

# Agenda

## Council

Date: **Wednesday 18 September 2019**

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Time: **6.00 pm**

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Place: **Council Chamber**

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# Council

## Membership

### **Mayor**

Councillor Sandra Barnes

### **Deputy Mayor**

Councillor Meredith Lawrence

Councillor Michael Adams  
Councillor Peter Barnes  
Councillor Chris Barnfather  
Councillor Pat Bosworth  
Councillor Michael Boyle  
Councillor Nicki Brooks  
Councillor John Clarke  
Councillor Liz Clunie  
Councillor Bob Collis  
Councillor Jim Creamer  
Councillor Boyd Elliott  
Councillor David Ellis  
Councillor Rachael Ellis  
Councillor Roxanne Ellis  
Councillor Andrew Ellwood  
Councillor Paul Feeney  
Councillor Kathryn Fox  
Councillor Des Gibbons  
Councillor Helen Greensmith  
Councillor Gary Gregory

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth  
Councillor Mike Hope  
Councillor Rosa Keneally  
Councillor Ron McCrossen  
Councillor Viv McCrossen  
Councillor Barbara Miller  
Councillor Simon Murray  
Councillor Julie Najuk  
Councillor Marje Paling  
Councillor John Parr  
Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor Alex Scroggie  
Councillor Martin Smith  
Councillor Sam Smith  
Councillor Jennifer Thomas  
Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton  
Councillor John Truscott  
Councillor Henry Wheeler  
Councillor Paul Wilkinson

## SUMMONS

A meeting of the Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 6.00 pm to transact the business as set out below.



Karen Bradford  
Chief Executive

## AGENDA

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- 1 Opening Prayers.
- 2 Apologies for Absence.
- 3 Mayor's Announcements.
- 4 To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2019. 9 - 12
- 5 Declaration of Interests.
- 6 To deal with any petitions received under Standing Order 8a.
- 7 To answer questions asked by the public under Standing Order 8.
- 8 To answer questions asked by Members of the Council under Standing Order 9.

Questions received from Councillor Adams

Question 1

Flooding in Arnold

The recent awful flooding in Arnold, apparently brought about as a result of the

Gedling Borough Council maintained lagoon bursting its banks for the 3rd time in 10 years despite this supposedly being 'a once in 50 x year event', has raised huge concerns locally around the ability of the council to properly protect the welfare and wellbeing of its residents. I wonder how many times do residents on Bentwell Avenue in particular, the elderly, families with young children and other vulnerable residents, have to resort to their house insurers (where possible) to try and restore normality to their home, before the council properly exercises its responsibilities, acts positively and stops blaming the weather and indeed everyone else. When I personally attended on site at the lagoon, even my untrained eye could see that it was thick with silt and massively overgrown with trees and large shrubs. It certainly did not give the impression of a well maintained site. Can the Leader of the Council therefore explain details of the schedule of maintenance for the lagoon and brook that leads to the bottom of the gardens on Bentwell Avenue and confirm how that is complied with and checked by officers, and verified as sufficiently operable by those with appropriate expertise, including Nottinghamshire County Council as the Lead Flood Authority and/or the Environment Agency?

## Question 2

### Neighbourhood Police Team

During the 2019 local election campaign, Labour election literature committed to specifically providing the Gedling area with 5 additional police officers. The leaflet, promoted by the Deputy Leader Michael Payne, specifically stated "We will create a new local neighbourhood policing team – putting 5 additional police officers back on our streets". Can the Leader confirm as to how this Labour Administration intends to carry out that pledge and outline exactly which authority or legislation gives a District Council the power or indeed ability, to usurp the role of the Chief Constable in allocating additional Police Officers to the Gedling area and to determine their duties and responsibilities.

