

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 21st April, 2010

Councillor S.J. Prew-Smith (Mayor)

Councillors:	P.A. Andrews	P.G. Barnes
	S.J. Barnes	C.P. Barnfather
	A.G. Barton	D.N. Beeston
	A.S. Bexon	P.M. Blandamer
	F.J.D. Boot	V.H. Bradley
	G.V. Clarke	W.J. Clarke
	E.J. Collin	S.M. Creamer
	R.T. Day	W.H.F. Doe
	M.S. Dunkin	A.M. Ellwood
	P. Feeney	G. Fullwood
	A.J. Gillam	W.H. Golland
	R.J. Goodwin (a)	P.A. Hughes
	R.G. Kempster	D.I.A. Kumarasiri
	H. Maddock	S. Mason-Kempster
	B.S.R. Miller	R.J. Nicholson
	J. O'Riordan (a)	J.M. Parr
	W.A. Peet	T.J. Pepper
	V.C. Pepper	C.J. Powell
	R.A. Poynter (a)	C.N.F.W. Pratt
	D.E. Pulk	M. Roach
	M.A. Shepherd	J.J. Spencer
	M.S. Spencer (a)	R.F. Spencer
	R.J. Tait (a)	J.O. Tanner
	G.G. Tunnicliffe	G.E. Withers
	M.A. Wright	

Officers in attendance: Chief Executive

43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Goodwin, O'Riordan, Poynter, M S Spencer and Tait.

44 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE FROM FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION

A certificate was presented to the Mayor from the Fairtrade Foundation.

45 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2010 AND 3 MARCH 2010.

RESOLVED:

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

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

Question received in the name of Councillor P A Hughes:-

Will the Leader please detail the problems that are envisaged from the proposed closure of the recycling centre on Arnold Lane, what plans are to be put into place to deal with them and what the financial consequences are likely to be.

Would the Leader also inform the Council as to what representations have been made to the County Council regarding closure of the recycling centre on Arnold Lane and what the County Council's response was.

Councillor R.F. Spencer replied in the following terms:-

The Gedling Household Waste and Recycling Centre is an important facility in the Borough which has played a major part in our efforts to help and encourage residents to deal responsibly with their waste. The decision to close the site is indeed something which I have discussed with the Leader of the County Council and, whilst I very much regret it, I can understand the decision in the light of the poor condition in which the new administration found both this site and the County's finances overall after last year's County Council elections.

Had the previous Labour administration at County Hall invested in the site as it should have done over the years, the new administration might not have had to take the difficult decision to close it. As it is, the incoming Conservative administration was faced with a requirement by the Environment Agency to undertake improvement works costing some £200,000 in order to keep the site open, which they do not believe is viable in the current financial climate.

Our main concerns are that the closure of the site could lead to an increase in the amount of waste thrown by householders into the black bins and an increase in fly tipping from an irresponsible minority of residents who are not prepared to go to Calverton or one of the other HWRCs provided by the County Council. We have therefore included a sum of £15,000 in the current year's budgets to enable us to deal with any extra fly tipping should it arise. We hope that our fears in this regard are not realised, but, as I am sure members and the public would expect, we will be ready to respond effectively if they are.

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

i) Cabinet 18 February 2010, Minute 75 - Member Charter Status

In respect of minute 75 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 February 2010 it was moved by Councillor R F Spencer and seconded by Councillor Parr that the Council sign up to the East Midlands Regional Councillor Development Charter.

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

RESOLVED:

That the Council sign up to the East Midlands Regional Councillor Development Charter.

ii) Personnel & Resources Committee 12 April 2010, Minute 38 – Members' Allowances

In respect of minute 38 of the meeting of the Personnel & Resources Committee held on 12 April 2010 it was moved by Councillor J J Spencer and seconded by Councillor Powell that the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be accepted and that a Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2010/11 be made in accordance with their recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

To accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and to make a Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2010/11 in accordance with their recommendations.

iii) Personnel & Resources Committee 12 April 2010, Minute 39 - Change of Committee Membership

In respect of minute 39 of the meeting of the Personnel & Resources Committee held on 12 April 2010 it was moved by Councillor J J Spencer and seconded by Councillor Powell that Councillor Roach be appointed to the Performance Review Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Tait.

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

RESOLVED:

To appoint Councillor Roach to the Performance Review Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor Tait.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.