

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 15 November 2017

Councillor Viv McCrossen (Mayor)

Present:

Councillor Barbara Miller	Councillor Paul Feeney
Councillor Michael Adams	Councillor Kathryn Fox
Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Helen Greensmith
Councillor Emily Bailey Jay	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Peter Barnes	Councillor Meredith Lawrence
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Chris Barnfather	Councillor John Parr
Councillor Denis Beeston MBE	Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Alan Bexon	Councillor Carol Pepper
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 David Ellis	Councillor Muriel Weisz
Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Pauline Allan, Councillor Boyd Elliott,
Councillor Gary Gregory and Councillor Sarah
Hewson

30 OPENING PRAYERS.

A minutes silence was held following the passing of former Councillor Rod Kempster and local resident Dylan Barker. Councillors paid tribute to former Councillor Kempster's commitment to the people of Arnold and his long service to the community.

The Mayor's Chaplain delivered opening prayers.

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allan, Gregory, Elliott and Hewson.

32 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor informed Members that she had been extremely busy since the last meeting of Council; having completed a 170 mile cycle for her charity and a number of civic events.

The Mayor had attended excellent events organised by the Gedling Play Forum, a neighbourhood gardening competition and had attended the Patchings Arts Festival, which she urged Members to attend in future as it was a credit to the Borough.

The Mayor had attended a number of events held at local residential care homes, meeting many residents of the Borough who were over the age of 100.

The Mayor had attended an amazing event at the Richard Herrod Centre, which was hosting the opening of the para bowls home nations competition, which would be used to select athletes to take part in the next Paralympic games. The Mayor paid tribute to the outstanding athletes taking part in the competition.

The Mayor had attended a Halloween event at the St. George's Centre which was attended by over 300 families. The Mayor praised the team who organised the event, which brought children, young people and families of Netherfield together.

The Mayor informed Members that she had been fortunate to visit the Borough's twin town of Vandoeuvre-les-Nancy, France and had discussed future co-operation.

The Mayor informed Members that the Wilkins Group, a local business, had recently won the International Trade Award at the Midlands Family Business Awards.

The Mayor informed Members that the order of business for the meeting would be varied and the referral from Cabinet regarding Arnold Market would be considered as the final item on the agenda.

33 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2017.

RESOLVED:

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

34 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

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

None received.

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

None received.

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

Councillor Ellwood submitted the following question:

“In light of the start of the building of Gedling Access Road in 2018 and the likelihood that the existing footpath that connects Lambley Lane Recreation Ground with Gedling Country Park will be removed during the building of the Access Road; has the Council got any plans to retain access from the south side of the Country Park for walkers during the period of construction of the Access Road with a designated access point?”

Councillor Payne provided the following response along with a site plan for all Members:

“Following a request for information on what the Council will do to help retain access from Lambley Lane Rec to the south side of the Country Park for walkers during the period of construction of the Gedling Access Road [GAR] with a designated access point. I can inform you that;

Advance GAR Drainage Works are now taking place [for 12 weeks] which will be mildly disruptive. The contractor has indicated that the former mineral line path from Lambley Lane Rec. into the Country Park will remain open. But they will have to close it off for short durations most probably at the start and end of the day whilst plant is moved on and off the site. It is not envisaged that this path will have to be closed off other than these short duration times and a banksmen will stop pedestrians from using the access during this time. The times will be advertised on site by the contractor when this will be happening.

As a result of these works, part of the path around the lagoon shown on the attached plan in yellow, is now closed off and pedestrians are being diverted to access the country park via alternative access past the lagoons, via the vehicular access for the park up the concrete road also indicated on the map.

Regarding the issue of establishing a designated access point from the far end of Lambley Lane Rec. to the Country Park during the period of time when the main GAR construction works take place. Nearer the time Viaem have stated that they will let the Service Manager Parks & Street Care know timescales for this when they have a more detailed

programme, but works are currently estimated to commence Autumn 2018 at present.

Council Officers will recommend to Viaem - the Highways Authority, that they do 'all in their power' to retain access from Lambley Lane Rec to the south side of the Country Park for walkers during the period of construction of the Access Road with a designated access point. The path in question will have to be closed off for periods of time, hopefully some of short duration and it is hoped a banksmen will be present to stop pedestrians from using the access during this time. But when the main construction of this section of road takes place adjacent to the Country Park access will need to stop because of a health & Safety duty of care to local residents. The duration of this closure is unknown at present as programme plans for the works are still being drafted.

However the long term proposal is to retain the access from Lambley Lane Rec to the south side of the Country Park in the future by constructing a path that will run the full length of the Rec and beyond to the new traffic island being created just beyond the lagoons near to the current Methane Exaction plant where there will be formal access from the rec direction and from the new Keepmoat development."

38 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: PRUDENTIAL CODE INDICATOR MONITORING 2017/18 AND QUARTERLY TREASURY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer, which had been referred to Council by Cabinet.

RESOLVED to APPROVE:

- 1) The amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017/18, to add the use of Property Funds to the list of approved investment instruments referred to at 2.7(i) of the report.

39 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance seeking approval for the Council to continue to apply its current Council Tax Reduction Scheme without revision for the 2018/19 financial year.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council continues to apply the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the financial year 2018/19 without revision.

40 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presenting the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

41 CHANGES TO REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Democratic Services, seeking approval for changes to the membership of Committees following a request from the Labour Group Business Manager.

RESOLVED to APPROVE the following changes to representation on the following committees:

1. Councillor Gregory is replaced by Councillor Wilkinson on the Environment and Licensing and Licensing Act Committees;
2. Councillor Gregory is appointed as a substitute member for the Environment and Licensing and Licensing Act Committees; and
3. Councillor Miller is replaced by Councillor Fox as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

42 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.

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

None received.

44 TO CONSIDER MOTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 12.

Upon a notice of motion received in the name of Councillor Adams, a proposition was moved by Councillor Adams and seconded by Councillor Doyle in the following terms:

“No scheduled meeting of the Council or Cabinet shall be cancelled, postponed or otherwise altered without the prior agreement of the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Second Group, or their appointed representatives.”

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor David Ellis, and seconded by Councillor Collis in the following terms:

“No scheduled meeting of the Council shall be cancelled, postponed or otherwise altered without prior consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Second Group, or their appointed representatives”.

And it was

RESOLVED that:

No scheduled meeting of the Council shall be cancelled, postponed or otherwise altered without prior consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Second Group, or their appointed representatives.

45 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That, the Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

46 REFERRAL FROM CABINET: ARNOLD MARKET

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Economic Growth which had been referred to Council by Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

To approve the establishment of the budget required to acquire the Arnold Market site (as shown on the Plan at Appendix 1 to the report) for no more than the sum set out in Exempt Appendix 2.

The meeting finished at 8.05 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: