

## COUNCIL

**Wednesday, 8th February, 2006**

Councillor T.R. Chandran (Mayor)

Councillors:

P.G. Barnes	S.J. Barnes
D.N. Beeston	A.S. Bexon
P.M. Blandamer	F.J.D. Boot
V.H. Bradley	A.A. Clarke
G.V. Clarke	W.J. Clarke
J.M. Cole	S.M. Creamer
R.T. Day	A.M. Dunkin (a)
M.S. Dunkin	P. Feeney
A.J. Gillam	J.F. Glass
W.H. Golland	I.S. Gollop
R.J. Goodwin	W.T. Grainger
G.J. Griffiths	R.G. Kempster
S.M. Lane	C.M. Lockett
H. Maddock	J.J. McCauley
V. McCrossen	G.L. Millar
R.J. Nicholson	J.M. Parr
W.A. Peet	V.C. Pepper (a)
R.A. Poynter	C.N.F.W. Pratt
C. Preston	S.J. Prew-Smith
D.E. Pulk	D.A. Pycroft
S.J. Ragsdale	A. Rigby
R.F. Spencer	J.J. Spencer
M.S. Spencer	J.O. Tanner
G.G. Tunncliffe	J.A. Woodward
M.A. Wright	

### **43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.S Dunkin and Pepper.

### **44 DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME**

Councillor Parr presented a cheque in the sum of £1,000 to representatives of the Gedling Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

**45 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2005.**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor with the addition of Councillor Lane to the apologies for absence received for the 14 December meeting.

**46 TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.9 (1)(A) ON ANY MATTER IN RELATION TO WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS POWERS OR DUTIES.**

i. Question received in the name of Councillor R.F. Spencer to the Leader of the Council: -

“With the uncertainty that is surrounding the future of Local Government, will the Leader of the Council assure Members that he will endeavour to relay to them all relevant information that he receives?”

i. Councillor Gollop replied in the following terms:-

“It is difficult to make sense of all the information that is being produced from a number of sources regarding any proposed Local Government re-organisation, and it is my intention to arrange Member seminars to ensure that all Councillors are kept fully informed.

The Municipal Journal and the Local Government Chronicle are available in the Members room, together with Newspapers that circulate in all parts of the country.

Councillor Spencer will be aware as I am of the progress any re-organisation but I will keep members informed of the position.”

ii. Question received in the name of Councillor W.T. Grainger to Councillor P. Feeney, Portfolio Holder for Development & Economic Regeneration: -

"1. At the January meeting of the Regional Assembly, a 15 year programme of major roadwork's was debated. Funding for this programme is to be by Government Funding.

2. Currently, the only scheme given approval is for the A612 Gedling Integrated Transport Scheme with an estimated cost of 7.5m

3. In view of the problems that this may cause to our Constituents, during the construction period, I would ask Councillor Feeney: -

- a) to report on the present state of preparation of this scheme
- b) to, subsequently, report regularly to Council on progress and timing.
- c) to report in respect of the Gedling Relief Road scheme and its relationship with the Integrated Transport Scheme and the development planned for the Gedling Colliery Site.”

ii. Councillor Feeney replied in the following terms:-

Answer to Question A

“The scheme’s statutory procedures are complete and Government has agreed to its funding. Although the main contract has not been signed some advance site clearance works started this week to ensure that the necessary trees and hedgerows are removed outside the bird nesting season. This work is expected to take three weeks in which time the main contract will be signed. The Contractor will also use this time to establish the site compound. Construction works will commence in earnest early March with earthworks. This will extend into early summer with bridge building over the Newark to Lincoln railway line.

Those closest to the works, at Burton Road and New Work’s Cottages, have already been sent letters advising them of the above,

For the next few weeks disturbance to local residents will be minimal. Impacts on travellers will be minimal until work starts on the new road junctions at Burton Road and the Colwick Loop Road. However, these works are not programmed for sometime. Advance warning will be given as and when appropriate. Obviously, the County Council and Contractor will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum for local residents and travellers where feasible and practicable.

Nottinghamshire County Council are currently in the process of developing a communication plan which sets out how and when they will engage stakeholders and the public on the project. This will involve public meetings, letter/leaflet drops, use of the internet and radio and press articles. We have requested that a copy of this Plan be sent to the Borough Council and will be made available.

Question B

Nottinghamshire County Council are happy to provide updates as required and these will be reported.

#### Question C

The scheme commences on the A612 Nottingham Road with a new traffic light controlled T-junction adjoining Whitworth Drive. This junction has been designed to accommodate the proposed Gedling Access Road, which will link Burton Road with the B684 Mapperley Plains Road. The junction is orientated so that the existing A612 Burton Road to the west forms a side road. Vehicular access along the bypassed section of the existing A612 will be restricted to buses and cyclists by a 'bus plug'."

#### **47 TO CONSIDER AND IF APPROVED, ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES: -**

##### **PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES 30 JANUARY 2006**

A proposition was moved by Councillor Boot and seconded by Councillor R.F. Spencer that the recommendations contained in minute 43 (Membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel) be adopted.

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:-

1.To appoint Mr John Flowers and Mr Paul Mullins as additional members of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel for a term of 4 years until 2010.

2.To re-appoint Pam Wisher to the Remuneration Panel for a term of 3 years until 2009.

#### **48 PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATORS 2006/7 TO 2008/9**

Consideration was given to a copy of a report of the Head of Finance that sought formal approval of the Prudential Indicators for Gedling Borough Council for the financial years 2006/07 to 2008/09.

It was moved by Councillor R.F. Spencer and seconded by Councillor Gollop, that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same

carried and it was: -

RESOLVED:

To approve the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2006/07 to 2008/09 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which have been set with due reference to CIPFA's Prudential Code, under the Local Government Act 2003.

**49 BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS, AND OPEN SPACES**

The Head of Leisure Services submitted a report that updated Council on the progress made in extending the Byelaws applicable to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces further to the report to Council dated 11 June 2004 and to obtain approval for a further extension.

It was moved by Councillor Golland and seconded by Councillor Gollop, that consideration of the report be deferred to the next meeting.

The Mayor put the proposition to the meeting and declared the same carried and it was: -

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the report to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm