

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

Present:-

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

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Terry Richardson
Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
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. Cheryl Cashmore	Cllr. Richard Holdridge	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Luke Cousin	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Neil Wright
Cllr. Tony Deakin	Cllr. Antony Moseley	
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Les Phillimore	

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
Caroline Harbour	- Environmental Health, Housing & Community Services Group Manager
Jonathan Hodge	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Martin Needham	- Senior Planning Policy Officer
Katie Hollis	- Finance Group Manager
Kevin Exley	- Principal Planning Policy Officer
Ian Jones	- Housing Services Manager
Katie Brooman	- Elections and Governance Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer

Honorary Alderman in attendance:-

Iain Hewson & Guy Jackson

Apologies:-

Cllr. Alex DeWinter, Cllr. Ande Savage, Cllr. Dillan Shikotra and Cllr. Bob Waterton

88. DELAYED START TIME

The Chairman announced that the start of the meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties and the meeting would proceed without the livestream.

89. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS

No disclosures were received.

90. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 July 2024 as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

91. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, Cllr. Nick Chapman made announcements in respect of the following:

- Visited Kirby Muxloe Football Club for a preseason match with Nottingham County on 27 July 2024.
- Visited Wistow Church to support a concert by Musical village based in Leicester Forest East in aid of fundraising for the church on 17 August 2024.
- Attended Glenfield's Picnic in the Park on 18 August 2024.
- Represented the Council by attending the vigil for Mr Bhim Kohli and his family on 6 September 2024.
- Attended an evening at Cuisine of India in aid of the Mayor of Oadby and Wigston's Charity on 9 September 2024.
- My Chairman at Home event took place on 13 September 2024 where £503 was raised for the East Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. I would like to say thank you to all that joined me including the new MP for mid-Leicestershire and the acting Leader of Leicestershire County Council. A special thanks to Nicky Brown and Louise Price for all their hard work in supporting me at my event.
- Attended the Charity Cake & Coffee Morning on 17 September 2024. £160 was raised for the East Midlands Air Ambulance and £160 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.
- The Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Janet Forey joined me to attend Kirby Muxloe's Fun Day on 22 September 2024.

92. LEADER'S STATEMENT

Cllr. Antony Moseley arrived at the meeting during this item and Cllr. Stuart Coar left the meeting during this item and did not return.

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

- Braunstone Town Events
- HNRFI decision delayed
- Contaminated land update
- Council advice helps local business secure major contract
- Sport and physical activity highlights
- District Tourism Growth Plan
- Update on Local Plan
- Active Travel Strategy
- Job Fair
- New electric sweeper
- Solar Together success

93. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

94. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received.

95. AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS

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

DECISION

That a further allocation of £57,835 towards a proposed 15 unit all affordable scheme for people suffering with mental health at Grove Road, Blaby be approved.

Reasons:

1. To ensure that funds previously allocated for affordable housing and commuted sums paid in lieu of affordable housing are utilised in the most appropriate and efficient way.

2. To ensure that the above funds are used to enable the delivery of affordable housing.

96. DESIGNATION OF A NEW CONSERVATION AREA IN BRAUNSTONE VILLAGE AND THE MAKING OF A NON-IMMEDIATE ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

Considered – Report of the Senior Planning Policy Officer, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor - Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio Holder.

A supplemental agenda in respect of Appendix C was considered alongside the report.

Cllr. Ben Taylor commented on the cross party work that had been undertaken and thanked colleagues for their support.

DECISIONS

1. That the formal designation of Braunstone Village Conservation Area be approved.
2. That a 'non-immediate' Article 4 Direction be prepared and made, removing some Permitted Development rights to specific properties as detailed in the Conservation Area Management Plan at Appendix C of the report.
3. That the Constitution be amended accordingly to grant delegated authority to the Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder for the determination of Article 4 directions.

Reasons:

1. To progress the motion made by Council in November 2021 and to consider the merits of a Conservation Area in this location and following the recent public consultation.
2. To consider the introduction of further planning controls in the interest of the historic character of the area.
3. To ensure clarity of decision making.

97. PLANNING OBLIGATIONS AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Considered – Report of the Development Strategy Manager, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor - Planning, Transformation and ICT Portfolio Holder.

DECISION

That the Planning Obligations and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (2024) be adopted.

Reasons:

1. To accord with national legislation, which sets out the mechanism for securing planning obligations from new development. This includes the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) which sets out additional legislation on the use of planning obligations.
2. To ensure that the Council's approach to securing planning obligations on new development is based on up-to-date local evidence.

98. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

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

Cllr. Terry Richardson thanked Louisa Horton for her time in the role of Monitoring Officer.

DECISION

That Gemma Dennis be appointed as Blaby District Council's Monitoring Officer.

Reason:

The Local Government & Housing Act 1989 requires every local authority to designate one of its senior officers as the Monitoring Officer.

**99. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET EXECUTIVE: QUARTER 1
CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2024/25**

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

DECISIONS

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the latest Capital Programme for 2024/25, totalling £8,449,878, be accepted.

Reasons:

1. To ensure that the Council has adequate resources in place to meet its capital expenditure commitments.
2. To reflect additions or other changes to the Capital Programme since it was approved by Council on 27th February 2024, including the carry forward of unspent budget from 2023/24.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.58 P.M.