

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Councillor Meredith Lawrence (Mayor)

Present:	Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Paul Feeney
	Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Sarah Hewson
	Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
	Councillor Pauline Allan	Councillor Viv McCrossen
	Councillor Emily Bailey	Councillor Barbara Miller
	Councillor Peter Barnes	Councillor Marje Paling
	Councillor Chris Barnfather	Councillor John Parr
	Councillor Denis Beeston MBE	Councillor Michael Payne
	Councillor Alan Bexon	Councillor Carol Pepper
	Councillor Bob Collis	Councillor Stephen Poole
	Councillor John Clarke	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Paul Stirland
	Councillor Kevin Doyle	Councillor John Truscott
	Councillor Boyd Elliott	Councillor Jane Walker
	Councillor David Ellis	Councillor Muriel Weisz
	Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Henry Wheeler
	Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Tammy Bisset, Councillor Nicki Brooks, Councillor Kathryn Fox, Councillor Gary Gregory, Councillor Helen Greensmith and Councillor Colin Powell

89 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

The Mayor paid tribute to long serving Council officer Alan Chappell who had recently passed away and all present observed a minute's silence.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Darryl Holt provided a thought for the day.

90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bisset, Brooks, Fox, Gregory, Hewson, Greensmith and Powell.

91 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor announced that he had attended 31 engagements since the last meeting of Council. The Mayor had been particularly impressed with

the Pride of Gedling Awards, which celebrated the work of the people of Gedling in their communities.

The Mayor's annual charity ball had raised £1200 for the Mayor's Charity, We R Here.

The Mayor noted a number of events that had taken place for International Women's Day, organised by Councillor Roxanne Ellis (and others), which had been attended by the Mayoress.

Since the last meeting of Council, the Mayor had also visited a number of schools, hosted a number of "Meet the Mayor" visits to the Civic Centre and had attended two 100th birthdays within the Borough.

The Mayor informed Members of his hope to reach 200 engagements during his year in office and noted that he had yet to visit Lambley or Linby in his official capacity.

The Mayor drew Members attentions to two forthcoming events; a beacon lighting at Gedling Country Park in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday and the Mayor's Last Stand variety show, which the Mayor himself would be opening by singing.

92 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27 JANUARY AND 7 MARCH 2016.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

93 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Local Planning Document, on behalf of all Members, as a number of sites specified in the document are owned by Gedling Borough Council.

94 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE PUBLIC UNDER STANDING ORDER 8.

None received.

95 TO DEAL WITH ANY PETITIONS RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8A.

The Mayor invited Mrs Rosie Taylor to address Council and present a petition, which had been signed by 263 residents requesting that the Council consider placing a Tree Protection Order on an oak tree sited in the garden of 34 Whittingham Road, Mapperley.

Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Payne, moved a motion in the following terms:

“That Council:

Thanks the petitioner for lodging the petition and bringing this matter to Council to be debated; and

Refers the request for a Tree Preservation Order to Planning Committee for further investigation and determination.”

Following debate, the motion was duly voted upon and it was

RESOLVED to:

1. Thank the petitioner for lodging the petition and bringing this matter to Council to be debated; and
2. Refer the request for a Tree Preservation Order to Planning Committee for further investigation and determination.”

96 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 9.

None received.

97 LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT - PUBLICATION DRAFT - REFERRAL FROM CABINET

Consideration was given to a referral from Cabinet, requesting the approval of the Publication Draft of the Local Planning Document for a six week period of consultation.

Councillor Payne declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item, on behalf of all County Councillors, owing to a number of sites referred to within the Document being owned by Nottinghamshire County Council.

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the submission of the Publication draft of the Local Planning Document, Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment to the Secretary of State with associated evidence documents for independent examination under section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 subject to there not being the need for any substantial changes following consultation on the Publication draft. Should the consultation confirm the need for substantial changes then this would require referral back to Council for approval at a later date; and

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of Planning Committee, to make any minor changes such as typographical, formatting or changes to imagery necessary to the Publication draft prior to consultation and/or submission.

98 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION FOLLOWING THE MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

Councillor Poole and Bailey left the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development & Democratic Services seeking approval to amend the Constitution and any policy or procedure approved by Council to reflect the new management arrangements following the management restructure.

RESOLVED that:

1. The current references in the Constitution and any Policy or procedure approved by Council are amended as set out in the report to reflect the new management arrangements following the management restructure, and
2. The Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any necessary amendments to reflect the new management arrangements.

99 CHANGES TO REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections and Members Services, seeking Council's approval to amend the membership of Planning Committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Hewson is replaced by Councillor Doyle on the Planning Committee; and
2. Councillor Hewson is appointed as substitute member for the Planning Committee.

100 AMENDMENTS TO SCHEME OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

Councillor Poole entered the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections and Members Services, seeking Council's approval to amend the published scheme of polling places, polling districts and polling stations for Gedling Borough.

RESOLVED:

To amend the polling place for polling districts GC1, GT2, GV2 and SA2 as detailed in the table at paragraph 3.1 of the report.

101 APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

Councillor Bailey entered the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Elections and Members' Services seeking approval to appoint the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the appointment of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer, with immediate effect; and
2. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary changes to the constitution to reflect the appointment.

102 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS CONCERNING ANY MATTER DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE OR BY A COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE (STANDING ORDER 11.1).

In accordance with Standing Order 11.1, a number of comments were made and responded to by the appropriate Cabinet Member or Committee Chair.

103 TO CONSIDER COMMENTS, OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN, UNDER STANDING ORDER 11.03(A).

None received.

104 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 12.

Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Roxanne Ellis, proposed a motion in the following terms:

“That this Council resolve:

- To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds.

- To commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council.
- To seek to identify a member of staff within the council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health.
- To review the Council's progress with regards to meeting 'The Challenge' which will include a report to Council every six months.
- To support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.
- To work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.
- To work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs.
- To tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.
- To proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health."

RESOLVED to:

1. Sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds;
2. Commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the Council;
3. Seek to identify a member of staff within the Council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health;
4. Review the Council's progress with regards to meeting 'The Challenge', which will include a report to Council every six months;
5. Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces;
6. Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community;
7. Work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs;
8. Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community; and
9. Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.

The meeting finished at 7.40 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: