

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 25 JULY 2023

Present:-

Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore (Chairman)
Cllr. Nick Chapman (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Janet Forey	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Dillan Shikotra
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Hannah Gill	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Bev Welsh
Cllr. Tony Deakin	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Geoff Welsh
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Alex DeWinter	Cllr. Les Phillimore	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Terry Richardson	Cllr. Neil Wright

Officers present:-

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
John Richardson	- Executive Director
Cat Hartley	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Paul Coates	- Neighbourhood Services & Assets Group Manager
Phil Fasham	- Environmental Health Manager
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Edward Stacey	- Major Schemes Officer
Clementyne Murphy	- Senior Planning Officer
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer

Apologies:-

Cllr. Bob Waterton

73. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

74. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 June 2023, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

75. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore made announcements in respect of the following:

- Attended the opening of the new cycle path connecting Braunstone Town to Meridian Leisure Park.
- Raised the Armed Forces flag at the Council Offices in Narborough.
- Attended the open day at A Place to Grow, a Community Garden site in Enderby.
- Attended the opening of a community garden in Countesthorpe.
- Attended Thorpe Astley on the Beach.
- Attended the LLR School Summer Games at Loughborough University, where Blaby teamed up with Harborough to win an amazing 5 trophies.
- Attended an osprey cruise at Rutland water, hosted by the high Sheriff of Rutland, raising funds for Warning Zone, a charity that is dedicated to delivering life skills and safeguarding children aged 10-11.
- Judged at the 'Lubbesthorpe in Bloom' competition alongside the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Nick Chapman.

The Chair then invited the Vice-Chair, Cllr. Nick Chapman to make his announcements in respect of the following:

- Attended the Thurlaston carnival.
- Joined our Armed Forces Champion, Cllr. Mark Jackson at the armed forces fair in Broughton Astley.

76. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader, Cllr. Terry Richardson presented his Statement in respect of the following:

- Happy Blaby!
- Industrial Action
- Comments submitted on rail freight hub
- Youth Council letter prompts action by Government
- Tourism bounces back in the District
- New supported affordable homes
- Blaby toilets progress
- HMP Fosse Way opens

- Meridian Point access opens
- Work experience candidates welcomed at Council
- Kings Fund Report identifies Blaby DC as Best Practice
- LGA Conference 2023
- Solar Together scheme

77. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

78. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received.

79. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE: TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2021/22

Considered – Report of the Cabinet Executive, presented by Cllr. Maggie Wright, Deputy Leader and Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder.

DECISIONS

1. That the treasury management activities for 2022/23 be approved.
2. That the prudential and treasury indicators for 2022/23 be approved.

Reasons:

1. The regulatory framework governing treasury management activities includes a requirement that the Council should produce an annual review of treasury activities undertaken in the preceding financial year. It must also report the performance against the approved prudential indicators for the year.
2. This report fulfils the requirement above and incorporates the needs of the Prudential Code to ensure adequate monitoring of capital expenditure plans and the Council's prudential indicators. The treasury strategy and prudential indicators for 2022/23 were contained in the report approved by Council on 24th February 2022.

80. LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2023 - 2028

Considered – Report of the Environmental Health Manager, presented by Cllr. Les Phillimore, the Housing, Community & Environmental Services Portfolio Holder.

DECISIONS

1. That the Statement of Licensing Policy 2023 – 2028 be approved.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Group Manager of Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Chairman of Licensing and Regulatory Committee, to update the Policy if minor amendments or changes are required.

Reason:

It is appropriate that members of the Council review and agree the Policy, inclusive of any amendments to the Policy whilst in draft form prior to it coming into effect on 1st September 2023.

81. HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

Considered – Report of the Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor, the Planning Delivery and Enforcement & Corporate Transformation Portfolio Holder.

Cllr. Stuart Coar and Cllr. Dillan Shikotra left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

DECISIONS

1. That the Executive Director be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to respond on behalf of the Council in respect of all matters pertaining to the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange as described in this report.
2. That the Executive Director be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to organise meetings of the HNRFI Member Reference Group, chaired by the Portfolio Holder and open to all members.
3. That an additional budget of £50,000 be approved for the project, to act as a contingency should it be required.

Reason:

To ensure that the Council can engage appropriately with the Development Consent Order Process, meet the statutory deadlines of the Planning Act 2008, and meet the timelines set by the Planning Inspectorate.

82. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Considered – Report of the Development Strategy Manager, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor, Planning Delivery and Enforcement & Corporate Transformation Portfolio Holder.

DECISION

That the revised Blaby District Local Development Scheme be approved, to become effective immediately.

Reasons:

1. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme.
2. A Local Planning Authority must revise its Local Development Scheme at such times as it considers appropriate.

83. MOTION UNDER COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Cllr. Paul Hartshorn moved the following motion, seconded by Cllr. Hannah Gill:

Southey Road Recreation Ground (Wimpey Park)

Council believes that the best way to secure the long-term future of Southey Road Recreation Ground in Enderby, as a community asset, is to apply a Deed of Dedication, via Fields in Trust. Council requests a cabinet bring forward a time tabled plan to establish the Deed of Dedication, prior to further testing and transfer to Enderby Parish Council, at the next meeting of full Council.

A request for a recorded vote by Cllr. Hannah Gill was made and supported by the required number of Members in accordance with Part 4, Section 1, Paragraph 17.5 of the Council's Constitution.

Voting on the motion was taken as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
Cllr. Shabbir Aslam		
Cllr. Royston Bayliss		
	Cllr. Lee Breckon	
Cllr. Nick Brown		
	Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore	
	Cllr. Nick Chapman	
	Cllr. Adrian Clifford	
Cllr. Luke Cousin		
Cllr. Tony Deakin		
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Cllr. Bev Welsh		
Cllr. Geoff Welsh		
	Cllr. Jane Wolfe	
	Cllr. Maggie Wright	
	Cllr. Neil Wright	

The Chairman declared that the motion had been lost.

DECISION

That the motion, having been put to the vote was rejected.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.29 P.M.