

## **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2024**

### **Present:-**

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

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

### **Officers present:-**

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Louisa Horton	- Executive Director - Communities and Monitoring Officer
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Jonathan Hodge	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Martin Needham	- Senior Planning Policy Officer
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

### **Honorary Alderman in attendance:-**

Iain Hewson & Guy Jackson

### **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Adrian Clifford, Cllr. Alex DeWinter, Cllr. Janet Forey, Cllr. Ande Savage,  
Cllr. Dillan Shikotra and Cllr. Jane Wolfe

**1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

- Cllr. Bob Waterton** - Item 9 – A proposed public consultation for a potential new Conservation Area in Braunstone Village.
- Nature of Interest - Other Registerable Interest.
- Extent of Interest - Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee at Braunstone Town Council.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 February 2024, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

**3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

No questions were received.

**4. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

A request was received from Stuart Bacon - Huncote Parish Council, as he was not in attendance the Chairman moved on to the next agenda item.

**5. FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND USE OPTIONS FOR LAND TO THE REAR OF HUNCOTE LEISURE CENTRE**

*Cllr. Stuart Coar left and returned to the meeting during this item.*

Considered - Report of the Executive Director - Place, presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson – Leader of the Council.

Following Member debate the Chairman, Cllr, Cheryl Cashmore invited Stuart Bacon from Huncote Parish Council who had arrived at the start of the item to speak.

Public Speaking

Pursuant to Part 5, Section 9 of the Council's Constitution, in relation to the Public Speaking Protocol, the Chairman allowed Stuart Bacon from Huncote Parish Council to speak for 3 minutes.

Cllr. Luke Cousin proposed amendments to recommendations, seconded by Cllr. Hannah Gill, as follows:

- Replace 2.1 as follows: “That the Council defer decision on the use of the land to the rear of the Huncote Leisure Centre (currently, BMX track provision) until the ongoing legal challenge by Huncote Hornets BMX Club is concluded and the legal position confirmed, at which point this report is brought back to Council.”
- Remove 2.2
- Remove 2.3

#### Reasons for Decisions Recommended

- Replace 3.1 as follows: “To enable Council to make a fully informed decision on the future use of the land”
- Remove 3.2
- Remove 3.3

The Chairman took the vote by a show of hands, the Chairman declared that the amendments had been lost.

### **DECISIONS**

1. That the BMX track provision to the rear of Huncote Leisure Centre be ceased.
2. That the land is reopened to the public, when it is safe to do so and upon completion of the outstanding legal action, as open space, which will include the planting of trees and rewilding.
3. That £50,000 from the general reserve to implement the recommendation be approved.

#### Reasons:

1. To address the legal and environmental issues arising from the land's previous use as a Landfill Site.
2. To determine the most beneficial use of the site, maximising the site's potential long term value to the community and supporting achievement of the council's priorities.
3. To manage public safety and environmental risks, providing the Council with scope to assess the ongoing landfill site risks.

**6. CORPORATE ACTION PLAN 2023-24**

Considered - Report of the Business Systems & Information Manager, presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson - Leader of the Council.

**DECISION**

That progress made against the Corporate Action Plan 2023-2024 be noted.

Reason:

It is important that Elected Members, and staff are familiar with how the Council is delivering against its agreed actions and priorities.

**7. REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY PENSIONS POLICIES**

Considered - Report of the Finance Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Maggie Wright, Deputy Leader and Finance, People & Performance Portfolio Holder.

**DECISION**

That the updated discretionary Pension Policy be approved.

Reason:

To ensure that the policy covering active and deferred LGPS members remain up to date and fit for purpose.

**8. A PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR A POTENTIAL NEW CONSERVATION AREA IN BRAUNSTONE VILLAGE**

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

**DECISION**

That the Council proceed to a public consultation on the potential designation of the Braunstone Village Conservation Area.

Reason:

To progress the motion made by Council in November 2021 to consider the merits of a Conservation Area in this location.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.16 P.M.**