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7.1 OPENING

The President thanked all members present for their attendance and declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

7.2 PRESENT

Cr G Parker	President	Northampton Ward
Cr G Wilson	Deputy President	Northampton Ward
Cr O Simkin		Northampton Ward
Cr V Maskrey		Northampton Ward
Cr E Simkin		Northampton Ward
CR A Link		Kalbarri Ward
Cr P Gliddon		Kalbarri Ward
Cr L Parker		Kalbarri Ward
Cr R Allen		Kalbarri Ward
Mr Garry Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer	
Mr Neil Broadhurst	Manager of Works and Technical Services	
Mrs Hayley Williams	Principal Planner	
Mr Glenn Bangay	EHO/Building Surveyor	

7.2.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7.2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr S Stock-Standen	Northampton Ward
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7.3 QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

7.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 19th JUNE 2009

Moved Cr L PARKER, seconded Cr O SIMKIN

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 15th May 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Minute 3.7.6 – delete all wording from the paragraph commencing with “Legislative Requirement” to and including the paragraph commencing with “Council at the May 2009 meeting....”.

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- Minute 6.8.7 – part #2 of the minute, delete the paragraph commencing at “Advice the WA Planning Commission.....”

CARRIED 9/0

7.4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Minute 6.10.4 – Northampton Oval Lighting

The Chief Executive Officer advised that all excavation and conduit installation has been completed, however the lights themselves are to come from America and not expected to arrive until late September 2009.

7.5 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES - BROC

7.5.1 RECEIVAL OF MINUTES – BATAVIA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS – 23 rd JUNE 2009
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Moved Cr O SIMKIN, seconded Cr WILSON

That the minutes of the Batavia Regional Organisation of Councils Committee meeting held on the 23rd June 2009 be received.

CARRIED 9/0

7.5.2 COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS ALLOCATION

Moved Cr ALLEN, seconded Cr GLIDDON

That Council recommend to BROC that the allocation of the 35% of the balance of the Country Local Government Funds be allocated on a percentage basis to each member based on the funds received in 2008/2009.

CARRIED 9/0

7.6 WORKS REPORT

6.6.1 MAINTENANCE WORKS/PROGRAMMED WORKS (ITEM 6.1.1)

Noted.

The Manager of Works and Technical Services, Mr Neil Broadhurst left the meeting at 1.18pm.

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7.7 HEALTH & BUILDING REPORT

7.7.1 BOUNDARY FENCE REPLACEMENT – J & F CHURCH (ITEM 6.3.1)

Moved Cr G WILSON, seconded Cr V MASKREY

That Council contributes an amount of \$500.00 towards the replacement of the asbestos fence and waives the refuse site tip fees for the disposal of the asbestos sheets. The contractor will still be required to present the asbestos to the refuse site in the appropriate manner.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

7.7.2 INFORMATION ITEMS – HEALTH/BUILDING (ITEM 6.3.2)

Noted.

The Principal EHO/Building Surveyor Mr Glenn Bangay left the meeting at 1.28pm.

7.8 TOWN PLANNING REPORT

Cr Gliddon declared a financial interest in Item 6.3.1 as she owns property neighbouring Lot 117 and therefore may incur a financial gain or loss from the decision of Council and she left the meeting room at 1.28pm.

**7.8.1 PROPOSED ECO FLORA RESORT – DUST STABILISATION – LOT 117
FLORA BOULEVARD, ECO FLORA RESORT, KALBARRI (ITEM 6.3.1)**

Moved Cr L PARKER, seconded Cr LINK

That Council reiterate to Godiniland that Council would prefer that they be:

1. Required to erect a 1.8m colourbond fence around the perimeter of Lot 117 as per previous decision of Council.
2. Install additional wind fencing on Lot 117, minimum of three fences, to be erected on a contour basis to accommodate south west and easterly winds to limit sand drift on the lot and the fences to be constructed to the satisfaction of Council.
3. Install a stone wall on the north west corner of the lot near the roundabout (Corner of Centrolepis Circuit and Flora Boulevard).
4. Apply mulch to a minimum of 50mm to Stages 2, 3 and 4 areas to reduce the sand drift and works to be to the satisfaction of Council and these works to be completed within three months from the date of this advice.

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5. At a minimum, sow the lot with a cereal rye grass (or similar) as a matter of urgency to gain a good coverage of the lot prior to the summer months.

The developer be advised that they only have a two month period in which to have the rye grass sown and therefore this action needs to be carried out immediately.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr Gliddon returned to the meeting room at 1.40pm

Cr L Parker declared a financial interest in Item 6.3.1 as he owns property neighbouring the development and therefore may incur a financial gain or loss from the decision of Council and the left the meeting room at 1.41 pm.

7.8.2	INFORMATION ITEM – LEGAL ADVICE – LANDSCAPING WORKS CAPITAL HILL, GEORGE GREY DRIVE, KALBARRI (ITEM 6.3.2)
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Moved Cr WILSON, seconded Cr E SIMKIN

1. That Council management continue to liaise with Mr Geoff Owen, from McLeods in order to consider all possible courses of action to resolve this matter.

