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# Council

Mon 13th December  
2010  
7.00 pm

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
Redditch



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## Council

1st November 2010

## MINUTES

### Present:

Councillor Kath Banks (Mayor) and Councillors Peter Anderson, Michael Braley, Andrew Brazier, Juliet Brunner, Michael Chalk, Simon Chalk, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Jack Cookson, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Malcolm Hall, Bill Hartnett, Nigel Hicks, Roger Hill, Gay Hopkins, Robin King, William Norton, Jinny Pearce, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Debbie Taylor, Derek Taylor, Diane Thomas and Graham Vickery

### Also Present:

Michael Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee)

### Officers:

K Dicks, C Felton, S Hanley, S Skinner, J Staniland and A Walsh

### Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

### 49. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Jo Musson, led the Council in prayer.

### 50. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Anita Clayton and Wanda King.

### 51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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Chair

**52. MINUTES****RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**53. PETITION - WEBHEATH ADR**

A petition had been received, in accordance with current constitutional arrangements and the Petition Scheme, which contained in excess of the 400 signatures required to trigger a Council debate.

The petition organiser, Mr David Rose, took advantage of the opportunity to address the Council on the subject of the ADR land at Webheath. The primary concern of the petitioners was to prevent any further development of the ADR land at Webheath and the land at Foxlydiate and to have the land in question designated as Green Belt. Supporting documentation and a DVD were circulated to all Council Members.

Mr Rose reminded Members of a number of the points that had been made in the Consultant's report prepared by White Young Green in 2009, the Study into the Future Growth Implications of Redditch. He then cited a number of reasons why further development would be undesirable, including his view that any new development would be visually intrusive, that the local infrastructure was inadequate, including the road network, the lack of public transport links, the distance from the town centre and the sewerage and drainage problems that could ensue. A number of other possible sites for additional housing within the town were identified by Mr Rose as being, in the petitioners' view, more suitable for this purpose than the land at Webheath.

Following presentation of the Petition, the Council proceeded to debate the subject of the petition, for which an extension of time was granted by the Mayor owing to the public interest in the issue. Members noted the strength of feeling amongst local residents at the possibility of development on the Webheath ADR land but highlighted the ongoing commitment on the Council to find suitable locations for additional housing, notwithstanding the ending of the Regional Spatial Strategy process. They acknowledged that balanced decisions had to be made, which took into account a wider range of views and interests and it was made clear that for this purpose any further proposals for development would have to be the subject of a full consultation process.

Members noted, however, that there was appeared to be some lack of common understanding over a number of matters in respect of

the status of the Webheath land, such as, for example whether the site was 'far from the Town Centre' or not, or whether the site was 'sustainable', etc. and it was therefore

**RESOLVED that**

**Officers investigate further the matters disputed by the petitioners in order that clearer common understanding might be developed of a number of contentious facts in respect of any proposed development on the subject Webheath land.**

**54. COMMUNICATIONS, MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor's communications and announcements were considered under the following headings:

a) Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor advised that since the previous meeting of the Council she had attended numerous engagements. The Mayor drew particular attention to the Graduation Ceremony at NEW College to which she had been invited and her own Civic Service at St. Stephen's Church which had been attended by a number of her fellow Councillors.

b) Forthcoming events

The Mayor advised that forthcoming events included the Borough's own Fireworks Extravaganza at the Arrow Valley Park, the Opening of Stitch in Time at the Winyates Craft Centre, the League of Friends of the Alexandra Hospital AGM, the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Plymouth Road cenotaph on 11th November and the services at both St Stephen's and St George & St Mathias , Astwood Bank on Sunday, 14th November.

c) Local Democracy Day

The Mayor thanked Councillor Juliet Brunner for once again helping to organise a very successful Local Democracy Day event at the Town Hall. The Chair of the Student Council, April Powell, presented certificates to those Members present who had proved themselves to be the most popular Councillors with the local students at the event, namely:

