

MINUTES COUNCIL

Wednesday 20 May 2026

Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne (Mayor)

Present: Councillor Sandra Barnes
Councillor Michael Adams
Councillor Pauline Allan
Councillor Roy Allan
Councillor Jane Allen
Councillor Stuart Bestwick
Councillor David Brocklebank
Councillor John Clarke
Councillor Jim Creamer
Councillor Andrew Dunkin
Councillor Boyd Elliott
Councillor David Ellis
Councillor Rachael Ellis
Councillor Andrew Ellwood
Councillor Paul Feeney
Councillor Kathryn Fox
Councillor Helen Greensmith
Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Alison Hunt
Councillor Darren Maltby
Councillor Ron McCrossen
Councillor Viv McCrossen
Councillor Andrew Meads
Councillor Julie Najuk
Councillor Marje Paling
Councillor Michael Payne
Councillor Lynda Pearson
Councillor Sue Pickering
Councillor Catherine Pope
Councillor Grahame Pope
Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Sam Smith
Councillor Ruth Strong
Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Russell Whiting
Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis and Councillor Alex Scroggie

1 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A two-minute silence was held for the tragic passing of Tyler Fairman and ex-councillor John Tanner.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Philipp Ziomek, then addressed council and gave a reading.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roxanne Ellis and Scroggie.

3 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor addressed the council and gave a speech summarising his mayoral year. He expressed his privilege in being the mayor over the last year and gave thanks to the many people who supported him. He noted his thanks to his Chaplains and the whole of the Good Shepherd Church, the Democratic Services team, his consorts Wendy and Michael

Payne MP and to every friend and fundraiser who helped him across a wide range of events. He noted he had been met with so much kindness and selfless generosity across Gedling and would be leaving the role full of admiration for the borough, a place defined by compassion, community spirit and people who always look out for one another. The Mayor finished his speech confirming he had raised £20,174.85 for his chosen charities, Motor Neurone Disease Association and MND Nottinghamshire.

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

5 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Councillor Clarke proposed that Councillor Barnes be elected as the Mayor of Gedling for the forthcoming year, this was seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth.

RESOLVED:

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

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to allow the transfer of the chain of office and robes.

Meeting adjourned at 18:30
Meeting returned at 18:35

Councillor Barnes signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked the Council.

The meeting was resumed with Councillor Barnes in the Chair who confirmed that she would be nominating the Nottingham Hospitals Charity – premature baby unit, as her charity for the municipal year.

6 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth to the outgoing Mayor.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne and his consorts, Michael Payne MP and Wendy Payne, be thanked for their work undertaken during the 2025/26 term of office.

7 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor invited nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Clarke proposed that Councillor Pauline Allan be Deputy Mayor for the 2026/27 mayoral year, which was seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Pauline Allan be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gedling for the ensuing year.

Councillor Pauline Allan signed the declaration of acceptance and thanked the Council.

8 TO APPOINT A YOUTH MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Mayor welcomed Lydia Yates as the re-elected Gedling Youth Mayor to the lectern to give a speech. The Mayor then gave a medallion to Lydia.

9 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING YOUTH MAYOR

The Mayor thanked Lydia Yates for her hard work during the last year as Gedling Youth Mayor and invited members of the council to give their thanks to Lydia.

10 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET

Councillor Clarke informed the Council of the appointments of Deputy Leader and his Cabinet as detailed at appendix 1 to the report.

11 TO RECOGNISE LEADERS OF POLITICAL GROUPS

Labour Group
Proposed by Councillor Hollingsworth

Conservative Group
Proposed by Councillor Martin Smith

Liberal Democrat Group
Proposed by Councillor Ellwood

Independent Group
Proposed by Councillor Meads

RESOLVED:

That:

- 1) Councillor Clarke be recognised as the Leader of the Labour Group and Leader of the Council; and
- 2) Councillor Adams be recognised as Leader of the Conservative Group; and
- 3) Councillor Hughes be recognised as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group; and
- 4) Councillor Whiting be recognised as Leader of the Independent Group; and

12 TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth that the schedule of meetings for the ensuing year be approved.

RESOLVED:

To approve the schedule of meetings for the 2026/27 municipal year.

13 TO APPOINT THE CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS AND MEMBERSHIPS OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, STANDARDS ORDINARY COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Rachael Ellis and seconded by Councillor Grahame Pope that the membership of the scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees of the Council be approved, subject to a minor change to the published papers. Councillor Brocklebank to become a member of the Audit Committee, instead of Councillor Paling.

RESOLVED:

To appoint to the Council's scrutiny committee, standing ordinary committees and sub-committees as amended.

14 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Hollingsworth that the appointment for representatives to outside bodies be as detailed in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED:

To appoint representatives of the Council to outside bodies, as per appendix 1

The meeting finished at 7.26 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: