

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

At the annual meeting of the Council held on
Thursday, 26 May 2005 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs CAED Murfitt, RF Bryant, SJ Agnew, Dr DR Bard, RE Barrett, JD Batchelor, EW Bullman, BR Burling, NN Cathcart, JP Chatfield, Mrs PS Corney, Mrs J Dixon, Mrs SJO Doggett, SM Edwards, Mrs A Elsby, R Hall, Dr SA Harangozo, Mrs SA Hatton, Mrs JM Healey, Dr JA Heap, Mrs EM Heazell, JA Hockney, MP Howell, Mrs CA Hunt, HC Hurrell, Mrs HF Kember, SGM Kindersley, RMA Manning, RB Martlew, MJ Mason, DC McCraith, DH Morgan, Mrs JA Muncey, CR Nightingale, Dr JPR Orme, R Page, EJ Pateman, JA Quinlan, A Riley, Mrs DP Roberts, NJ Scarr, J Shepperson, Mrs GJ Smith, Mrs HM Smith, Mrs DSK Spink MBE, JH Stewart, RT Summerfield, Mrs VM Trueman, RJ Turner, Dr SEK van de Ven, Mrs BE Waters, DALG Wherrell, JF Williams, Dr JR Williamson, NIC Wright and SS Ziaian-Gillan

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor TJ Wotherspoon.

Presentation

The Chairman presented a cheque for £3,001 to his charity for the year, Cam-mind. It was accepted on their behalf by Mr Keith Evans. The Chairman confirmed that over the past two years, £7,000 had been collected and donated to Cam-mind and Arthur Rank House.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs DSK Spink, seconded by Councillor Dr JR Williamson, and there being no other nominations, Council

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs CAED Murfitt be elected Chairman of the Council for the coming year.

Councillor Mrs Murfitt accepted the office and signed the declaration of acceptance. She thanked Council for having faith in her and paid tribute to Councillor Bryant for his chairmanship and to Mrs Bryant for the support she had given him.

Councillor Bryant then gave a resume of some of the significant issues of his term of office, and offered thanks to the Chief Executive and Leader for their guidance, to Miss Leyshon, to his Vice-Chairman, to the staff and to Members for their support and good humour. Instead of accepting the customary portrait, he had given a sum equivalent to the cost to his charity.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

Councillor JH Stewart was proposed by Councillor MP Howell, seconded by Councillor Dr JPR Orme; Councillor RE Barrett was proposed by Councillor Dr DR Bard, seconded by Councillor EW Bullman. On a vote being taken, Council

RESOLVED that Councillor JH Stewart be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the coming year.

Councillor Stewart accepted the office, signing the declaration of acceptance, and thanked Members for the honour.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Local Development Framework meeting held on 9 May 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

LDF: Approval of Draft Documents for Publication for Pre-submission Participation (minute 3)

In bullet points in the first paragraph:

Public Examination to commence on 7th July 2006 and complete on 22nd October 2006.
The Inspector's report expected in mid February 2007

LDF Appendix B – Northstowe Area Action Plan (minute 3(b))

Tenth paragraph – the amendment to Policy NS/14 was proposed by Councillor Mrs HM Smith, not Dr JR Williamson.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor SM Edwards declared a personal interest in agenda item 8(b) because of acquaintance with a Nene Housing Society representative.

Councillor JA Quinlan declared a general interest as a Chartered Town Planner in practice.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman asked that she be addressed as 'Chairman'.

Cabinet would meet directly after Council.

The Chairman would continue the practice of eliciting a £5.00 fine from those Members whose mobile telephones were allowed to ring in any meeting during the 2005/06 year. These fines, and other monies collected through the year, would be donated to the Chairman's chosen charity for the da Vinci robotic system project at Addenbrooke's Hospital for research and the care of patients with prostate cancer.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

7. PETITIONS

Receipt of a petition calling for the retention of the resident "warden" for the Plantation Road Sheltered Housing Community, Sawston and the action being taken, was **NOTED**.

Councillor CR Nightingale referred to a problem with the fire alarm at sheltered housing in Great Shelford; this was referred to the Portfolio Holder and the relevant manager.

8. PARISH MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Concerns were expressed about the manner of the selection of the recommended parish members of the Standards Committee and Council

AGREED that a review of the selection procedure be referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and that consideration of the recommendation from the District Council members of the Standards Committee be deferred pending that review.

9. WINDMILL ESTATE, FULBOURN

The Housing Portfolio Holder expressed her thanks to all concerned with this project for their hard work. The project was now at the end of the first stage and the majority of residents were in favour of re-development of the estate. Councillor Mrs Heazell urged county councillors to lobby for support at the County Council.

