

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 May 2015

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth (Mayor)

Present:	Councillor Meredith Lawrence	Councillor Paul Feeney
	Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Kathryn Fox
	Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Gary Gregory
	Councillor Pauline Allan	Councillor Helen Greensmith
	Councillor Emily Bailey	Councillor Sarah Hewson
	Councillor Peter Barnes	Councillor Viv McCrossen
	Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Barbara Miller
	Councillor Chris Barnfather	Councillor Marje Paling
	Councillor Denis Beeston MBE	Councillor John Parr
	Councillor Alan Bexon	Councillor Michael Payne
	Councillor Tammy Bisset	Councillor Stephen Poole
	Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Colin Powell
	Councillor Bob Collis	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Paul Stirland
	Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor John Truscott
	Councillor Kevin Doyle	Councillor Jane Walker
	Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Muriel Weisz
	Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Henry Wheeler
	Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Paul Wilkinson
	Councillor Andrew Ellwood	

Absent: Councillor Carol Pepper

1 OPENING PRAYERS.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Revered Michael Taylor, delivered opening prayers.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carol Pepper.

3 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor reflected on her year in office and how proud she had been to represent the Borough at over 250 events.

The Mayor informed Council that while she was unable to choose any favourite events from the year, as they were all special in their own right, there were a few events that stood out as particularly memorable. The

Mayor highlighted the excellent, and very innovative, play days that she had attended, supported by the volunteers of the Gedling Play Forum. The Mayor also highlighted her visits to the Carlton and Arnold Fire Stations and the Holocaust Memorial, along with her trike ride at the annual toy run and celebrating the receipt of a Queen's Award by a member of the Netherfield Forum. The Mayor also spoke about the touching World War One memorial events that had taken place, including the Lights Out Event and the memorial service at Arnot Hill Park, during which students from Arno Vale Primary School placed crosses on the war memorial for each fallen soldier, with each student also writing the Mayor a personal letter.

The Mayor thanked Members, officers and the public for their support in fundraising for her chosen charities and highlighted the recent opening of the Men in Sheds project at Jubilee House, which aims to reduce loneliness.

The Mayor gave thanks to Barbara Calvert- Benner and Mike Storer for their assistance, to the Reverend Michael Taylor, her Chaplain, to her husband, to her Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, her drivers and the Members' Services Team.

The Mayor concluded that it had been an honour to serve as the Borough's first citizen and gave her best wishes to the incoming Mayor and Mayoress.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

5 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Payne and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Meredith Lawrence be elected Mayor of the Borough of Gedling for the ensuing year.

Councillor Lawrence made a signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council.

Councillor Lawrence adjourned the meeting to allow for the transfer of the Chain of Office and robes.

The meeting then resumed with Councillor Lawrence in the Chair.

6 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Payne and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Hollingsworth and Mr Ken Hollingsworth MBE, the Mayor's Consort, be thanked for the work undertaken by them during their term of office.

7 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Payne and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sandra Barnes be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gedling for the ensuing year.

Councillor Sandra Barnes made a signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council.

8 TO RECEIVE THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF CHAPLAIN AND THE MAYOR'S CHARITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The Mayor nominated Reverend Barry Drake, retired Minister of the Netherfield United Reformed Church, as his Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The Mayor nominated We R Here as his charity for the ensuing year.

9 TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING FOUR YEARS.

It was proposed by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Collis and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Clarke be appointed as Leader of the Council for the ensuing four years.

10 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET.

Councillor Clarke advised Council of his appointments to the position of Deputy Leader and his Cabinet.

11 TO RECOGNISE THE LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP.

It was proposed by Councillor Parr, seconded by Councillor Powell and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Barnfather be recognised as the Leader of the Conservative Group.

12 TO APPOINT THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, STANDING ORDINARY COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Collis that the membership of the scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees of the Council, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.

RESOLVED:

To appoint to the Council's scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees in accordance with the document circulated.

13 TO APPOINT THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, STANDING ORDINARY COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Collis that the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of the scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees of the Council, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.

RESOLVED:

To appoint to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council's scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees in accordance with the document circulated.

14 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Collis that the appointment of representatives to outside bodies, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.

RESOLVED:

To appoint representatives of the Council to outside bodies, in accordance with the document circulated.

15 TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Collis that the schedule of meetings for the ensuing year, as circulated at the meeting, be approved.

RESOLVED:

To approve the schedule of meetings for the 2015/16 municipal year, in accordance with the document circulated.

Signed by Chair:
Date: