COUNCIL

Wednesday, 15th March, 2006

Councillor T.R. Chandran (Mayor)

P.G. Barnes (a) D.N. Beeston P.M. Blandamer V.H. Bradley G.V. Clarke J.M. Cole R.T. Day M.S. Dunkin A.J. Gillam I.S. Gollop R.J. Goodwin G.J. Griffiths (a) S.M. Lane H. Maddock V. McCrossen R.J. Nicholson W.A. Peet R.A. Poynter C. Preston (a) D.E. Pulk (a) S.J. Ragsdale J.J. Spencer R.F. Spencer G.G. Tunnicliffe M.A. Wright

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53 PETITION

Councillor Peet, on behalf of the Calverton Preservation and History Society presented a petition comprising some 600 names to the Mayor, in respect of the loss of Green Belt land in Calverton Village.

The Mayor received the petition on behalf of the Borough Council.

54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.G. Barnes, S.J. Barnes, Dunkin, Griffiths, Prew-Smith, Pulk and Woodward.

55 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2006.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

56 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel with regard to the level of members' allowances to be paid with effect from 1 April 2006.

A proposition was moved by Councillor Gollop and seconded by Council R.F. Spencer that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

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

RESOLVED:

i. That Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances and Co-optees' Allowance be increased by 2.95% (rounded) from 1 April 2006.

ii. That an amendment be made to the Scheme of Allowances to allow for a Special Responsibility Allowance of £500 per annum to be paid to members of the Licensing Act Committee for the year 2005/06, backdated to 1 April 2005 and that from the year 1 April 2006, the Special Responsibility Allowance for these members be £250 per annum.

iii. That the Members Allowance scheme otherwise remain unchanged.

57 BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND OPEN SPACES

Consideration was given to 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.

A proposition was moved by Councillor Golland and seconded by Councillor Nicholson that the recommendations contained in the report be approved.

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

RESOLVED:

i. That the proposed byelaws are necessary in the local context

ii. That the application for byelaws is reasonable and that other means of addressing the situation at which byelaws are directed are inappropriate or insufficient

iii. To formally make the Byelaws and authorise the solicitor to seal and date the Byelaws on behalf of the Council;

iv. That the byelaws be advertised in accordance with the recommendations of ODPM and then after the period of deposit be sent to the Secretary of State, with a copy of any objections received, for confirmation.

v. Not to make byelaws in relation to the control of dogs, prohibiting dogs and the removal of canine faeces and to await the coming into force of Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2005 and then to make dog control orders in relation to all open spaces of the Authority.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm