

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

17 APRIL 2018 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR LJP O'SHEA - MAYOR

Mr RG Allen, Mr PS Bessant, Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr CW Boothby, Mr SL Bray, Mrs R Camamile, Mr MB Cartwright, Mrs MA Cook, Mr DS Cope, Mrs GAW Cope, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr MA Hall, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr E Hollick, Mr C Ladkin, Mr MR Lay, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr DW MacDonald, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols, Mr M Nickerson, Mrs J Richards, Mr RB Roberts, Mrs H Smith, Mrs MJ Surtees, Mr BE Sutton, Mr P Wallace, Mr R Ward, Ms BM Witherford and Ms AV Wright

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson and Kirstie Rea

441 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Kirby and Williams.

442 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

In considering the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting, Councillor Cartwright felt the second paragraph of the debate on minute 372(b) (motions) was not an accurate reflection as it was out of context. He also did not feel the conclusion of the debate was accurately recorded in relation to the withdrawal of the motion and amendment and felt that the constitution did not allow for a new motion to be tabled at the meeting. In response, the Monitoring Officer assured members that the constitution permitted motions arising during debate and also motions without notice to refer a matter to another body. In the absence of majority support for an amendment to the minutes, Councillor Cartwright wished his objection to be recorded.

Councillor Witherford highlighted an error in the third sentence of the second paragraph of minute 358 which should have read "(which did not uphold...)". This error was acknowledged and it was agreed that this would be corrected.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Bill and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2018 be confirmed subject to the above amendment to minute 358, and signed by the Mayor.

443 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

444 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on recent engagements and his civic service, thanking those who had attended.

445 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

In his position statement, the Leader made reference to the recent meeting of the Executive held at Bagworth Community Centre, industrial and economic development,

the business of the meeting and the Making a Difference Awards, encouraging nominations for the latter.

446 PREVENTION STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the Prevention Strategy which detailed the prevention work undertaken across the Council. It was moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Surtees and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The prevention work carried out across the Council be acknowledged;
- (ii) The Prevention Strategy 2018-21 be approved.

447 LEICESTERSHIRE ICT PARTNERSHIP DIGITAL STRATEGY

The Leicestershire Districts ICT Partnership Digital Strategy was presented to Council. A member queried provision of facilities for those that don't have access to ICT by ensuring access within the community. In response it was suggested that communities consider applying for a grant from the Parish & Community Initiative Fund.

The meaning of a 'digital high street' was questioned, and it was noted that Hinckley was in the top quartile for this by providing free wifi in the town centre and many of the businesses using social media.

It was requested that progress reports be provided during the course of the strategy.

It was moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Morrell and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The positive work undertaken across the partnership be noted;
- (ii) The Digital Strategy be adopted;
- (iii) Updates during the lifetime of the strategy be provided to members.

448 MOTIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 17

It was proposed by Councillor Bill and seconded by Councillor Bray that:

"This Council notes with concern the sheer volume of major development proposals now under consideration in Hinckley and in the surrounding areas and in particular the impact of these proposals on road congestion which clearly worsens by the day. Accordingly it resolves to state this Council's opposition to

1. The Strategic Growth Plan where this will have an adverse impact on Hinckley & Bosworth
2. The A46 Expressway as it is clear that there has been no thought given to the likely adverse impact on the B4669 Sapcote Road entrance into Burbage and Hinckley
3. The freight depot which is proposed to be adjacent to Burbage Common.

Whilst this authority welcomes any move towards encouraging the transfer of road to rail, it questions the reasons behind this particular proposal as it will result in an unknown

quantity of vehicular movements emerging onto junction 2 of the M69 which is also likely to be the starting point for the A46 Expressway. It points out that there are already insufficient controls over HGV movements across the urban area either by day or night despite the weight limits which were imposed some time ago. It expresses concern that the Jacobs Consultants report which was commissioned to examine the traffic impact of the Strategic Growth Plan fails to recognise the existing traffic congestion in the Hinckley & Burbage areas and offers no solutions.

This Council further notes that the growth agenda behind these and other development proposals are based on the assumptions of the original Housing and Economic Development report (Hedna) and resolves to seek a downward revision of the growth projections now that the full significance in terms of the accumulative impact of these and other proposals is now realised.

It therefore instructs its officers to act accordingly and in support of the parish councils who have already expressed their concerns.”

Councillor Hall referred to his amendment which was printed in the supplementary agenda, setting some context for the amendment. He stated that, whilst the strategic growth plan had been a key priority of his when taking office and that there were merits in agreeing a strategic plan, there were some key issues which needed to be considered, particularly regarding infrastructure delivery and alleviating the current problems felt by borough residents. Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Allen, subsequently proposed the following amendment:

“This Council resolves to include the following in its response to the consultation on the Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan:

1. The proposed A5 Expressway should take priority over the delivery of the A46 Expressway, as this will go a long way to alleviate the traffic problems associated with the immediate level of development that is planned along its length. Failure to deliver on the A5 improvements could mean that some planned development cannot be achieved and could lead to the possibility of redistribution of planned growth to other areas.
2. The A46 Expressway, if delivered, should only connect to the M69 by way of a dedicated route from the A46 southbound to the M69 and from the M69 northbound to the A46. It is not required to support growth in the Hinckley and Bosworth area and should not connect to any existing junctions of the M69.
3. The Strategic Growth Plan should be clear that industrial and housing growth beyond 2031 should largely focus on the primary growth area along the Leicester (inner) side of the A46 Expressway. It should specifically state that growth around the greater Hinckley urban area (to include Burbage, Barwell and Earl Shilton), should have minimal additional growth determined only through Local Plan allocations.

Additional final wording of the Council's response to all consultation questions is to be agreed with the Leader of the Council in conjunction with the Executive members for Planning and Regeneration following a review of a draft document, which is to be provided to members of the Planning Policy Working Group.

Council also resolves to:

- a) Respond to any consultation on the rail freight interchange proposals on land adjacent to Burbage Common in a timely and professional manner.

- b) Make Council's concerns known in any discussion about the impact that this proposal would have, in particular on Burbage Common and the road network around the site."

Councillors Bill and Bray, as mover and seconder of the original motion, supported the amendment, and following discussion on the motion as amended it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) The following be included as a response to the consultation on the Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan with final wording of the Council's response to all consultation questions being agreed with the Leader of the Council in conjunction with the Executive members for Planning and Regeneration following a review of a draft document, which is to be provided to members of the Planning Policy Working Group:
1. "The proposed A5 Expressway should take priority over the delivery of the A46 Expressway, as this will go a long way to alleviate the traffic problems associated with the immediate level of development that is planned along its length. Failure to delivery on the A5 improvements could mean that some planned development cannot be achieved and could lead to the possibility of redistribution of planned growth to other areas.
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- (ii) Any consultation on the rail freight interchange proposals on land adjacent to Burbage Common be responded to in a timely and professional manner;
- (iii) Council's concerns be expressed in any discussion about the impact that the rail freight interchange proposals would have, in particular on Burbage Common and the road network around the site.

(The Meeting closed at 7.23 pm)

MAYOR