

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

Present:-

Cllr. Nick Chapman (Chairman)
Cllr. Janet Forey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Alex DeWinter	Cllr. Terry Richardson
Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Ande Savage
Cllr. Dr John Bloxham	Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Hannah Gill	Cllr. Dillan Shikotra
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Bob Waterton
Cllr. Tony Deakin	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Les Phillimore	Cllr. Neil Wright

Officers present:-

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Louisa Horton	- Executive Director - Communities
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Honorary Alderman in attendance:-

Iain Hewson

Apologies:-

Cllr. Jane Wolfe

309. MINUTES SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF DARREN HILL

The Chair, Cllr. Nick Chapman invited Members and Officers to hold a minute silence for Darren Hill.

Darren Hill, a former cherished Member of the Refuse & Recycling service, who served the Council with dedication for 20 years, sadly passed away on 17 May 2025.

310. WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR. DR. JOHN BLOXHAM

The Chair, Cllr. Nick Chapman welcomed Councillor Dr. John Bloxham to his first Council meeting since being elected to the Glen Parva Ward at the by-election held on 1 May 2025.

311. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

312. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 8 April 2024, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

313. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

314. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received.

315. PRESENTATION: UK SPF 2022-2025 ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Members received a presentation from the Executive Director – Place.

The presentation covered the following points:

- A breakdown of the 40 projects delivered successfully
- How residents will benefit from projects
- Net Zero achievements
- Blaby District Council “in house” temporary accommodation provision
- Next steps

316. PLANNING SERVICE SPECIAL MEASURES RISK NOTIFICATION

Considered - Report of the Executive Director - Place, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor – Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio Holder.

DECISION

That the report be noted.

Reason:

No decisions are required.

317. TRANSFER OF NARBOROUGH PARK

Considered - Report of the Executive Director - Place, presented by Cllr. Nigel Grundy– Neighbourhood Services & Assets Portfolio Holder.

Cllr. Royston Bayliss arrived at the meeting during consideration of this item.

Cllr. Stuart Coar left the meeting during consideration of this item.

DECISIONS

1. That the disposal of Narborough Park to Narborough Parish Council be approved.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director (S151) in consultation with the Neighbourhood Services and Assets Portfolio holder and Finance, People and Performance Portfolio holder to agree terms and finalise the disposals of the land assets detailed in 2.1 of the report.

Reasons:

1. Transfer of land is a recommendation within the Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2024-2034.
2. The recommendation seeks to transfer open space to the Parish Council where there is no potential for development of the land and in so doing reduce maintenance costs and liability to the Council.

318. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS 2025-2029

Considered - Report of the Elections & Governance Manager, presented by

Cllr. Terry Richardson – Leader of the Council.

Cllr. Stuart Coar returned to the meeting before this item was considered.

DECISION

That the Independent Persons be appointed for a term of office of four years until Annual Council in May 2029 to perform the roles set out in section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011.

Reason:

Section 7 of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to appoint at least one Independent Person to assist in maintaining and promoting the high standards of conduct amongst elected and co-opted members.

319. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Considered – A proposed resolution to exclude the public from the meeting.

Following consideration of this item the Chair, Cllr. Nick Chapman announced that the livestream would pause to allow the exempt items to be considered in closed session.

DECISION

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

Agenda Item 11: Proposal for the Council to Invest in additional Housing to Provide Temporary Accommodation and Increase our Affordable Housing Provision.

Exemption Category: 3

Reason for Exemption:

The report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Public Interest Test: The public interest test has been considered and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

320. PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNCIL TO INVEST IN ADDITIONAL HOUSING TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND INCREASE OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVISION

Considered - Report of the Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson – Leader of the Council.

The Decision is Restricted in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.08 P.M.