- 1st Councillor Simon Chalk
- 2nd County Councillor Terry Spencer
- 3rd Councillor Gay Hopkins

d) Canon Gathercole

The Mayor advised the Council of the recent sad death of Canon Gathercole, an Industrial Chaplain, Chaplain to a number of former Borough Council Mayors and a significant figure locally.

e) Commonwealth Games Gold Medallists

The Mayor advised that two local sportspeople had struck gold at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi the previous month. They were Stevan Walton who had gained two golds in the shooting events and Katrina Hart who had gained a gold in the T37 100 Metres. It was hoped that the two Commonwealth champions would be able to attend the following meeting of Council.

f) Urgent Business

The Mayor advised that she had accepted one late report, Item 8, the Executive Committee decision notice for the meeting on 20th October 2010.

**55. LEADERS' QUESTIONS / NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Leader's Questions or Notices of Motion submitted in accordance with the relevant Standing Orders.

**56. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Members received the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 8th and 29th September 2010 and the decision notice of the meeting held on 20th October 2010.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) **the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 8th September 2010 be received and adopted;**
- 2) **the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th September 2010 be received and all recommendations approved; and**
- 3) **the decision notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th October 2010 be received and all recommendations approved, subject to:**

**in respect of Minute 100 (Regional Housing Pot Grant – Proposals) it being further RESOLVED that**

**Officers investigate the feasibility of making the provision of loans to the landlords of Houses in Multiple Occupation conditional on their being members of a local accreditation scheme.**

**57. REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

The Council received the minutes of the recent meetings of the Audit and Governance, Planning and Standards Committees.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 28th September 2010 be received and adopted;**
- 2) the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 14th September and 12th October 2010 be received and adopted; and**
- 3) the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 13th October 2010 be received and adopted.**

**58. CONSTITUTION - UPDATE - CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES**

The Council considered a request that the new Contract Procedure Rules, approved at its meeting in December 2009 formally supersede the existing Contract Procedure Rules and be fully implemented.

**RESOLVED that**

**the Revised Contract Procedure Rules formally supersede Standing Order 46 in the pack of Constitutional documents.**

**59. URGENT BUSINESS - RECORD OF DECISIONS**

The Council noted an Urgent Business decision which had been approved in accordance with Standing Order 36, namely:

Interest Free Energy Efficiency Loans  
(UB Reference 487)

**RESOLVED that**

**the matter be noted.**

**60. URGENT BUSINESS - GENERAL (IF ANY)**

There were no separate items of Urgent Business for consideration at this meeting.

# Council

1st November 2010

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The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 9.37 pm

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Chair



## Executive Committee

20th October 2010

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Juliet Brunner, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Malcolm Hall, Gay Hopkins, Jinny Pearce and Debbie Taylor

#### Also Present:

Councillor A Brazier

#### Officers:

M Bough, K Dicks, H Halls, S Hanley, S Horrobin, G Revans, A de Warr and L Williams.

#### Committee Services Officer:

S Skinner

#### 92. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 94. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that she had accepted the following matters as Urgent Business:

- Item 5 – Council Plan – Council Plan – Part 1
- Item 7 – Garden Waste – Referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Item 11 – Referral from the Joint Committee for Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier Regulatory Service.

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Chair

**95. MINUTES****RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th September 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**96. COUNCIL PLAN - PART 1**

The Committee considered a report which set out the Council's Vision and Priorities and strategic focus ready for the forthcoming round of budget preparation. It was essentially proposed to reconfirm the existing Vision and priorities.

Members considered the current content of the Plan and, further to a number of Member queries, what did not perhaps appear at first sight to be included. The Leader explained how various matters were sometimes covered under different headings, such as Housing under 'Enterprising Community' and Leisure under the overall Vision.

In terms of the Government's initial pronouncements on the Comprehensive Spending Review, which had been issued earlier on the same day as the Committee meeting, Members acknowledged that it was far too soon to begin to interpret the possible impacts on the Council Plan. Further detailed consideration would be given to this in later reports.

