

Present

Councillor B S Fortune (In the Chair)

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| Councillor | D E Adamson       | Councillor | J Noone          |
|            | R A Baker         |            | Mrs C Patmore    |
|            | P Bardon          |            | B Phillips       |
|            | A W Barker        |            | M J Prest        |
|            | D M Blades        |            | M Rigby          |
|            | Mrs C S Cookman   |            | M S Robson       |
|            | G W Dadd          |            | C R Rooke        |
|            | S P Dickins       |            | Mrs I Sanderson  |
|            | G W Ellis         |            | Mrs S A Shepherd |
|            | Mrs F M Greenwell |            | Mrs M Skilbeck   |
|            | A W Hall          |            | D H Smith        |
|            | K G Hardisty      |            | J N Smith        |
|            | R W Hudson        |            | P G Sowray       |
|            | J D Hugill        |            | T Swales         |
|            | N W Huxtable      |            | A P Wake         |
|            | R Kirk            |            | P R Wilkinson    |
|            | N A Knapton       |            | A W Wood         |
|            | C A Les           |            |                  |

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Billings, J Coulson, B Griffiths, Mrs J A Griffiths and S Watson)

C.23 **MINUTES**

**THE DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2012 (C.14 - C.22), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

C.24 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman announced that a staff choir would be performing on the conclusion of business at the Council Meeting.

C.25 **STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER AND REFERRALS FROM CABINET**

The Leader made a statement regarding the Budget for 2013/14, the Council's financial position, the renegotiation of the Council's energy contract and advertising on refuse vehicles.

The Leader welcomed Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire into post and advised that she would be invited to attend the Council meeting in April 2013.

The Leader expressed his gratitude to staff who had worked beyond the call of duty during the incidents of flooding by filling sandbags and manning the Floodline. The Leader also wished all residents, staff and members a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

The Leader moved Cabinet minutes CA.38 - CA.40 and CA.52 - CA.53.

A question was asked regarding the Council's Finances which the Deputy Leader responded to at the meeting.

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meetings of the Cabinet be received, approved and adopted:-

| <u>Body</u> | <u>Date of Meeting</u> | <u>Minute Nos</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Cabinet     | 27 November 2012       | CA.38 – CA. 40    |
| Cabinet     | 11 December 2012       | CA.52 – CA.53     |

C.26

**CABINET MEMBER STATEMENTS**

- (a) Councillor R Kirk, Portfolio Holder for Resources made a statement regarding the Financial Strategy, Welfare Reform from April 2013 and confirmed that appointments had been made to both the Finance and ICT Managers Posts. A question regarding funding for the Strategic Partnership was asked and responded to.
- (b) Councillor P R Wilkinson, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health made a statement regarding Performance, Hambleton Forum, Tour of France Bid 2014, Website, Environmental Health and Communications. He also expressed his thanks to the Leisure Team for arranging a very successful Hambleton Sports Awards Event. A question regarding the Tour of France Bid 2014 was asked and responded to.
- (c) Councillor B Phillips, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services made a statement regarding the Carbon Management Plan, Civil Parking Enforcement, Public Lighting, Service Level Agreements and a Review of Car Parking.
- (d) Councillor M S Robson, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning made a statement regarding the new Planning Manager, Community Infrastructure Levy, Neighbourhood Planning, Bagby Airfield, Hambleton Tenancy Strategy, the Procurement of waste and recycling Vehicles and Apprentices in Waste and Street Scene. A question regarding Bagby Airfield was asked and responded to.
- (e) Councillor T Swales, Portfolio Holder for Customer Services made a statement regarding Customer Services and Business and Communities. A question regarding CCTV was asked and responded to.

C.27 **YORKSHIRE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP**

The Leader presented a report on behalf of Councillor S Watson, the Council representative on the Yorkshire Energy Partnership, detailing the structure and activities of the Partnership specifically those relevant to Hambleton.

C.28 **REFERRALS FROM AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

| <u>Body</u>                               | <u>Date of Meeting</u> | <u>Minute Nos</u> |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| Audit, Governance and Standards Committee | 26 September 2012      | AGS.10            |
| Audit, Governance and Standards Committee | 31 October 2012        | AGS.17            |

C.29 **REFERRALS FROM LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**THE DECISION:**

That the reports, resolutions and recommendations of the following meeting of the Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee be received, approved and adopted:-

| <u>Body</u>                                      | <u>Date of Meeting</u> | <u>Minute Nos</u> |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee | 26 November 2012       | LEP.20 – LEP.22   |

C.30 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

All Wards

The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission's (LGBC's) draft recommendations for the electoral review of Hambleton District Council.

The Electoral Arrangements Working Party considered the draft recommendations and generally supported the LGBC's proposals. It noted that the Parish of Burrill-with-Cowling was part of a combined Parish Council and should therefore be included in the proposed Tanfield Ward. It also noted that the proposed constituency boundary between the Richmondshire and Thirsk and Malton constituencies bisected the proposed Wards of Morton-on-Swale and Bagby and Thorntons and felt that the LGBC should take note of the practical implications for running parliamentary elections, but that no changes to the draft recommendations be made.

Members suggested that the Theakston Parish should also be included within the proposed Tanfield Ward.

**THE DECISION:**

That the Working Group's observations be supported subject to the inclusion of the Theakston Parish within the proposed Tanfield Ward and passed to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

C.31

**STATEMENT OF PAY POLICY**

All Wards

The Director of Corporate Services submitted a report regarding the Council's Statement of Pay Policy which under the Localism Act 2011 required annual Council approval. The Statement of Pay Policy for 2013/14 was approved by Cabinet on 27 November 2012.

**THE DECISION:**

That the Statement of Pay Policy for 2013/14 be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

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Chairman of the Council