dem, 1 Ind)

C Crofts (C), I Goodson (C), I Gourlay (L), R W Groom (C), M Langwade (C), J Legg (C), J Loveless (LD), A Lovett (C), T Manley (C), M Pitcher (C), C Sampson (C), G Sandell (C), S Smeaton(C), J M Tilbury (I), A White (C)

C9: **ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2010/2011**

RESOLVED: That Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council Bodies be elected for 2010/11 as follows:

i) **APPOINTMENTS BOARD**

Chairman – N Daubney (C)

Vice-Chairman – B Long (C)

ii) **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BOARD**

Chairman – V Spikings (C)

Vice-Chairman – M Peake (C)

iii) **REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT PANEL**

Chairman – M Shorting (C)

Vice-Chairman – E Watson (C)

iv) **CULTURE AND COMMUNITY PANEL**

Chairman – A Lovett (C)

Vice-Chairman – L Bambridge (C)

v) **RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

Chairman – J Legg (C)

Vice-Chairman – D Pope (C)

vi) **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Chairman – Independent Member – Mr M Sale

Vice-Chairman – J Legg (C)

vii) **LICENSING COMMITTEE AND LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD**

Chairman – R Groom (C)

Vice-Chairman – G Sandell (C)

viii) **CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be formally appointed at the first meeting of the Committee.

C10: **PROPORTIONALITY OF TASK GROUPS**

RESOLVED: That the formula for the composition of Task Groups with 9 members be: 7 (Con):1(Lab) : 1(Lib Dem), and for Task Groups with 6 members: 4 (Con) : 1 (Lab) : 1(Lib Dem).

C11: **MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED: That any Members previously appointed to an outside body continue to serve until the 24 June 2010 Council meeting unless appointed by Cabinet on 17 June 2010.

The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm