

**HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**24 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 6.30PM**

**PRESENT:** MRS S FRANCKS - MAYOR  
MR R MAYNE - DEPUTY MAYOR

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr JG Bannister, Mr PS Bessant, Mr DC Bill, Mr CW Boothby, Mr JC Bown, Mr SL Bray, Mrs R Camamile; Mr MB Cartwright, Mr DS Cope, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr DM Gould, Mrs A Hall, Mr PAS Hall, Mr DW Inman, Mr CG Joyce, Mr C Ladkin, Mr KWP Lynch, Ms WA Moore, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols, Mr LJP O'Shea, Mrs J Richards, Mr AJ Smith, Mrs S Sprason, Mr BE Sutton, Mr R Ward, Ms BM Witherford and Mr DO Wright.

Officers in attendance: Mr SJ Atkinson, Mr A Bottomley, Mr Michael Brymer, Mr D Bunker, Ms V Bunting, Mrs Y Hughes, Mr S Kohli, Mr T Oglesby, Mrs PI Pitt, Mr D Potter, Ms S Smith and Mrs S Stacey.

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Mayor announced that there would not be a Planning Committee site visit on Monday, 28 February.

468 **PRAYER**

The Reverend Andrew Murphy, offered prayer.

469 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr PR Batty, Mr MR Lay and Dr JR Moore. The Mayor announced that the reason for Mr Batty's absence was that he was visiting Mr C (Mike) Halliday, a long-standing former Member of this Authority, who was gravely ill. Mr Ward then referred to the recent death of Mr T Griffiths, a former Leicestershire County Councillor for Barwell and it was agreed to send condolences to Mr Griffiths' family.

470 **MINUTES (C42)**

On the motion of Mr Nichols, seconded by Mr Crooks, it was

**RESOLVED** – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

Mr Gould entered the meeting at 6.36pm.

471 **ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Mayor indicated that, as previously circulated to Members, she had agreed to take as a matter of urgency a report relating to proposed changes to polling station venues.

472 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor announced that the Chief Executive had written to HRH Prince William and to Katherine Middleton congratulating them on their forthcoming wedding. A letter of thanks had been received on the couple's behalf sending their best wishes to the Borough.

473 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Boothby and Mrs Sprason both declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10(d) (HRA Estimates 2011/12), as Council tenants. It was agreed that Mr Boothby and Mrs Sprason should only leave the Chamber whilst that item was voted upon. For clarification, the Chief Executive stated that the four financial reports would be introduced together and voted upon separately.

474 LEADER'S POSITION STATEMENT

The Leader referred briefly to items on this evening's agenda, including the budget for the coming year. In his recent visit to 10 Downing Street to meet with Nick Clegg and David Cameron the Leader had raised again the unresolved issue of the five-year land supply and the need to clarify the housing subsidy arrangements. On a positive note Atherstone Town Council had confirmed that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council would operate its market, initially for the next six months. Having referred to the various initiatives and joint working arrangements in which the Council was involved the Leader concluded by announcing that since his position statement had been prepared, he had learned that the appeal by JS Bloor against the refusal of planning permission in Ratby had been dismissed and Mr Bray paid tribute to all involved in producing the Council's case.

475 MINUTES OF SCRUTINY COMMISSION MEETINGS – 9 DECEMBER 2010 (C43) AND 20 JANUARY 2011 (C44)

In the absence of Mr Lay these were presented by Mr Hall.

476 FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR FINANCE

In his presentation of the Council's revised budget for 2010/11 and the budget for 2011/12 Mr Lynch indicated his intention, since they were interrelated, to present the following four reports in a single block:-

General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 (C45)

Calculation of Council Tax 2011/12 (C46)

Capital Programme 2010/11 – 2013/14 (C47)

Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2011/12 (C48) (a revised version of this report had previously been circulated to Members).

Voting on each of these would, however, be done separately.

A difficult year had been anticipated, borne out by the Comprehensive Spending Review and the subsequent Settlement but by making early

preparations the Council had been able to protect its high quality frontline services.

The current outturn figures indicated a potential underspend of some £220,000, £60,000 of which would be transferred to the General Fund Balances and the remainder into the Local Development Framework Reserve.

Mr Lynch referred to the losses in formula grant funding in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and to other factors which would take the Council's budget deficit for 2011/12 to between £1.4m - £1.5m.

Shortfalls in funding had been addressed by a Budget Overview Panel which had managed to identify significant savings. Managers were commended for exceeding the Panel's target levels for savings / additional income by some £40,000. Constructive discussions with the Trades Unions were ongoing to agree arrangements to address the shortfall for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Mr Bray left the room at 7.20pm, returning at 7.22pm.

#### 477 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12 (C45)

Members were advised that this had been prepared in conjunction with the Council's Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets, which would be presented separately at tonight's meeting. Mr Lynch referred specifically to a number of items in this report, namely

- The funding and provision of Concessionary Travel becoming the responsibility of Leicestershire County Council with effect from 1 April 2011;
- The provision made in the budget for an increase in salaries for all staff earning less than £21,000 which the National Employers had withdrawn;
- The application of an average base rate of 0.75% for 2011/12;
- Reserve funding (set aside each year) to cover the cost of the May 2011 elections.

Mr O'Shea left at 7.54pm, returning at 8.01pm.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.4 five Members present called for a recorded vote on this item This was taken and recorded as follows:-

##### For the Recommendation

Mr Mayne, Mr Bannister, Mr Bill, Mr Bray, Mr Cope, Mr Crooks, Mr Gould, Mrs Hall, Mr Hall, Mr Inman, Mr Joyce, Mr Lynch, Ms Moore, Mr Nichols, Dr Smith, Ms Witherford and Mr Wright (17 votes).

##### Against the recommendation

Mrs Aldridge, Mr Bessant, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mr Cartwright, Mr Ladkin, Mr Morrell, Mr O'Shea, Mrs Richards, Mrs Sprason, Mr Sutton and Mr Ward (12 votes).

##### Abstention

Mr Bown (1).

On the motion of Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Bray it was thereupon

RESOLVED – the following be approved

- (i) the General Fund service expenditure shown in Table 1 (page 2) of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction);
- (ii) the Special Expenses Area expenditure shown in Table 2 (page 3) of the report;
- (iii) the total General Fund service expenditure for the Council shown in Table 3 (page 4) of the report; and
- (iv) the proposed movement of General Fund reserves as set out in Table 5 (page 13/14) of the report.

478 CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX 2011/12 (C46)

Having endorsed the preceding report, Members were requested to formally approve the Council Tax for the financial year 2011/12.

The Executive Member for Finance had referred in his Finance Statement to the average Band D Council Tax for this Council remaining the same as last year (ie £112.35 per household per annum). Other Leicestershire precepts (Leicestershire County Council and the Police and Fire Authorities) had also been frozen, whilst Parishes (who were not subject to the same capping regime) had determined their own levels of precept. In consequence of the increases in some parish precepts, the average Band D tax for Hinckley and Bosworth would increase by 0.1% or £1.09 per annum.

Messrs Bown and Gould left the meeting at 8.08pm.

Again a recorded vote was called for by the requisite number of Members. This was recorded thus:-

For the Recommendation

Mr Mayne, Mr Bannister, Mr Bill, Mr Bray, Mr Cope, Mr Crooks, Mrs Hall, Mr Hall, Mr Inman, Mr Joyce, Mr Lynch, Ms Moore, Mr Nichols, Dr Smith, Ms Witherford and Mr Wright (16 votes).

Against the recommendation

Mrs Aldridge, Mr Bessant, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mr Cartwright, Mr Ladkin, Mr Morrell, Mr O'Shea, Mrs Richards, Mrs Sprason, Mr Sutton and Mr Ward (12 votes).

There were no abstentions.

It was then moved by Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Bray and

RESOLVED – In accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) the following be agreed

- (i) The Council's budget requirement, as set out in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 (Report C45), excluding Special Expenses and Parish Councils be £9,677,030;
- (ii) The Council's budget requirement as set out in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 (Report C45), including Special Expenses, be £10,289,060;
- (iii) The Council's total net budget requirement including Special Expenses and Parish Councils be £11,758,044;
- (iv) The contribution from Revenue Support Grant and Non Domestic Rates be £5,972,437;
- (v) A surplus of £15,000 on the Collection Fund will be transferred to an earmarked Reserve in accordance with Council policy in 2011/12;
- (vi) The Council Tax for Borough wide services, excluding Special Expenses and Parish Council precepts, for Band D be £95.96;
- (vii) The Council Tax for Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses Services for Band D be £112.35;
- (viii) The basic amount of Council Tax, being the tax relating to Borough wide services and an average of Special Expenses and Parish Council services for Band D, be £151.68;
- (ix) The total Council Tax, including amounts for the County Council, Police Authority, and Fire Authority and for each area and valuation band be approved as indicated on the appendix to these minutes;
- (x) The calculation of the estimated surplus on the Collection Fund be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction). The surplus will be transferred in accordance with the Council's Policy to the Pension Reserve.

Messrs Bown and Gould returned at 8.10pm.

479 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 TO 2013/14 (C47)

The Executive Member for Finance stated that as always the Capital Programme followed a four-year rolling programme. Following Members' consideration of the revised programme for the current year, plus the next three years to 2013/14, a recorded vote was again called for by 5 Members and recorded as follows:

For the Recommendation

Mr Mayne, Mr Bannister, Mr Bill, Mr Bray, Mr Cope, Mr Crooks, Mr Gould, Mrs Hall, Mr Hall, Mr Inman, Mr Joyce, Mr Lynch, Ms Moore, Mr Nichols, Dr Smith, Ms Witherford and Mr Wright (17 votes).

Against the recommendation

Mrs Aldridge, Mr Bessant, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mr Cartwright, Mr Ladkin, Mr Morrell, Mr O'Shea, Mrs Richards, Mrs Sprason, Mr Sutton and Mr Ward (12 votes).

Abstention

Mr Bown (1).

It was thereupon moved by Mr Lynch, seconded by Mr Bray

RESOLVED –

- (i) the bids included in paragraph 5.1 of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) and supported by the Executive and the Strategic Leadership Board be approved;
- (ii) approval be given to borrow £2,045,321 to fund the shortfall of resources pending the sale of land at Stoke Road, at which time the receipt from that sale will be applied to repay the debt; and
- (iii) the financial implications contained in Section 7 of the report be noted.

Mr Boothby and Mrs Sprason left the meeting at 8.13pm having declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following item.

480 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2011/12 (C48)

As previously referred to, the report considered by Members at this meeting was different from that which accompanied the agenda.

Presented to Council for approval was the proposed budget for 2011/12 in respect of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the level of rent increase which would apply in 2011/12 to the 3400 Council-owned dwellings.

Mr Ladkin left the meeting at 8.16pm, returning at 8.20pm.

With 5 Members requesting this a recorded vote again took place and was recorded as follows:-

For the Recommendation

Mr Mayne, Mr Bannister, Mr Bill, Mr Bray, Mr Cope, Mr Crooks, Mr Gould, Mrs Hall, Mr Hall, Mr Inman, Mr Joyce, Mr Lynch, Ms Moore, Mr Nichols, Dr Smith, Ms Witherford and Mr Wright (17 votes).

Against the recommendation

Mrs Aldridge, Mr Bessant, Mrs Camamile, Mr Cartwright, Mr Ladkin, Mr Morrell, Mr O'Shea, Mrs Richards, Mr Sutton and Mr Ward (10 votes).

RESOLVED – the budgets set out in appendices A, B and C to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Direction) be approved.

Mr Boothby and Mrs Sprason returned to the meeting at 8.27pm at which time, by unanimous agreement, there was a brief adjournment. The meeting reconvened at 8.35pm.

481 HINCKLEY BUS STATION – COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (CPO) (C49)

Council approval was sought to:

- (i) the making of a C P O in order to acquire land and property interests at the above site in connection with the Bus Station redevelopment project; and
- (ii) the delegation of authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) to take the necessary steps to implement the Order.