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| <b>9</b>  | <b>Changes to Representation on Committees.</b>   | <b>13</b>      |
|           | Report of the Service Manager Democratic Services.  |                |
| <b>10</b> | <b>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).</b> |                |
| <b>a</b>  | <b>Minutes of meeting Tuesday 25 June 2019 of Joint Consultative and Safety Committee</b>   | <b>15 - 18</b> |
| <b>b</b>  | <b>Minutes of meeting Thursday 27 June 2019 of Cabinet</b>  | <b>19 - 21</b> |

<b>c</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Thursday 4 July 2019 of Standards Committee</b>	<b>23 - 25</b>
<b>d</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Tuesday 9 July 2019 of Environment and Licensing Committee</b>	<b>27 - 30</b>
<b>e</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Wednesday 10 July 2019 of Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee</b>	<b>31 - 33</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Tuesday 23 July 2019 of Audit Committee</b>	<b>35 - 37</b>
<b>g</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Thursday 1 August 2019 of Cabinet</b>	<b>39 - 42</b>
<b>h</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Tuesday 6 August 2019 of Environment and Licensing Committee</b>	<b>43 - 45</b>
<b>i</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Wednesday 7 August 2019 of Planning Committee</b>	<b>47 - 71</b>
<b>j</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting Tuesday 27 August 2019 of Joint Consultative and Safety Committee</b>	<b>73 - 75</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>To consider comments, of which due notice has been given, under Standing Order 11.03(a).</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>To consider motions under Standing Order 12.</b>	

Motion One

This Council:

- 1) Notes that the safeguarding of children and other vulnerable individuals within the community is of paramount importance to all who hold public office.

- 2) Is aware of recent criticisms of other surrounding authorities for a failure to exercise due diligence in carrying out their safeguarding functions in respect of children within their care.
- 3) Notes that, whilst Officers may primarily exercise the day to day functions of safeguarding on behalf of local authorities, that Elected Members equally have a responsibility to ensure that:
  - a) Those functions are indeed carried out diligently and effectively;
  - b) That vulnerable children and others potentially at risk in the community are protected by appropriate policies and procedures;
  - c) That Elected Members themselves set an appropriate leadership example in exercising their duties and responsibilities.
- 4) Recognises the importance of ensuring that everyone representing Gedling Borough Council, who may come into contact with such vulnerable children and other individuals in the course of their duties, are themselves above reproach.
- 5) Should seek to provide reassurance to our Gedling community by ensuring that all Elected Members are themselves made subject to a DBS check upon taking office.
- 6) Instructs the Monitoring Officer to consider and put in place a mechanism to ensure that appropriate DBS checks are carried out and recorded in a register against the name of all Elected Members.

Proposer: Councillor Adams  
Seconder: Councillor Smith

### Motion Two

This Council notes:

- i) the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's August announcement to allocate a £1 billion Future High Streets fund to 100 high streets across England
- ii) the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's decision on 6 September 2019 to invite 100 towns across England to benefit from the £3.6 billion new 'Towns Fund' and the announcement by Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government that each of those towns will receive up to £25 million
- iii) the lack of transparent application process for the Government's new 'Towns Fund', the absence of any published criteria for the Government's decision to choose the 100 towns over others and the Conservative Government's inclusion of eleven places in the new

'Towns Fund' that are in the top seventeen Conservative Party general election target constituencies in England

- iv) the inclusion of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government's own town of Newark-on-Trent in the Government's new 'Towns Fund' announced on 6 September 2019

This Council regrets:

- i) the Government's disappointing decision to reject Gedling Borough Council's bid for a share of the £1 billion Future High Street Fund for Arnold town centre and choosing 100 other places instead
- ii) the decision of the Conservative Government to turn its back on Gedling Borough by not including any of Gedling Borough's towns as beneficiaries of the multi-million pound new 'Towns Fund' announced on 6 September 2019

This Council agrees:

- i) that all members of the Council will be invited to sign the letter being sent by the Leader of the Council to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government demanding they:
  - a) reconsider their decision to exclude Gedling Borough's towns from the 100 announced beneficiaries of the new 'Towns Fund' and calling on them to ensure towns in our borough receive a fair share of the funding available
  - b) immediately publish the criteria used for determining the 100 towns to benefit from the new 'Towns Fund' and which Government Minister made the decision to approve the list of the 100 towns announced on 6 September 2019

Proposer: Councillor Payne

Seconder: Councillor Clarke