CARRIED 8/0

Cr L Parker returned to the meeting room at 1.42pm

7.8.3	PROPOSED FRONT FENCE – LOT 198 HAMPTON ROAD, NORTHAMPTON (ITEM 6.3.3)
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Moved Cr ALLEN, seconded Cr E SIMKIN

That Council:

1. Not adopt the officer's recommendation as Council considers that the applicant is endeavouring to upgrade and improve the streetscape of his premises.
2. Approve of the installation of a front boundary fence as requested subject to the fence having a maximum height of 1.2 metres and this is non negotiable.
3. Approve of the fence construction to be of tubular material with a loop and spear head design.
4. Approve of a picket fence as recommended by councils Heritage Advisor if the applicant chooses that fence design.
5. Upon completion of the fence no product advertising is or will be allowed on the fence.

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CARRIED 9/0

7.8.4 SUMMARY OF PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (ITEM 6.3.4)

Noted.

The Principal Planner, Mrs Hayley Williams left the meeting at 2.04pm

7.9 FINANCE REPORT

7.9.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (ITEM 6.4.1)

Moved Cr WILSON, seconded Cr MASKREY

That Municipal Fund Cheques 17940 to 17981 inclusive, totalling \$110,254.65; Municipal EFT payments numbered EFT6681 to EFT6763 inclusive totalling \$356,991.30, Direct Credits numbered GJ12-01,03,04,05 totalling \$3,175.50 and Trust Fund Cheque 1720 to 1721 totalling \$335.00, be passed for payment and the items therein be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED 9/0

7.9.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ITEM 6.4.2)

Moved Cr GLIDDON, seconded Cr L PARKER

That Council adopts the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 July 2009 and notes any material variances greater than \$5,000.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

7.10 ADMINISTRATION AND CORPORATE REPORT

7.10.1 REPAIR WORKS – MALALEUCA TRAIL (ITEM 6.5.1)

Moved Cr O SIMKIN, seconded Cr E SIMKIN

That the CEO further investigate this matter with the follow up of a supposed Council purchase order number being issued and defer this matter to the August 2009 Council meeting.

CARRIED 9/0

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7.10.2 APPLICATION FOR GATE – GREGORY STREET, ISSEKA (ITEM 6.5.2)

Moved Cr WILSON, seconded Cr LINK

That Council grant approval to Noel Anderson for the installation of a stock gate across Gregory Street, Isseka on the western boundaries of Lot 29 and 32 in accordance with *Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996*.

CARRIED 9/0

7.10.3 FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE FUTURE – SPORT & RECREATION (ITEM 6.5.3)

Moved Cr MASKREY, seconded Cr E SIMKIN

That Council amend the financial Plan for the Future by:

1. Transferring the Northampton Bowling Club greens redevelopment with an estimated cost of \$500,000 to occur in 2010/2011.
2. Transferring the Northampton Community Centre redevelopment with an estimated cost of \$900,000 to occur in 2010/2011.

CARRIED 9/0

7.10.4 WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – MEMBER MOTIONS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (ITEM 6.5.4)

Moved Cr MASKREY, seconded Cr E SIMKIN

That Council provide delegated authority to the voting delegates to vote on the agenda items on behalf of Council with the exception of Item 3.1 where the voting delegates are to vote against the motion.

CARRIED 9/0

7.10.5 MEMBERS/SENIOR OFFICERS TRAINING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS IN PLANNING (ITEM 6.5.5)

Noted.

7.10.6 REGIONAL AIRPORTS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – KALBARRI AERODROME RUNWAY RESEAL (ITEM 6.5.6)

Noted.

7.10.7 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM 2009/2010 (ITEM 6.5.7)

Noted.

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7.10.8 INDIAN OCEAN DRIVE – TOURISM SIGNAGE (ITEM 6.5.8)

Moved Cr P GLIDDON, seconded Cr MASKREY

That Council:

1. Rescind minute 6.10.12.
2. Contributes \$1,000 towards to the planning consultancy which will allow for a well researched signage strategy to proceed as proposed by WA Tourism.
3. Secures a provision of \$1,000 within the 2009/2010 budget.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Prior to the motion being voted upon, a show of hands from all member present indicated support for the rescinding of Minute 6.10.12

7.10.9 PLACEMENT OF OLD STYLE WINDMILL (ITEM 6.5.9)

Moved Cr MASKREY, seconded Cr LINK

That Council approve the location of an old style windmill on the south east corner of Lot 479 Gwalla Street, Northampton, as requested by the Northampton Motors and Machinery Restoration Group.