Further, Members were requested to note the progress being made to acquire a number of land interests by negotiation. Colour copies of the plan of the development area were circulated at the meeting with the Senior Solicitor clarifying that the CPO would give the Council power to compulsorily buy the land coloured pink. The land coloured blue would be subject to the Order but only as a means of securing rights to enter or oversail the properties with the jib of a crane, which would be necessary during construction works. Such Order would not give the Council power to purchase the land coloured blue, and nor would any of that land form part of the Bus Station development itself.

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr Nichols it was

RESOLVED –

1. the Council being satisfied that:
  - (a) the acquisition of the land and interests contained in the Order (the maximum extent of which being those boundaries shown on the drawing attached to this Committee Report) will facilitate the

carrying out of development, redevelopment and improvement of the Bus Station site and its surrounds in Hinckley which will contribute to the achievement of the promotion and improvement of the economic, social and environmental well being of the area; and

- (b) the Order is proportionate in all the circumstances and that there is a compelling case in the public interest that requires the Order to be made sufficient to justify the interference with human rights of the parties affected

the Hinckley Bosworth Borough Council (Bus Station) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011 be made (once the final form has been settled in accordance with the delegated authority set out below) and to submit the same for confirmation by the Secretary of State

- 2. to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) as follows:

- (a) pursuant to the provisions of Sections 226(1)(a), 226(1A) and 226(3)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 and all other relevant powers and provisions in consultation with the Chief Officer Corporate and Customer Resources, Scrutiny and Ethical Standards and any other appropriate officer be authorised to make, seal and submit to the Secretary of State for confirmation, an order entitled "The Borough of Hinckley and Bosworth (Bus Station) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011" ("the Order") to acquire land and other interests in respect of the land shown coloured pink and blue on the plan at Appendix 1 to this report ("the Land") referred to as "Map referred to in the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (Bus Station) Compulsory Purchase Order 2011 or in respect of such lesser areas of that land should he consider it appropriate;

- (b) to agree and adopt in consultation with the Council's appointed legal advisors (Eversheds LLP) a Statement of Reasons (a draft of which is attached at Appendix 2) which may be subject to minor amendment(s) as required until the time the Order is made for the making of the Order in order to promote the regeneration of the Bus Station Site;

- (c) to publish and serve upon all persons entitled thereto the Notice of the making of the Order and to authorise publication of the Order and to take all other necessary steps to enable the Order to be confirmed by the Secretary of State;

- (d) that in the event that the Order is confirmed by the Secretary of State the Deputy Chief Executive (Community Direction) serve Notices to Treat under Section 5 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and where necessary to serve Notices of Entry under Section 11 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 in respect of the Land, or



at his discretion to execute a General Vesting Declaration and in any event to take all steps considered necessary to obtain possession of the land included in the Order;

- (e) to make or approve or support such orders and such applications to extinguish, stop-up, divert or create highways or public rights of way within or adjacent to the Land as are considered necessary under the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) and/or the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to promote the regeneration of the Bus Station Site;
- f) to instruct the Council's Development Partner, The Tin Hat Regeneration Partnership LLP ("Tin Hat") to:
  - (i) continue to negotiate and attempt to negotiate with a view to agreeing terms for purchase by agreement or payment of compensation for any interests in or rights over the Land;
  - (ii) where considered appropriate, agree terms for relocation;
  - (iii) if considered appropriate, appoint specialist external consultants to perform or assist in the performance of these tasks; and
  - (iv) in the event that such terms are not agreed and following confirmation of the Order, refer those matters where no agreement has been reached to the Lands Tribunal for determination.

Mr Lynch left the meeting at 8.37pm.

482 UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRESENTATION OF VISION AND ACTION PLAN FOR OLDER PERSONS' SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH (C50)

This report was presented by Mr DW Inman, the Council's Member Champion for Older People, following which numerous Members thanked Mr Inman for his commitment in producing this strategy and for his efforts in championing the rights of older people.

Mr Lynch returned to the meeting at 8.40pm.