During consideration of the Plan, specific mention was made of the recent successes achieved in performance at Redditch High Schools. Mindful of earlier less satisfactory ratings, the Committee was gratified to learn of the recent Ofsted successes at both Arrow Vale and Trinity High Schools.

The Leader agreed a further report was required to consider how resources might be refocused to support this area.

Finally, Members acknowledged the usefulness of the 'Budget Juries' used in the Plan preparation processes; thanked the participants; and expressed a desire to build further on this initiative.

**RECOMMENDED that**

**the Vision and priorities, as set out at Appendix 1 (Paragraphs 6.1 – 6.6) of the report, be reconfirmed and the focus for the forthcoming budget round, in line with the analysis of the Council's national, regional and local context, be approved.**

**97. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK POLICY**

The Committee considered proposals for a revised Customer Feedback Policy, to deal more effectively with comments, complaints and compliments.

The Head of Customer Services explained how a streamlined but more responsive process, supported by updated IT solutions, would be more accessible, more consistent, and therefore more satisfactory, for customers.

Some concern was expressed at the loss of the Member Panel final stage of the existing complaints process, but Members generally agreed that this unnecessarily lengthened complaints processes and that, rather than the existing 3-stage process, it was preferable to aim to achieve a high quality response at the very first stage.

During consideration of this matter a strong plea was made for 'Crystal English' letters to be sent to Customers, as Members had sometimes felt Officers' letters to be hard to understand. In this respect, Officers were referred to the readability checks available to them on word processing systems.

**RECOMMENDED that**

**the Customer Feedback Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.**

**98. GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE - OUTCOMES OF TRIAL**

Members considered a report which detailed the outcomes to date of the current trial garden waste collection service, together with recommendations for future delivery of the service.

Members also received a supplementary report which detailed the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's view that the service should not proceed further. The Executive Committee did not support this view, but did amend Officers' original recommendations, as detailed below.

The key issue for the Committee was that the service should be self-supporting, and that Officers therefore needed to promote and consult on the service, before any further roll out, to be certain that any investment would be repaid. It was important that non users should not fund services available in only parts of the Borough.

The Committee indicated that, if take up was likely to be less than 10%, the service would not be sustainable; but if more than 10%

could be achieved, options should be considered for a wider roll-out to areas which might benefit from the service.

It was agreed that the issue of further capital investment in equipment / bins etc. should therefore await further Committee decision. Similarly, in view of Members' revised recommendations, the possibility of sharing such a service with Bromsgrove DC would now also be considered as part of a further report.

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) **subject to a publicity and consultation exercise to seek customer response on likely take up and viability of the scheme before rolling out the service further; and further report back to the Committee in due course,**

**Option D, as detailed at Paragraph 5.4 of the report, be the preferred option for the future of the garden waste collection service, namely:**

***'Stop trial in East and increase West trial to cover 10,000 properties (figures based on 10% take up)'; and***

**RESOLVED that**

- 2) **Members note the outcomes of the trial garden waste collection service to date, as detailed in the report.**

**99. HOME REPAIRS ASSISTANCE POLICY**

The Committee was asked to consider a report which proposed an updated Home Repairs Assistance Policy.

This policy provided discretionary financial assistance to owner/occupiers and would therefore help to improve housing standards in the Borough.

**RECOMMENDED that**

**the Home Repairs Assistance Policy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.**

**100. REGIONAL HOUSING POT GRANT - PROPOSALS**

Members considered proposed uses of the Regional Housing Pot Grant for loans to landlords of houses in multiple occupation (HMO's).

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) up to £30,000 of the Regional Housing Pot be transferred to the 2010/11 Capital Programme for loans to landlords of Houses in Multiple Occupation; and

**RESOLVED that**

- 4) up to £10,000 of the Regional Housing Pot be used for the purchase of appropriate management software for the Private Sector Housing Team;
- 5) up to £50,000 of the Regional Housing Pot be used for the following strategic housing research & intelligence projects including:
- Private Sector Stock Condition report;
  - Strategic Housing Market Assessment;
  - Worcestershire Housing Strategy;
  - Worcestershire Local Investment Plan; and
- 4) expenditure of up to the sum agreed by the Council at 1) above be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41, for the purposes defined in the report.