Councillor NJ Scarr, as a local Member, commended the recommendations from Cabinet and Council unanimously **RESOLVED**

That once a redevelopment scheme for the Windmill estate has been approved and planning consent obtained, the properties held on a short term lease, together with any other Council properties that become vacant thereafter and any other land in the Council's ownership within the estate boundary (to be agreed), be disposed of to Nene Housing Society for redevelopment purposes subject to the following conditions:

- (i) that redevelopment will maximise the number of affordable homes to be provided with no more than 30% to be open market housing and,
- (ii) that the Council will only transfer the freehold interest in the land required for the open market dwellings at nil cost and,
- (iii) that the land on which any new affordable dwellings are provided (social rented and shared ownership units) will be leased under a 125 year term to Nene Housing Society at nil cost with the Council retaining the freehold interest. However, an option within the lease will enable Nene Housing Society to acquire the freehold interest at an independent open market valuation that reflects the use of the land ie for affordable housing and,
- (iv) that Nene Housing Society will meet any legal costs and home loss/disturbance payments incurred by the Council in respect of the Windmill estate in 2004/05 and future years and,
- (v) that a value for money scheme can be developed to enable appropriate funding from external sources to be secured,
- (vi) that any new affordable housing is tailored to meet identified housing needs as agreed by the Council,
- (vii) that the Council will be entitled to receive nomination rights of 100% of initial lets and 75% of subsequent lettings of all social rented units provided through refurbished and new build affordable housing on the sites and,
- (viii) that the Council will receive 100% nomination rights in perpetuity to any shared ownership and/or other intermediate tenures provided through refurbished and new build affordable housing on the sites and,
- (ix) that the Council will not seek to use compulsory purchase powers to facilitate the redevelopment and,
- (x) that as far as possible the wishes of all residents (tenants, owner-occupiers and leaseholders) should be accommodated without compromising the wishes of others on the Windmill Estate and,
- (xi) that Nene Housing Society will contribute towards the cost of any additional

staffing resources that may need to be identified within Shire Homes to manage the redevelopment scheme.

10. SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE'S SIX MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL

The Report for the six months to May 2005 was **NOTED**.

11. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

Councillor NJ Scarr having asked that setting up small groups on a party basis be avoided, Council unanimously

RESOLVED that current mixed arrangements for the allocation of seats on various constituent parts of the Council be maintained for 2005/06.

12. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR

Tributes were paid by the current and former Chairmen to Councillor Mrs DSK Spink, who was stepping down as Leader.

Councillor SGM Kindersley was proposed by Councillor RF Bryant, seconded by Councillor Mrs EM Heazell; Councillor Mrs DP Roberts was proposed by Councillor Mrs DSK Spink, seconded by Councillor MP Howell. On a vote being taken, Council

RESOLVED that Councillor SGM Kindersley be elected Leader of the Council for the coming year.

Councillor Kindersley paid tribute to Councillor Mrs Roberts and thanked Members for their support. He thanked Councillor Bryant and paid tribute to Councillor Mrs Spink; and expressed the hope that he could work with all for the benefit of the Council and that all Members would help the Cabinet achieve their best.

Councillor Mrs Roberts thanked Councillor Mrs Spink for her guidance and congratulated Councillor Kindersley, expressing confidence that they would work well together.

13. DETERMINATION OF THE SIZE OF THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET)

On the proposal of Councillor MP Howell, seconded by Councillor SGM Kindersley, Council

RESOLVED that for 2005/06 the Executive comprise 8 members (the Leader and 7 portfolio holders).

14. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEAR

The nominations put forward by the recognised groups were accepted and it was

RESOLVED that the following be appointed as members of the Executive for the coming year:

Councillor Dr DR Bard (Conservative)
Councillor JD Batchelor (Liberal Democrat)
Councillor Mrs JM Healey (Conservative)
Councillor Mrs EM Heazell (Liberal Democrat)

Councillor Mrs DP Roberts (Independent)
 Councillor Mrs DSK Spink (Conservative)
 Councillor RT Summerfield (Independent)

15. DETERMINATION OF THE SIZE OF THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Council unanimously

RESOLVED that the total membership of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee for 2005/06 be 16.

16. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

The nominations of the recognised groups were accepted, and Council

RESOLVED that the following members be appointed to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee for 2005/06:

Conservative Group	RE Barrett R Hall JA Hockney HC Hurrell DC McCraith DH Morgan
Liberal Democrat Group	AJ Agnew RB Martlew Mrs GJ Smith Mrs HM Smith Dr SEK van de Ven
Independent Group	RF Bryant MP Howell MJ Mason Mrs CAED Murfitt
Labour Group	NN Cathcart

17. DETERMINATION OF SIZE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Development and Conservation Control Committee

RESOLVED that for 2005/06, the Development and Conservation Control Committee comprise 35 members as follows:

Dr DR Bard	RE Barrett	JD Batchelor
RF Bryant	Mrs PS Corney	Mrs J Dixon
SM Edwards	Mrs A Elsby	R Hall
Mrs SA Hatton	Mrs JM Healey	Mrs EM Heazell
Mrs CA Hunt	HC Hurrell	SGM Kindersley
RB Martlew	DH Morgan	Mrs JA Muncey
Mrs CAED Murfitt	CR Nightingale	Dr JPR Orme
R Page	EJ Pateman	JA Quinlan
A Riley	Mrs DP Roberts	NJ Scarr
Mrs HM Smith	Mrs DSK Spink	JH Stewart
RJ Turner	JF Williams	Dr JR Williamson
NIC Wright	SS Ziaian-Gillan	

Licensing Committee and Licensing Committee (2003 Act)

It was noted that 14 trained members of the Committee remained and it was felt that this would be sufficient to cope with hearings in the immediate future. Council

RESOLVED that for 2005/06 the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Committee (2003 Act) comprise 14 members as follows:

RE Barrett	EW Bullman	Mrs A Elsby
R Hall	Mrs SA Hatton	Mrs HM Kember
Mrs JA Muncey	Mrs CAED Murfitt	Dr JPR Orme
A Riley	NJ Scarr	J Shepperson
DALG Wherrell	Dr JR Williamson	

and that Councillors DC McCraith, Mrs DSK Spink (first reserve) and SS Ziaian-Gillan be reserves for the Committee and be provided with training.

Employment Committee

RESOLVED that for 2005/06 the Employment Committee comprise 8 members as follows plus the Resources and Staffing Portfolio Holder:

RE Barrett	Mrs SJO Doggett	SM Edwards
Mrs SA Hatton	Dr JA Heap	MP Howell
Mrs GJ Smith	Mrs VM Trueman	

Electoral Arrangements Committee

RESOLVED that for 2005/06 the Electoral Arrangements Committee comprise 8 members as follows:

EW Bullman	Mrs SJO Doggett	Mrs SA Hatton
MJ Mason	Mrs HM Smith	RT Summerfield
Mrs VM Trueman	Mrs BE Waters	

Standards Committee

To fill the one vacancy, Council

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs VM Trueman be appointed to the Standards Committee for a four year term.

Constitution Review Working Party

RESOLVED that for 2005/06 the Constitution Review Working Party comprise:

Leader of the Council	
Deputy Leader	
Chairman of the Council	
Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee	
Dr DR Bard	Conservative
Mrs EM Heazell	Liberal Democrat
RF Bryant	Independent
NN Cathcart	Labour

18. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED that, subject to a Cabinet decision on whether the Conference should be attended, Councillor RB Martlew be appointed from Council generally to attend the LGA Annual Conference.

19. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE AND JOINT BODIES

RESOLVED to make the following appointments to outside bodies:

Addenbrooke's NHS Trust/LA Working Party	Mrs EM Heazell MP Howell CR Nightingale
Age Concern	Mrs HF Kember
Archives Advisory Group	Mrs GJ Smith
Arts in Cambridgeshire on Tour (ACT)	Mrs GJ Smith
Bassingbourn Village College Centre Management Committee	NN Cathcart
Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee	Mrs CA Hunt
Cambridge Airport Relocation Study Member Reference Group	JF Williams
Cambridge Arts Theatre	Mrs JA Muncey
Cambridge Bus Development Board	JD Batchelor Mrs SA Hatton Mrs BE Waters
Cambridge Citizens' Advice Bureau	RB Martlew
Cambridge and County Folk Museum	SJ Agnew
Cambridge East Member Reference Group	Mrs SJO Doggett Mrs CA Hunt Mrs HM Smith (sub) RJ Turner
Cambridge Film Consortium	JA Hockney
Cambridge Marriage Guidance Council (Relate)	Mrs VM Trueman
Cambridge Southern Fringe Member Reference Group	Mrs EM Heazell Mrs HF Kember CR Nightingale Dr JPR Orme
Cambridge Women and Homelessness Group	Mrs EM Heazell Dr SEK van de Ven (sub) CR Nightingale
Cambridgeshire Association of Youth Clubs (CAYC)	RE Barrett
Cambridgeshire County Council Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee	
Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Advisory Council	R Hall
Comberton Village College Governing Body sub-committee	SA Harangozo
County Council Rail Policy (Service Advisory) Group	JD Batchelor
County Museums Advisory Committee	DC McCraith
Cross Border Arts	SA Harangozo
Duxford Airfield Management Liaison Committee	JA Quinlan
Eastern Orchestral Board	JA Quinlan
Emmaus Cambridge Community	Mrs HM Smith
Farmland Museum Trustees	JA Hockney
Friends of Milton Country Park	Mrs JA Muncey

