

## **COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of South Norfolk District Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton, on Monday 17 September 2018 at 7.30 pm**

- Members Present:** Councillors; Overton (Chairman), Amis, Bills, Blundell, Broome, Dale, Dewsbury, Duffin, Easton, Edney, Ellis, Fulcher, Fuller, Goldson, J Hornby, L Hornby, Hudson, C Kemp, W Kemp, Kiddie, Larner, Legg, Lewis, Mason Billig, Mooney, Neal, Pond, J Savage, R Savage, Stone, Thomas, Thomson, Wheatley, J Wilby, and M Wilby
- Apologies:** Councillors, Bell, Bendle, Bernard, Foulger, Gould, Gray, Hardy, Minshull, Palmer, Riches and Worsley
- Officers in Attendance:** The Chief Executive (S Dinneen), the Director of Growth and Business Development (D Lorimer), and the Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer (E Hodds)

### **3454 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 July 2018, were agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

### **3455 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman referred members to the list of civic engagements attended during the period 13 July to 16 September 2018.

Members were reminded that a Special meeting of the Council had been scheduled to take place on Thursday 4 October at County Hall, at 7.00pm, to be preceded by a joint briefing with Broadland District Council, at 6.30 pm.

**3456 MONITORING OFFICER REPORT**

Cllr J Fuller presented the report to members, explaining the reasons for the realignment of portfolios. He paid tribute to Cllr B Stone, who had stood down from the Cabinet, due to his commitments at Norfolk County Council, and he referred to Cllr Stone's diligent approach and valuable contributions as portfolio holder for resources. He went on to welcome Cllr K Kiddie to the Cabinet, explaining that Cllr Kiddie would take on the Stronger Communities portfolio, with Cllr Edney taking on the newly named portfolio, Growth and Resources.

Members also noted the proposed changes to the Constitution regarding the approval of the charging schedule in relation to the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010, noting that in future the Cabinet would be permitted to approve these charges.

It was then unanimously

**RESOLVED: To:**

1. Note the appointments to the Cabinet outlined at paragraph 2.1 of this report.
2. Approve the changes to the Council's Constitution as outlined in paragraph 2.2 and 2.3 of this report.
3. Approve the changes outlined in Section 3 of this report to allow Cabinet to approve the charging schedule in relation to Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010.

**3457 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET****Guidelines for Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)  
Revised Draft for Adoption**

Cllr J Fuller introduced the recommendations from the Cabinet, regarding the revised draft guidelines for Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Cllr Fuller explained that the document had been subject to two rounds of consultation, with some modifications being made in response to the feedback received.

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the SPD, attached at Appendix A of the report, subject to minor amendment.

**3458 PROPOSED DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMONS MANAGEMENT FOR BROCKDISH COMMON TO BROCKDISH PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr K Mason Billig presented the report, which sought Council approval for Brockdish Parish Council to take on the responsibility for managing Brockdish Common.

Cllr Mason Billig explained that the Parish Council was keen to take on the management of the Common, making improvements which would benefit the local community. Members noted that South Norfolk Council had historically not actively managed the site.

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:** To agree to delegate the responsibilities for managing Brockdish Common to Brockdish Parish Council.

**3459 ANNUAL REPORT ON STANDARDS ACTIVITY**

Cllr K Mason Billig presented the Annual Report on Standards Activity.

Members noted that the number of complaints received had reduced during 2017/18, and of those received, none had resulted in further action or a Standards hearing. Cllr Mason Billig commended the work of officers and in particular that of the Independent Person.

Cllr A Thomas suggested that it would be helpful for all new members of the Council, following the election in May 2019, to receive training on dealing with conflict, and Cllr Mason Billig agreed that this should be included in the new members' training programme.

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:** To endorse the Annual Report of the Standards Committee.

### **3460 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMEN AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

#### **a) Cabinet**

There were no questions to portfolio holders.

In the absence of Cllr Y Bendle, Cllr J Fuller updated members with regard to the excellent progress made on the Long Stratton Leisure Centre and Ketts Park projects.

#### **b) Scrutiny Committee**

There were no questions to the Vice-Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

#### **c) Licensing Appeals and Complaints Committee / Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee**

There were no questions to the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

#### **d) Development Management Committee**

There were no questions to the Chairman of the Development Management Committee.

#### **e) Electoral Arrangements Review Committee**

There were no questions to the Chairman of the Electoral Arrangements Review Committee

**3461 OUTSIDE BODIES – FEEDBACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Cllr V Thomson advised members that Mr Haydn Thirtle, Norfolk County Councillor and member of Great Yarmouth Borough Council, had recently been appointed Chairman of the Broads Authority.

Cllr C Kemp presented his report regarding the Police and Crime Panel for Norfolk, explaining that a decision was yet to be made with regard to the possible transfer of functions of the Fire and Rescue Authority to the Commissioner. He explained that the recent meeting of the Panel had considered a number of issues, including the Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report, and an oversight of the Criminal Justice System. The meeting had also been informed that the timetable for policing complaints reforms had slipped, and implementation was now anticipated for April 2019. These changes would see the PCCs become the review body for appeals and the outcome of policing complaints

(The meeting concluded at 7.51 pm)

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Chairman