**101. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee received the two most recent sets of minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, noting that two recommended items had already been dealt with at earlier meetings of the Executive Committee.

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 be received and noted.**

## **102. JOINT COMMITTEE FOR WORCESTERSHIRE ENHANCED TWO TIER REGULATORY SERVICE - REFERRAL**

Members received and noted the minutes of the meeting of the Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee dated 9th September 2010.

The minutes included a referral for all constituent District Councils to adopt a single standard range of revised fees and charges for private water supplies.

### **RECOMMENDED that**

**the Council adopt the proposed fees and charges for private water supplies as follows:**

- **Risk Assessment - £40 per hour (up to £500 maximum);**
- **Investigation (each investigation) - £40 per hour (up to £100 maximum);**
- **Granting an Authorisation - £100 maximum;**
- **Sampling (each visit) - £100 maximum; and**
- **Analysing a sample**
  - **taken under regulation 10 - £25 maximum (small supplies)**
  - **taken during check - £100 maximum monitoring**
  - **taken during audit - £500 maximum monitoring.**

(This item was accepted by the Chair for consideration at the meeting as Urgent Business, in view of the need to obtain approvals from all member authorities within the same limited date range, for which the next meeting of the Committee would have been too late.)

## **103. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

### **RESOLVED that**

**subject to it being noted that the Grants Panel was next set to meet on 8th November 2010, the report be noted.**

**104. ACTION MONITORING**

The Committee received the Action Monitoring report without further update or comment.

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

**105. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that**

**under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (access to Information (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the said Act, as amended:**

**Proposed Charity Shop – Winyates Centre – Commercial Rent Reduction Request (as detailed at Minute 106 below).**

**106. PROPOSED CHARITY SHOP - WINYATES CENTRE**

The Committee considered terms for the commercial letting of Council premises in Winyates.

[During consideration of this item Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).]

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 8.35 pm

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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## Executive Committee

10th November 2010

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| <b>MINUTES</b> | <b>Present:</b>   |
|                | Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Juliet Brunner, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Malcolm Hall, Gay Hopkins, Jinny Pearce and Debbie Taylor |
|                | <b>Also Present:</b>  |
|                | Councillors Anita Clayton, Roger Hill, Robin King and Derek Taylor  |
|                | <b>Officers:</b>  |
|                | H Bennett, C Felton, R Griffin, H Halls, S Hanley, A Heighway, C John, J Pickering and C Wilson   |
|                | <b>Committee Services Officer:</b>  |
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### 107. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 109. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that she had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

- Item 7 – Review of Dial a Ride – Referral from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### 110. MINUTES

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

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**111. BUDGET UPDATE 2011/12 - PRESENTATION**

The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) gave an update in the form of a presentation to the Committee on the budget for 2011/12.

Members were informed that further regular updates on the budget process would be made to the Committee.

**RESOLVED**

**that the update on the budget for 2011/12 be noted.**

**112. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

Prior to consideration of the report the Committee congratulated the Climate Change Manager on gaining a Master of Science degree in Climate Change.

Members considered a Joint Climate Change Strategy for Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils that set out the policy framework through which both Councils would meet their corporate objective of tackling climate change.

Members were informed that the strategy also set out the strategic direction that would be required to meet targets on reducing carbon emissions internally, across the wider community, and how the Councils could adapt to severe weather events and future climatic change.