CARRIED 9/0

7.10.10 NEW RECREATION FISHING RULES (ITEM 6.5.10)

Moved Cr ALLEN, seconded Cr L PARKER

That Council:

1. That Council submit to the Northern Ward of WALGA an agenda Item requesting the State Government to review the new legislation relating to recreation fishing, in particular the level of fees being set for a recreational fishing licence as it will no doubt have an economic affect on the tourism industry within our regions.
2. Correspond to the Minister for Fisheries and the Minister for Tourism expressing Councils concerns as detailed within the officers report, with the added comments:
 - Legislation should be state wide and not in a selected region/area if the government are serious in protecting fish stocks;

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- The new rules could have an effect on fish stokes in northern areas where the new rules do not apply; and
- Council considers that if the previous rules had been policed to their fullest extent the recent changes would not have been required.

CARRIED 9/0

7.10.11 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – CHRISTOPHER CARSON (ITEM 6.5.11)
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Moved Cr ALLEN, seconded Cr O SIMKIN

That Council contributes \$1,000 to Christopher Carson to assist with costs for him to attend the National School Boys Football Championships and this be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

7.10.12 WA TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT (ITEM 6.5.12)
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Noted.

7.10.13 WA PREMIER AND MINISTERS VISIT TO GERALDTON (ITEM 6.5.13)
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Moved Cr E SIMKIN, seconded Cr MASKREY

That Council, through representation by the Deputy President and CEO, request a meeting with Minister Brendan Grylls to discuss the following items on behalf of Council:

1. Pursue the option of local authorities having the capacity to sell crown land that has been vested into the local government for which that land and proposed use are no longer required and the sale proceeds of that land help to fund infrastructure in the shire.

Projects that can be funded from such land sales include but not exhaustive to:

- Purchase/Construction of residence for housing of doctor.
- Purchase/Construction of residence for housing of senior staff.
- Relocate tennis courts and netball/basketball courts from current site to the Kalbarri Sport and Recreation Centre in Porter Street.
- Construct second boat ramp in Kalbarri.
- Construct parking areas in Kalbarri.
- Assist with the construction of new St John Ambulance facilities.

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- Install appropriate camping facilities and managing of coastal areas, namely Half Way, Lucky Bay and Little Bay.

- 2. Seek discussion for the subdivision of unallocated crown land at Port Gregory with proceeds to secure a potable water supply and infill sewer system. With this proposal it be recommended that the offer be made to the state government that an area of land be provided to Council and for Council to manage the subdivision. This way it's the Council who takes the risk and not the state government. All profits over and above the infill sewer and potable water supply can then be invested into the provision of camping facilities and control of the Half Way and Lucky Bay areas.

- 3. Council correspond to Mr Grylls and Mr Grant Woodhams on the above matters.

CARRIED 9/0

7.11 PRESIDENTS REPORT

No report

7.12 COUNCILLORS REPORT

7.12.1 CR L PARKER

Since the last Council meeting Cr L Parker reported on his attendance meetings with the Kalbarri Visitors Centre on the River Road project. Advised that the steering committee is to be formalised as the project will be ongoing for a number of years.

7.12.2 CR O SIMKIN

Since the last Council meeting Cr O Simkin reported on his attendance to recent meetings of the Northampton Community Centre where the following matters have been considered:

- Plans for the proposed redevelopment of the centre are being finalised.
- The Sports Administrator, Lorna Teakle, has increased attendance and participation on various sports at the Centre.
- Overall the Centre is operating very well.

7.12.3 CR P GLIDDON

Since the last Council meeting Cr Gliddon reported on her attendance to the following:

- Public seminar on "Choose Respect". Seminar was arranged by the Kalbarri School and Health Centre and was originally designed to address bullying within schools and the general community.

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6.12.4 CR R ALLEN

Since the last Council meeting Cr Allen reported on his attendance to the following:

- Gascoyne Area Consultative Committee. Committee has been granted three months of operational funding.

7.14 INFORMATION BULLETIN

Noted.

7.15 NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7.15.1 CR E SIMKIN – BARRICADE MATERIALS

Cr E Simkin reported that recently in Horrocks where Council has placed barricading to prevent persons and vehicles entering areas that are damaged or subject to erosion etc, have been removed/destroyed. To rectify this Cr E Simkin recommended that Council purchase concrete blocks, approximately 600kg in weight to use as barricades. Such blocks that would prevent the easy removal of barricades and therefore provide a deterrent and protection to areas that the Council wants to protect. Further the blocks can be relocated to other areas of need when required.

Prior to any further discussion Cr G Wilson declared an interest in this item as he owns a business that supplies such cement blocks and therefore may incur a financial gain or loss from the decision of Council and left the meeting room at 2.36pm.

Moved Cr E SIMKIN, seconded Cr O SIMKIN

That Council, purchase 100 cement blocks for barricade purposes where required and this be declared authorised expenditure.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

Cr Wilson re-entered the meeting room at 2.41pm.

7.15.2 CR O SIMKIN – REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr O Simkin advised that he will be taking leave for the months of August and September and requested leave of absence from Council duties for these months.

Moved Cr L PARKER, seconded CR E SIMKIN

That Cr O Simkin be granted Leave of Absence for the months of August and September 2009.

CARRIED 9/0



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7.16 NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Northampton Council Chambers, Hampton Road, Northampton on the 21st August 2009.

7.17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2.46pm.