



SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2006

REPORTS AND MINUTES

South Cambridgeshire Hall
Cambourne Business Park
Cambourne, Cambridge
CB23 6ES

If the press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that exempt information is to be considered, it will be necessary to pass the following resolution: "That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph (quoting relevant paragraph) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act."

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TO: The Chairman and Members of the
South Cambridgeshire District Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR** at **2.00 P.M.** on

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2006

and I am, therefore to summon you to attend accordingly for the transaction of the business specified below.

DATED WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2006

GJ HARLOCK
Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies have been received from Councillors Mrs PS Corney and Mrs DSK Spink.

2. **MINUTES**
To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 28 September 2006 as correct records.

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3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER - THE ABINGTONS WARD BY-ELECTION**
To advise of the outcome of the by-election for The Abingtons Ward held on Thursday 19 October 2006.

6. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS AND THE PUBLIC**

- 6 (a) **From Councillor Dr SEK van de Ven to the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder**
In view of the themes emerging from the excellent 'Sustainable Community Strategy Workshop' held earlier this month, will the new Community Strategy be wide-ranging and aspirational, or will it focus on what is realistically achievable for South Cambs residents, given the Council's severe shortage of funds?

- 6 (b) **From Councillor SGM Kindersley to the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder**
What steps are being taken to minimise the impact of a major increase in householder planning applications for domestic wind turbines given that they are now

available from companies such as B&Q for £1498 inclusive? As they require planning consent is there any developing policy to fastrack the applications and/or reduce the planning application fee to encourage sustainability?

7. PETITIONS

To note all petitions received since the last Council meeting.

8. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

8 (a) ARBURY CAMPS: Section 106 Agreement

Cabinet, having considered that there was not any urgency to make the payments and preferring that a formal legal agreement be drafted between the two authorities, **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that a decision be **DEFERRED** until after such time as Anglian Water adopted the drain.

8 (b) Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy 2006-2009 (Cabinet 10 October 2006)

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that:

- (a) the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy 2006-2009 be adopted; and
- (b) authority be delegated to the Resources, Staffing, Information & Customer Services Portfolio Holder and Chief Executive for approval of any subsequent changes.

Cabinet requested that inconsistencies regarding staffing figures be investigated and the detailed financial background provided. This information is being prepared and will be circulated to Members in due course.

8 (c) Thatch and Thatching in South Cambridgeshire

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the document *Thatch and thatching in South Cambridgeshire* be adopted as Council policy.

8 (d) Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2011: Draft

Cabinet **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** approval of the posts previously approved in principle, with effect from 1 January 2007 where appropriate, otherwise from 1 April 2007.

9. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Councillor PT Johnson Council is requested to appoint a Member of the Conservative Group to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, to accord with the requirements of political balance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint a Member of the Conservative Group to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to accord with the requirements of political balance.

10. PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE 2007-2008 CIVIC YEAR

To determine the programme of Council meetings for 2007/08.

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11. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

(* indicates that the Minutes have already been confirmed as a correct record)

11 (a) Cabinet, 12 October 2006

(Pages 19 - 26)

11 (b) Licensing Committee (2003 Act) 10 August 2006 *

(Pages 27 - 32)

11 (c) Licensing Committee, 19 September 2006 *

(Pages 33 - 34)

11 (d) Planning Committee, 6 September 2006 *

(Pages 35 - 40)

11 (e) Audit Panel, 14 September 2006

(Pages 41 - 44)

11 (f) Scrutiny and Overview Committee, 21 September 2006

(Pages 45 - 52)

12. QUESTIONS ON JOINT MEETINGS

The draft minutes of the 11 September 2006 meeting of the South Cambridgeshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee were published in the [Councillors' Weekly Bulletin on 27 September 2006](#).

The draft minutes of the 18 September 2006 meeting of the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership were published in the [Councillors' Weekly Bulletin on 11 October 2006](#).

13. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

14. CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS

To note the Chairman's engagements since the last Council meeting:

Date	Venue / Event
27 September	Opening of Meldreth Community Room
1 October	High Sheriff's Justices Service, Ely Cathedral
6 October	Best Kept Gardens Award Ceremony, Scotsdales
7 October	Cambridgeshire Red Cross AGM and Awards Ceremony, Cambridge
13 October	Visit to SCDC Hall of representatives from Poggio Mirteto, Italy, twinned with Shelford. Organised by Cllr Nightingale
14 October	Service to commemorate the 90 th anniversary of the South Cambridgeshire Regiment's storming of the Schwaben Redoubt, Ely Cathedral
16 October	Opening of Nene Housing Society Southern Region Housing Office, Cambourne
17 October	Visit to East Cambridgeshire District Council

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