An amendment to the recommendations was proposed, seconded and defeated.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the report be noted;**
- 2) an annual report be made to the Executive Committee on energy savings, linking into the budget building process; and**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) the Climate Change Strategy, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted;**
- 4) 100% of the savings from the Salix project be reinvested into further climate change work; and**

- 5) a policy be approved for insertion in both the Planning Core Strategy and Climate Change Strategy whereby: *“for any new developments that the Council undertakes, for example when building a new public leisure centre, consideration of whole life costs of the building are considered and, as part of this, all new public buildings should aim to exceed the nationally set BREEAM standard.” (consider spelling out the acronym?)*

## 113. REVIEW OF DIAL A RIDE SERVICE

The Committee considered a report on the future delivery of the Council’s Dial a Ride (DAR) Service.

Officers reported that an independent review of the DAR service had been carried out by consultants to look in depth at the operation of, and demands for DAR. Members were informed that this had included current policy, organisational structures, operation and deployment of vehicles and drivers, costs and revenue, models of provision, bookings management, demands and needs, user profile and patterns of usage, accessibility considerations, and the eligibility to use the service.

The report had been subject to pre-scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 27th October 2010.

Members were informed that following the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Dial a Ride Task and Finish Group had met and prepared their final report.

The Chair of the Dial a Ride Task and Finish Group, Councillor Robin King, reported that the group had largely endorsed the proposals detailed by Officers in the Review report but had suggested alterations as follows:

- that there be an increase in concessionary rate fees for use of the service from £1.05 to £1.50, subject to review in 12 months time;
- that capital investment in fleet replacement be included in the Capital Replacement Programme, and that a full business case be developed exploring the options for continuing use of the existing fleet.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) **subject to any budget setting considerations, the Council continue to deliver the Dial a Ride service;**
- 2) **expenditure of up to an amount of any capital funding agreed in due course by the Council be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41, for the purposed defined in the Dial a Ride – Review report; and**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) **there be an increase in concessionary rate fees for use of the service from £1.05 to £1.50, subject to review in 12 month's time from 2011;**
- 4) **capital investment for fleet replacement be included in the Capital Replacement Programme, and that a full business case be developed exploring the options for the continuing use of the existing fleet;**
- 5) **the possibility of closer working with Bromsgrove District Council, regarding the Bromsgrove Urban and Rural Transport (BURT) service, be assessed in respect of potential cost saving opportunities for both Councils; and**
- 6) **further opportunities for additional types of provision, which would include the hire of vehicles to community groups, registering fro contracts with Worcestershire County Council and having the option to have a mixed fleet of vehicles, be investigated.**

**114. SCHEME OF DELEGATION: LAND DRAINAGE ENFORCEMENT**

The Committee considered a request to revise the financial limits in the Scheme of Delegation in respect of Land Drainage enforcement.

Officers outlined the reasons for the request to increase these financial limits.

**RESOLVED that**

**the Council revise, within budget, the limits in the current Scheme of Delegation in respect of Land Drainage enforcement to £10,000 per occurrence in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Head of Service.**

**115. SHARED SERVICES BOARD**

The Deputy Chief Executive clarified the situation regarding e-mail addresses for Members and Officers mentioned in the notes.

**RESOLVED that**

**the notes of the meeting of the Shared Services Board held on 14th October be noted.**

**116. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

Members advised that meetings of the Housing and Planning Advisory Panels had been arranged for the last week in November.

It was noted that Councillor Chance had been appointed as Chair of the Grants Panel.

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

**117. ACTION MONITORING**

The Committee received the Action Monitoring report. Officers were asked to provide sickness and vacancy information to future meetings of the Committee.

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 8.40 pm





## Planning Committee

9th November 2010

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Councillor Michael Chalk (Chair), and Councillors Peter Anderson, Brandon Clayton, Adam Griffin (substituting for Councillor K Banks), Bill Hartnett, Roger Hill, Robin King and Wanda King

#### Also Present:

M Collins (Standards Committee Observer)

#### Officers:

N Chana, A Hussain, A Rutt and I Westmore

#### Committee Services Officer:

J Smyth

#### 47. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor K Banks.

#### 48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors M Chalk, P Anderson, B Clayton, B Hartnett, R King and W King declared personal but not prejudicial interests in relation to Planning Application 2010/228/FUL (Abbey Hotel Golf and Country Club, Dagnell End Road, Redditch) as detailed separately at Minute 51 below.

#### 49. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

##### RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12th October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair,

subject to it being noted that

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Chair

**Councillor B Clayton's declared personal interest in Planning Application 2010/194/OUT (Upper Norgrove House, Church Road, Webheath), due to his acquaintance with one of the public speakers, namely, Mr A Bedford-Smith, had been omitted and the record be so amended.**

**50. PLANNING APPLICATION 2010/216/FUL AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPLICATION 2010/217/LBC – 5 CHAPEL COURT**

Planning Application and Listed Building Consent  
For a change of use from offices  
to four self contained one bedroom flats  
Applicant: Mr P Eagles

**RESOLVED that**

**having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations,**

- 1) Planning Permission be GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informatives summarised in the report, and**
- 2) Listed Building Consent be GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informatives listed in the report.**

**51. PLANNING APPLICATION 2010/228/FUL – ABBEY HOTEL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, DAGNELL END ROAD,**

Improvements to leisure facilities at existing driving range,  
Replacement of single storey range building with two storey  
Building to increase the number of golfing bays to 31,  
Improvements to range green to include lake and lighting system,  
Provision of ancillary car parking, access, landscaping  
And security measures  
Applicant: RSM Leisure Ltd

Mr C MacMillan, Objector and Mr P Downes, Agent for the Applicant, addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules.

**RESOLVED that**

**having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be REFUSED, for the following reason:**

**“The proposed lighting and the likely noise from the significant increase in driving range user numbers would be likely to result in detrimental noise and light disturbance on the residential amenities of surrounding neighbours and would therefore be contrary to Policies B(BE)13 and B(NE)4 of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 and PPG24.”**

(This decision was taken contrary to Officer recommendation for the reason stated above.)

(Prior to consideration of this item, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillors M Chalk, P Anderson, B Clayton, B Hartnett, R King and W King declared personal but not prejudicial interests as they were acquainted with one of the public speakers, namely, Mr C MacMillan.)

**52. PLANNING APPLICATION 2010/231/RC3 –  
BLYTHE CLOSE, CRABBS CROSS**

Environmental enhancements - redesign of existing  
Infrastructure to create additional car parking spaces  
Applicant: Redditch Borough Council

**RESOLVED that**

**having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informatives summarised in the main report and the following additional informative:**

**“2) The Applicant be requested to ensure that any need for disabled parking provision be catered for in the implementation of the development,**

**53. PLANNING APPLICATION 2010/234/FUL –  
15 HOLLOWFIELDS CLOSE, SOUTHCREST**

First floor side extension, two storey extension to  
Accommodate a lift and internal alterations to  
Provide accommodation for child with disabilities  
Applicant: Mr Darren Hoult

**RESOLVED that**

**having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informative summarised in the report.**

**54. PLANNING APPLICATION 2010/244/COU –  
UNIT 9 MATCHBOROUGH CENTRE, MATCHBOROUGH WAY**

Retrospective application  
Change of use from A1 (Retail)  
to mixed use A3 (Café / Restaurant)  
and A5 (Hot Food Takeaway) use  
Applicant: Mrs L Paskeviciene

Mr T Ellinas and Mr O Ellinas, Objectors, addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules.

**RESOLVED that**

**having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, retrospective Planning Permission be GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informatives summarised in the report.**

**55. APPEAL OUTCOME – LAND ADJACENT TO  
31 WHEATCROFT CLOSE, BROCKHILL**

The Committee received and considered an item of information in relation to the outcome of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, namely:

Planning Application 2009/249/FUL  
Erection of a single dwelling

Members noted that the appeal against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission on grounds relating to the proposed dwelling's siting and appearance, vehicle ingress and egress and parking issues and overdevelopment of the site, had been DISMISSED by the Inspector.

**RESOLVED that**

**the item of information be noted.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.02 pm  
and closed at 8.32 pm

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CHAIR