Linton Community Sport Centre, Linton Village College	Mrs GJ Smith
Magog Trust	CR Nightingale
Melbourn Community Sports Ltd	Mrs CAED Murfitt
	DALG Wherrell
Mepal Outdoor Centre	SM Edwards
National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection	Dr JR Williamson
Needingworth Quarry Liaison Committee	BR Burling
North Herts Citizens' Advice Bureau	DC McCraith
	Dr SEK van de Ven
Old West Internal Drainage Board	MJ Mason
	J Shepperson
Over and Willingham Internal Drainage Board	RMA Manning
Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	MP Howell
River Cam Conservators	Mrs HM Smith
Sawston Village College Sports Users' Committee	Dr DR Bard
	Mrs SA Hatton
	HC Hurrell
	Mrs HF Kember
	CR Nightingale
	SS Ziaian-Gillan
SOFA (Shifting Offered Furniture Around)	Mrs HF Kember
South Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust	Dr JR Williamson
Swaffham Internal Drainage Board	MJ Mason
Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee	EW Bullman
	J Shepperson
Swavesey Internal Drainage Board	BR Burling
	J Shepperson
The Junction/Cambridge Drama Centre	JA Hockney
Waterbeach Level Internal Drainage Board	MJ Mason
	Dr JR Williamson
South Cambs Magazine Editorial Panel	Mrs CAED Murfitt
	Dr SEK van de Ven

No volunteer was forthcoming for the Cottenham Village College Sports Centre Management Group.

The Council's substitute on the Cambridgeshire County Council Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee was referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Representation on the following was deleted:

Bottisham Village College Liaison Group
Kettles Yard
The Junction – second representative

20. REPORTS OF MEETINGS

The Minutes of the following meetings were **RECEIVED**, subject to matters considered at Minutes 20(a) to 20(c) below:

Cabinet	28 April 2005
Cabinet	12 May 2005
Development and Conservation Control Committee	2 March 2005

Development and Conservation Control Committee	6 April 2005
Scrutiny and Overview Committee	17 March 2005
Scrutiny and Overview Committee	21 April 2005

Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 19 April 2005 were withdrawn for referral to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

20 (a) Cabinet 28 April 2005

Strategic Implications of Possible Planning Enforcement Action at Traveller Sites
(minute 7)

In response to Councillor SM Edwards, the Chief Executive explained that Cabinet had authority to agree a policy of taking injunctive action, but that deciding on action on any specific site was a Development and Conservation Control Committee function. The Leader added that this decision did not exclude other action. It was further confirmed that that was not a change of policy but a supplemental form of action available to the Council, and that the policy needed to be kept under constant review.

The Leader indicated that he was happy for the Council's solicitors to meet the local councillors if they wished, to explain details of the additional alternative approach.

20 (b) Cabinet 12 May 2005

Windmill Estate, Fulbourn (minute 3)

In relation to his quoted comments, Councillor NJ Scarr asked to make it clear that he had never seen himself as persuading people to change their minds on their future housing. Any change of view must be on the merit of the case.

20 (c) Development and Conservation Control Committee 6 April 2005

S/1663/04/F – Boxworth and Conington (minute 3)

Councillor MP Howell, on behalf of the local Members, reported that they were extremely happy with the decision and asked that their appreciation of Mr Rush keeping them informed and giving full explanations, should be recorded.

It was noted that the Council's acceptance of wind energy in the right place had been explicitly stated at the Committee meeting.

Councillor Mrs EM Heazell reported that she had registered that she would not vote as she had not attended the site visit.

In relation to this comment, the Chief Executive stated that there were sometimes problems with the voting system when units were disconnected, but that it had been checked and found working prior to 6 April. The system would be checked regularly.

21. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS ON JOINT MEETINGS

No questions received.

22. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Mrs GJ Smith reported that Arts in Cambridgeshire on Tour (ACT) had moved office and were now sharing accommodation at Sawston Village College.

23. CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Chairman's engagements since the last Council meeting were **NOTED**.

The Meeting ended at 4.25 p.m.
