

AT A MEETING OF THE THETFORD TOWN
COUNCIL, HELD IN THE LARGE COURT, THE
GUIDHALL, THETFORD ON TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2006
AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor P.J. Pearson

Councillors:

C W Armes	D G Mortimer
G P Balaam	A Paines
Mrs M P Chapman-Allen	Mrs T I Paines
R G Kybird	Mrs P P Quadling
R S Key	M G Spencer
G McGinty	Mrs P A Spencer

1/06 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Proposed by Councillor C W Armes and seconded by Councillor Mrs P A Spencer, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs T I Paines be elected
Town Mayor for Mayoral Year 2006/7.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs T I Paines, thereupon signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

Before proceeding with business, a prayer was said by the Mayor's Chaplain, David Freeman.

2/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillors D Curzon-Berners, J A Harding and T J Lamb.

3/06 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor G McGinty and seconded by Councillor R G Kybird, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that a sincere vote of thanks be accorded
to the retiring Mayor, Councillor P J Pearson.

4/06 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs T I Paines, announced that her Civic Reception would be held on Friday 23rd June 2006, in the Carnegie Room and that her Sunday Service would take place in the Methodist Church on Sunday, 21st May 2006.

5/06 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Proposed by Councillor C W Armes and seconded by Councillor G McGinty, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor P J Pearson be elected Deputy Mayor for Mayoral Year 2006/7.

The Deputy Mayor thereupon signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6/06 MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P P Quadling and seconded by Councillor A Paines, it was:

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Meetings, as listed in Appendix A and annexed hereto, be adopted.

7/06 MEMBERSHIP OF TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

Proposed by Councillor D Mortimer and seconded by Councillor G P Balaam, it was:

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Membership of Task and Finish Groups, as listed in Appendix B and annexed hereto, be adopted.

8/06 APPOINTMENT AND NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES

The Town Clerk first announced one correction and two changes to the schedule annexed to the agenda, being Appendix C. These were:

Item (b) Diss, Thetford & District Citizens Advice Bureau (name corrected)

Councillor Mrs Marion Chapman-Allen (not Councillor Lamb)

Item (s) Safer Communities Group (Youth Link to STAG)

Councillor Mrs. Thelma Paines (not Mayor of the Day)

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P A Spencer and seconded by Councillor M G Spencer, it was:

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Appointments and Nominations of Representatives to Serve on Other Bodies, as corrected and changed above and listed in revised Appendix C, annexed hereto, be adopted.

9/06 SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO MEMBERS

RESOLVED that special responsibilities be assigned to members as follows:

Allotments: Councillor J Harding

Barnham Cross: Councillor P Balaam
Civic Links: Councillor A Paines
Planning: Councillor R Kybird

10/06 AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT ENTRIES IN THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS

The Town Clerk reported that he had received details of amendments to current Register entries from the following members:

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs T I Paines
Cllr G P Balaam
Cllr Mrs M Chapman-Allen
Cllr J A Harding
Cllr R.S Key
Cllr R G Kybird
Cllr G McGinty
Cllr D G Mortimer
Cllr P J Pearson
Cllr M G Spencer

He would be notifying Breckland Council's Standards Officer of these changes.

RESOLVED that receipt by the Town Clerk of amendments from the above-named be noted.

11/06 DEADLINE FOR REVIEWING THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE COVER, STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND FOR REVIEWING AND/OR IMPLEMENTING OTHER COUNCIL POLICY DOCUMENTS

Proposed by Councillor P J Pearson and seconded by Councillor Mrs P Quadling, it was:

RESOLVED that all these matters be looked at by the Council's Finance Task and Finish Group, which was scheduled to hold its inaugural meeting on Friday 26th May 2006.

Mayor and Chairman