

**THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON
HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JULY 2008**

Present: Councillor R Taylor (Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Baird, Mrs G Bleasdale,
B Burn, R Burnip, A Collinson, Mrs E M Connor,
R Crute, Mrs S Forster, Mrs J Freak, J Haggan,
H High, A J Holmes, Mrs E Huntington,
Mrs A E Laing, T Longstaff, Mrs J Maitland,
Mrs S Mason, K McGonnell, D Milsom,
A Napier, Mrs A Naylor, G Patterson,
M Routledge, F Shaw, D J Taylor-Gooby,
R J Todd, T Unsworth and C Walker

1 REQUEST FOR APPROVED ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services in relation to a request from Councillor P J Campbell for approved absence from meetings for a period in excess of six months, due to illness. A copy of the report had been circulated to each Member.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 provided that if a Member of a local authority failed to attend meetings throughout a period of six consecutive months he/she should cease to be a Member of the authority unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period.

Councillor Campbell had been unable to attend meetings due to ill health, and his last attendance was at a full Council meeting on 7 February 2008.

To avoid his membership ceasing on 7 August 2008, Councillor Campbell had written to the Council seeking approval for his non-attendance, and for his continued absence from meetings, as he remained unwell.

RESOLVED that in view of Councillor Campbell's long term ill health, his continued absence from meetings beyond 7 August 2008, be approved for a period of up to six months.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Councillor Campbell conveying the best wishes of the Council.