

**MINUTES  
CABINET**

**Wednesday 25 March 2015**

Councillor John Clarke (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor Peter Barnes  
Councillor Kathryn Fox

Councillor Darrell Pulk  
Councillor Henry Wheeler

Absent: Councillor Chris Barnfather and Councillor Paul Hughes

Officers in Attendance: J Robinson, H Barrington, S Bray, A Dubberley, M Kimberley and D Wakelin

**212 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnfather and Hughes (observers).

**213 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12 AND 19 FEBRUARY 2015.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**214 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**215 DECISION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN**

The Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been previously circulated, informing Cabinet of a decision of the Local Government Ombudsman.

**RESOLVED to**

- 1) Note the Local Government Ombudsman's findings and endorses the steps already taken by Officers by way of offering a remedy;
- 2) Agree that no further action needs to be taken in relation to the matter set out in this report; and

- 3) Note that a copy of this Cabinet report has been circulated to all members of the Council.

**216 PROPOSED DECLARATION OF THE 'HOBBUCKS OPEN SPACE' AS A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (LNR)**

Dave Wakelin, Corporate Director, presented a report seeking approval to grant Local Nature Reserve status for The Hobbucks and to endorse an action plan for the site.

**RESOLVED to**

- 1) Designate the Hobbucks open space, which is in in the Council's ownership, as a Local Nature Reserve.
- 2) Authorise the Corporate Director and the Council's Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, in conjunction with the Service Manager, Parks and Street Care to proceed with the declaration; and
- 3) Adopt the 5 year site Management Plan of produced by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

**217 THE ADOPTION OF AN ANIMAL WELFARE CHARTER FOR GEDLING**

Dave Wakelin, Corporate Director, introduced a report, which had been previously circulated, seeking authority to adopt an animal welfare charter.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Adopt the animal welfare charter as attached at appendix one of the report; and
- 2) Request a further report to a future meeting on how the strategy is being implemented across the work of the Council.

**218 PROGRESS REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.**

**Councillor Peter Barnes (Environment)**

- A very well attended press event for Gedling Country park was held and all staff involved were thanked.

**Councillor Henry Wheeler (Health and Housing)**

- A launch event for the designation of Gelding play areas as smoke free was recently held

- The long awaited Men in Sheds facility was launched recently and was well received.
- A breast feeding friendly launch event was held and was well supported.
- The Robert Mellors School was soon to become dementia friendly – the first school in the area.
- Gedling Youth Council would be submitting a question on bullying to the next meeting of Council.
- There would be a press event to promote the redevelopment of the Grove pub site.

#### **Councillor Darrell Pulk (Leisure and Development)**

- An external review of the planning department would be undertaken shortly.
- A well-attended meeting on planning issues was recently held in Woodborough.

#### **Councillor Michael Payne (Public Protection and Communications)**

- The press preview event at Gedling Country Park was very well attended thanks to the excellent work of the communications team.
- Further funding towards help with tackling domestic violence had been announced.

#### **Councillor John Clarke (Finance, Performance and Economic Development)**

- It was hoped that the new refreshments kiosk in Arnot Hill Park would open in July and a new pump had been installed in the lake.
- New screens and equipment should be in place at Bonington Theatre very soon.
- A challenge to the Aligned Core Strategy had been recently heard in court and a judgement is to be delivered in in due course.
- A well-attended women's day event was held recently at the Civic Centre.

None.

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**ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

The meeting finished at 12.20 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: