

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2005 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: MR. J.C. BOWN - MAYOR  
MRS. M.L. SHERWIN - DEPUTY MAYOR

Mrs. M. Aldridge, Mr. D.C. Bill, Mr. D.R. Bown, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. C.M. Claridge, Mr. J.F. Collins, Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mrs. M.J. Crooks, Mr. W.J. Crooks, Mr. N.B.L. Davis, Mr. B.H. Edwards, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. D. Finney, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. R.J. Furniss, Mr. D.E. Hinton, Mr. K.A.J. Hunnybun, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Mr. M.R. Lay, Mr. K.W.P. Lynch, Ms. J.E. Price, Mr. J.E. Stanley, Mr. D.W. Thorpe, Mr. R. Ward and Mrs. R.W. Wright.

Officers in attendance: Mr S. Atkinson, Mr. P.F. Cash, Mr. D. Jinks, Mrs. J. Kelly, Mr. S. Kohli, Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mr. T.M. Prowse.

137 TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN LONDON

The Mayor led those present in a minute's silence to remember those who lost their lives, were injured and affected in the atrocities in London on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Following this Mr. Manzoor Moghal of the Federation of Muslim Organisations in Leicestershire addressed the meeting and spoke on unity within the community.

138 PRAYER

Reverend R. Davis, Mayor's Chaplain, and Mr. Moghal offered prayer.

139 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr. M.O. Bevins, Mr. C.W. Boothby, Mr. M.A. Hall, Mrs. E.A. Spencer and Mr. K. Vessey.

140 MINUTES (C16)

Subject to the insertion of the word 'year' in the heading and in the resolution relating to minute no. 88 it was moved by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Lay and

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2005 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

141 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

142 ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor indicated that he had agreed to take as a late item, and as previously circulated to Members, a report of the Head of Health and Environment relating to a contractual issue within the refuse and street cleansing service, the reason for the urgency being the need to ensure continuity of service in the refuse collection/street cleansing sections.

143 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

At the invitation of the Mayor the Leader of the Council reported on the receipt of a letter from Market Bosworth Parish Council thanking this Council for its contributions towards the provision of lighting and street furniture for that village.

144 PETITIONS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.12 Mr. Davis submitted a petition on behalf of residents in De Montfort Ward calling for traffic lights at the Bradgate Road/Stoneygate Drive/Leicester Road and Barwell Lane/Ashby Road junctions.

On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Claridge, it was

RESOLVED - this petition be referred to Leicestershire County Council.

Mr. Edwards entered the meeting at 6.45 p.m.

145 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIR

Prior to the Council considering this item Mr. N.B.L. Davis submitted his resignation as current Chairman of the Standards Committee.

Further to minute no. 79 (3) of 28<sup>th</sup> June 2005 Members considered the membership and chairing of the Standards Committee, including advice from the Standards Board relating to the latter.

Whilst generally in agreement with the recommendations contained in the report of the Chief Executive it was moved by Mr. Lay and seconded by Mr. Lynch that Mr. D.R. Bown be appointed Chairman of the Standards Committee until the annual Council meeting in May 2006. Discussion then arose as to the process by which the independent members of the Standards Committee had been appointed, following which it was moved as an amendment by Mrs. Sherwin and seconded by Mrs. Claridge that Mr. Bown be appointed Vice-Chairman until the next Council meeting, during which time the Chief Executive examine the position regarding independent members. In the event of a meeting of the Standards Committee needing to be arranged in the interim, Mr. Bown would chair that meeting. Upon this being put to the vote this was declared CARRIED and thereupon

RESOLVED -

- (i) Article 9.02(d) of the Council's Constitution be amended at the earliest opportunity to enable the introduction of recommendation (ii) below;
- (ii) following such amendment, the Chair of the Standards Committee alternate annually between a (non-Executive) Council member and an 'independent' member;
- (iii) any 'independent' members appointed to the Standards Committee must comply with the requirements set out in the Guidance issued by the Standards Board (page 4);
- (iv) the criteria set out in the Standards Board Guidance be used to select 'independent' members for the Standards Committee;

- (v) that the Parish Councils Association (LRAPLC) nominee, Mr M. Fryer, of 29 Grace Road, Desford be accepted as the Parish Council replacement for Mr Kirby; and
- (vi) following his investigations the Chief Executive report his findings relating to the proper process for the appointment of independent members.

Mr. Furniss left the meeting at 7.12 p.m. returning at 7.15 p.m.

146 FLORENCE HOUSE - GROUND FLOOR LEASE (C18)

Consideration was given to the taking up of the lease of the ground floor of Florence House and on the motion of Mrs. Claridge, seconded by Mr. Davis, it was

RESOLVED - approval be given to the taking up of this lease on the terms outlined in the report of the Head of Culture and Development.

147 EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY (C19)

Presented to Members was the final version of the above, which included important feedback from various interested parties.

Mr. Edwards left the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Ellis, and

RESOLVED - the Empty Homes Strategy attached to the report of the Head of Health and Environment be adopted and form part of the Council's overall housing strategy.

Mr. Lynch left the meeting at 7.43 p.m., returning at 7.45 p.m.

148 MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 12

It was moved by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Joyce that this Council takes note of the opinions expressed by so many residents and agrees to restore the weekly collection of household refuse.

Mr. Hunnybun left the meeting at 8 p.m. and Mr. Edwards re-entered the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

After a full debate and upon being put to a vote, recorded as follows, the motion was declared LOST.

For: Mr. Bill, Mrs. Crooks, Mr. Crooks, Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Francks, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Stanley (8).

Against: Mrs. Aldridge, Mr. D.R. Bown, Mrs. Camamile, Mrs. Claridge, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Davis, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Furniss, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Lay, Ms. Price, Mrs. Sherwin, Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Wright (17).

Abstention: Mr. J.C. Bown (1)

149 MATTER FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Mr. J.C. Bown, seconded by Mr. D.R. Bown, it was

RESOLVED - in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remaining item of business on the ground that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Mr. Furniss left the meeting at 8.32 p.m. returning at 8.33 p.m.

150 VEHICLE SUPPLY IN RECEIVERSHIP (C20)

In the light of the imminent receivership of the Council's existing supplier the Head of Health and Environment sought approval to urgent action to secure vehicles to ensure the continuity of service provision. On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Wright, it was

RESOLVED - the transfer arrangements outlined in the report of the Head of Health and Environment be approved.

(The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.)