

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON
HELD ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present: Councillor R Taylor (Chair)

Councillors B Bates, S Bishop, A Burnip,
A Collinson, Mrs E M Connor, R Davison,
J Haggan, H High, Mrs A E Laing, R Liddle,
T Longstaff, D Maddison, Mrs J Maitland,
D Milsom, A Napier, M Nicholls, C Patching,
G Patterson, G Pinkney, D Raine, Mrs B A Sloan,
D J Taylor-Gooby, R J Todd and T Unsworth

1 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 3 July 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2 **THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 30 June 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

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4 **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Monitoring Officer reported that the Council had previously agreed that its Standards Committee be increased to 12 which required the appointment of a third Independent Member.

Members were advised that the position was advertised and the only application came from a relation of an existing employee whose appointment was prohibited by the Standards Committee Regulations 2008.

Fortunately, Derwentside District Council had received a number of responses to a similar advertisement. Having been involved in their selection process the Monitoring Officer was able to contact one of the unsuccessful candidates with a wealth of experience in the civil service. Mrs. Denise Balmer from Chester-le-Street had confirmed that she would be pleased to be considered for appointment as an Independent Member.

RESOLVED that Mrs Denise Balmer be appointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee

5 **TO SEAL DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED that the action taken in affixing the Common Seal to the following documents, be endorsed:-

19818 District of Easington (Pembroke Place, Peterlee) (No 1) Stopping Up and Diversion Order 2008

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- 19819 The Easington District Council (Unnamed Footpaths at St Johns Square, Seaham Stopping Up Order 2008)
- 19820 Easington District Council, Seaham (Carnival) Temporary Road Closure Order 2008, Under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 for the Prevention of Obstruction of those streets set out in the Order
- 19821 The District Council of Easington, Shotton (Carnival) Temporary Road Closure Order 2008, Under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 for the Prevention of Obstruction of those streets set out in the Order
- 19822 The District Council of Easington, Peterlee (Peterlee Show) Temporary Road Closure Order 2008, Under Section 21 of the Town Police clauses Act 1847 for the Prevention of Obstruction of those streets set out in the Order
- 19823 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Mark Longworth (2) relating to 31 Fairbairn Road, Peterlee
- 19824 Release of Part of the Land from a Registered Charge relating to plot 63, High Croft, Thornlaw North Estate, Thornley – Title Number DU281627
- 19825 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Jean Nichols (2) relating to 3 Teign Close, Peterlee
- 19826 Release of Part of the Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 56, High Croft, Thornlaw North Estate, Thornley – Title Number DU281627
- 19827 License to Occupy on Short Term Basis made between East Durham Community Development Trust Ltd (1) and District of Easington on behalf of North Peterlee Neighbourhood Pathfinder relating to parts VG1, VG2 and VG3 of Community House, Yoden Road, Peterlee, Durham SR8 5DP
- 19828 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Martin Stuart O'Donnell (2) relating to Garage at 13 Chester Place, Peterlee.
- 19829 Lease made between EDC (1) and Ms Alison Brearley-Hobkirk and Mr Alan Spence (2) relating to 8 West Grove, Seaham
- 19830 Transfer of Part Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Lesley Parkin (2) relating to 5 Lowhills Road, Peterlee
- 19831 Transfer of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Miss Stacey Hammond and Mr David Blyth (2) relating to 25 Handel Terrace, Wheatley Hill, Durham.
- 19832 Release of Part of the Land from a Registered Charge relating to plot 102, High Croft, Thornlaw North Estate, Thornley – Title Number DU 281627

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- 19833 Release of Part of the Land from a Registered Charge relating to Plot 45 High Croft, Thornlaw North Estate, Thornley - Title Number DU 281627
- 19834 Cancellation of entries relating to a Registered Charge relating to property 18 Burns Terrace, Shotton, County Durham DH6 2PD
- 19835 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC(1) and Helen Briggs and Michael Briggs (2) relating to 27 Dent Close, Haswell, Durham
- 19836 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Jacqueline Garside (2) relating to 115 Eden Hill Road, Peterlee, Durham
- 19837 Transfer of Part Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Rebecca Ord (2) relating to 36 Cumbrian Way, Peterlee, Durham
- 19838 Section 106 Agreement between EDC (1) and Mr Gundeep Bhondi, Spar Stores (2) relating to land known as 1 South Terrace, 4-7 Church Street, 20/22 Green Street, Seaham
- 19839 Cancellation of entries relating to a Registered Charge relating to property 23 Naisbitt Avenue, Peterlee

6 **ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS**

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, Section 100B(4)(b) the Chair, following consultation with the Proper Officer, agreed that the following item of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

7 **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257 – PUBLIC FOOTPATH STOPPING UP AND DIVERSION ORDER – PROPOSED CONFIRMATION OF “THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON (PEMBROKE PLACE, PETERLEE) (NO1) PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP AND DIVERSION ORDER 2008” (AOB)**

The Head of Democratic Services reported that the District Council made the above Order under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on 3 July 2008 because it was satisfied that it was necessary to stop up and divert the footpaths to which the Order related. This would enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted and therefore resolve the anti social behaviour problems at this location.

The necessary statutory notices and consultations had been completed and no objections had been received. The Council was therefore requested to formally confirm the Order without modification.

RESOLVED that the District of Easington (Pembroke Place, Peterlee) (No1) Public Footpath Stopping Up and Diversion Order 2008 be confirmed without modification and the Council’s Governance & Risk Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary confirmation notice procedures.

8 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 4, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS THE MONITORING OFFICER REPORTED THAT MANAGEMENT TEAM HAD TAKEN THE DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING DUE TO THEIR POSSIBLE INTEREST IN THE ITEM, FOR THE SAME REASON THE MONITORING OFFICER AND B GARSIDE ALSO DECLARED AN INTERST AND LEFT THE MEETING.

9 EARLY RETIREMENT/VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY SCHEME

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which sought approval to adopt a harmonised Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy Scheme, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the harmonised Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy Scheme, outlined in Appendix B to the report, be adopted.