

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROVE HOUSE, HIGH STREET NORTH, DUNSTABLE

ON MONDAY 3RD JULY 2006

Present: Councillor Mrs C M Gresham (Town Mayor); Councillor Mrs B M Boatwright (Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors R R Anklesaria, P J Boatwright, T C Colbourne, A J Fairbairn, Mrs J K Fairbairn, J Freeman, A E Green, M Jones, Mrs S Littlechild, C E Meakins-Jell, M J P Mullany, Mrs S A Newton, B Ralley, Mrs A Stock, T A W Stock and M Tilley with Mr R Walden (Town Clerk), Mrs R G Smith (Administration and Finance Manager), Mrs M Markus (Civic Administration Officer) and Reverend Richard Andrews (Town Mayor's Chaplain)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Bray and P Russell

At the commencement of the meeting the Town Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in prayer.

193 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 8th May 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor.

194 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared their interest in the items indicated:

Councillor Green	Dunstable Downs	Personal Interest (Member of National Trust)
	Priory House	Personal Interest (Member of English Heritage)
Councillor Mrs Boatwright	Dunstable Old Peoples Welfare Association	Prejudicial Interest (Member of Executive Committee)
Councillor P Boatwright	Dunstable Old Peoples Welfare Association	Prejudicial Interest (Member of Executive Committee)
Councillor Mrs Fairbairn	Dunstable Old People's Welfare Association	Prejudicial Interest (Member of Executive Committee)
Councillor T Stock	Dunstable Downs	Personal Interest (Member of National Trust)
	Alterations at 20 Holliwick Road	Personal Interest (Neighbouring property)
Councillor Mrs Newton	Peter Newton Pavilion	Personal Interest

There was no discussion on the matters in which Members had declared a prejudicial interest.

195 TOWN MAYOR'S REMARKS

The Town Mayor reported on the 28 functions at which she had represented the Council since its last meeting. She particularly referred to her pleasure in being able to open a new shop in Eleanors Cross, "Lock, Stock and Clobber" and reported that tickets for her forthcoming Charity Italian Evening were sold out.

196 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the public.

197 LIBRARY AND PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings of Library and Promotions Committee held on 8th May and 15th May 2006 be received.

198 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings of the Community Development Committee held on 8th May and 22nd May 2006 be received.

199 HIGHWAYS, PARKS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

a) Highways Maintenance

The Town Clerk reported that Bedfordshire County Council had advised that there was a budget of £372,000 for road works to be carried out in Luton Road in the current financial year. The length of road which was to be treated was the section between the Halfway House roundabout for approximately 1,400 metres westwards. The intention was to include as much work both on the carriageway and footways as possible including drainage and lighting works. The work was programmed to take place between January and the end of March 2007.

b) Ridgeway Avenue Play Area (Minute 173/06)

The Town Clerk reported that, following the receipt of satisfactory references, an order had been placed with Big Foot Play Systems Limited of Hemel Hempstead for refurbishment of the Ridgeway Avenue play area.

c) Minutes

RESOLVED: that, subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of the meetings of Highways, Parks and Planning Committee held on 8th May and 12th June 2006 be received.

200 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

a) Environmental Protection Policy (Minute 188/06)

RESOLVED: that Councillors Anklesaria, P Boatwright, Mrs Boatwright, Green, Mrs Newton and Ralley be appointed to the Environmental Management System Working Party.

b) Representatives on Outside Organisations

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs Littlechild be appointed as the representative to the Dunstable Old People's Welfare Association.

c) Minutes

RESOLVED: that, subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of the meetings of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 8th May and 19th June 2006 be received.

201 TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Centre Management Committee held on 28th June 2006 be received.