On the motion of Mr Inman, seconded by Ms Moore, it was

RESOLVED unanimously – the work undertaken be acknowledged and the vision and actions set out in appendix 2 to the report of the Member Champion for Older People be approved.

483 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) RURAL NEEDS SPD AND RATBY VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT – VERSIONS FOR ADOPTION (C51)

Members' approval was sought to the adoption of these two Supplementary Planning Documents which formed part of the Local Development Framework, and to the slightly revised Ratby Village Design Statement.

The Council was fully supportive of these documents and commended those involved in their production. Members were agreed that there should be no over-development, which could take away the character of an area and that new housing should be creative and with increased affordable housing provision.

Mr Ladkin left the meeting at 8.55pm.

It was moved by Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Cartwright and

RESOLVED – the Affordable Housing and Rural Needs SPD's and the revised Ratby Village Design Statement be approved.

484 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION FROM NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL (C52)

The Council was informed of a proposal that North Warwickshire Borough Council delegate its planning function in respect of an anticipated planning application by MIRA to this Authority. Further, this Authority was requested to grant its Chief Executive delegated powers to accept the delegation by North Warwickshire Borough Council. Such delegation would entail dealing with the entirety of any planning application received from MIRA relating to a development site which crosses the boundaries of the two Borough Councils' administrative areas.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill it was

RESOLVED – Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council grant to its Chief Executive power to accept on its behalf the delegation of part of the planning function of North Warwickshire Borough Council under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 insofar as the development of the MIRA site is concerned and to negotiate any specific terms of the delegation.

485 CHARGING FOR STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING (C53)

Members' approval was sought to the introduction of charges for the street naming and numbering service and to the formal adoption of the legislation which would facilitate this.

It was moved by Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill and

RESOLVED – approval be given to:

- (i) the adoption of Section 18 of the Public Health Act 1925; and
- (ii) the scale of charges to be made to the Street Naming and Numbering Service.

486 PROPOSED POLLING STATION VENUE CHANGES (C55)

In consequence of an initial borough-wide polling station review it had been concluded that there were a small number of venues which would be more appropriate to use as polling stations than some premises used previously.

Mindful of the need to satisfy the electorate by making venues as convenient as possible Members were generally supportive of the alternative venues suggested. Concerns were raised with regard to proposed changes at Barlestone (where the ward member had suggested another venue) and Barwell.

Additionally, the use of both the church at Carlton and the portakabin was agreed in principle, subject to a further site visit to the former by officers.

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) officers look into the Ward Member's alternative suggestion for Barlestone and that the Returning Officer determine the final location of the polling station, after consultation with the Ward Member;
- (ii) Following the further review of the suitability of the church at Carlton that be confirmed as the location of the polling station in that area; and
- (iii) In view of the potential confusion for the electorate the proposed changes at Barwell be further considered by the Returning Officer and the Ward Members, with the final decision as to polling station venues resting with the Returning Officer.

487 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS MAY 2011 – MAY 2012

On the motion of Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill it was

RESOLVED – subject to the Scrutiny Commission meeting being rescheduled from 16 to 23 June 2011, the calendar of meetings from May 2011 – May 2012 be approved.

(a) From Mr S.L. Bray

“This Council notes with concern that:

- a) high street banks are planning to stop accepting cheques despite protest from consumer groups and businesses;
- b) in December 2009, the Payments Council agreed on behalf of the major banks to scrap cheques in 2018;
- c) nearly four million cheques are still being written each day and that many people still prefer to pay for goods and services in this way;
- d) believes many people and organisations including the elderly, businesses and charities would be seriously affected as a result;
- e) 126 MPs from all parties have signed Early Day Motion 258 calling for the banks to reconsider their proposals.

This Council further notes that on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010, David Ward MP presented a 10 minute rule bill to the House of Commons which would place a duty on the City Regulator, the Financial Services Authority, to ensure that cheques stay in use until suitable alternatives are found and that the Bill will be debated in June 2011.

This Council calls upon the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister expressing this Council’s concern about the plans to abolish cheques and urging him to provide Parliamentary time to ensure that the Bill is passed into law.”

Having seconded this motion, Mr Bill suggested that in addition to writing to the Prime Minister expressing this Council’s concerns about plans to abolish cheques, the Chief Executive write to the various clearing banks. Having been accepted by Mr Bray, this suggestion together with the original motion from Mr Bray, was agreed unanimously.

(b) From Mr. W.J. Crooks

“This Council notes the lack of broadband access in rural areas, including many parts of Hinckley and Bosworth. A lack of broadband access hinders the educational and lifestyle opportunities of many people in rural areas, and impedes rural businesses from maintaining their position in an ever changing economy, missing out on opportunities for new business and export markets.

This Council believes that a lack of sustainable broadband also prevents a positive shift toward new business development and holds back on new methods of working that could benefit rural households such as home based working, and could also delay the development of new forms of public sector service that will increasingly rely upon the power of the Internet.

The Council accepts that the Coalition government is taking steps to remedy the problem of lack of broadband access in rural areas, but is concerned that little of the support is being targeted at rural areas in the Midlands.

This Council resolves to write to the Coalition Government asking that the installation of broadband in rural areas be made a priority in this region to ensure that rural areas are at the forefront of the digital age. Further Council resolves to write to the newly established Local Enterprise Partnerships in both Leicestershire and Warwickshire seeking support in developing a local solution.”

Having been seconded by Mr Nichols this motion was fully supported but the view was expressed that the Council should urge the Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, supported by Members and officers, to bid for improved broadband access. Further, it was suggested by Mr Cartwright that the provision of fibre optic cabling, rather than standard broadband, be examined and that the Chief Executive write to BT (with a copy to the Coalition Government) requesting that it consider the installation of fibre optic equipment from the exchange to the hub at the earliest possible opportunity. These suggestions, having been agreed by Mr Crooks, were endorsed by all Members.

(c) From Mr. B.E. Sutton

“At a Planning meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February the Highways Agency asked for contributions towards improvements for a junction of the M1 in respect of an application at Wood Lane, Nailstone. This site is some 5 plus miles away from the M1, and there is certainly no guarantee that the junction will be used exclusively for the development.

If this is in order, as we were told, this Council moves that the Highways Agency gets its act together in respect of improvements to the local stretches of the A5 so as to remove the bottlenecks and to get it up to dual carriageway standard as at Smockington and Atherstone.

This is a major problem with transport and development in the Hinckley area, and if all planning proposals within 5 miles of the A5 contributed similarly to the Nailstone project, the A5 improvements would have been done years ago, saving a fortune in lost time and preventing a great deal of pollution.

This Council moves that the Chief Executive writes to the Highways Agency in order to ascertain why the A5 always seems to be a low priority and seeking an urgent meeting with Members of this Authority regarding the much needed improvements to a major trunk road that is used regularly to relieve any problems on the M42, M6 and M1 (often causing chaos).”

This motion was seconded by Mr Ward.

Circulated at the meeting was an amendment from Mr Bray, seconded by Mr Bill, that the following wording be added to Mr Sutton's motion:-

“and to note

- (a) the representation made by Cllr SL Bray on 18 January to the Government urging that Regional Growth Fund monies are applied to the A5 to facilitate the proposed new Technology Park at MIRA; and
- (b) the representation made by Cllr DC Bill on 15 February to the Highways Agency urging that action is taken to address the appalling accident track rate on the A5 through Hinckley and Burbage.”

This amendment having been accepted by Mr Sutton Members agreed to fully support this, together with the original motion.

(the meeting closed at 9.27pm).

## APPENDIX A

**COUNCIL TAX 2011/12**

VALUATION BAND PROPORTION OF BAND D	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
Parish	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p	£p
HINCKLEY	960.79	1,120.93	1,281.06	1,441.19	1,761.45	2,081.72	2,401.98	2,882.38
BAGWORTH	981.25	1,144.80	1,308.34	1,471.88	1,798.96	2,126.05	2,453.13	2,943.76
BARLESTONE	964.43	1,125.16	1,285.90	1,446.64	1,768.12	2,089.59	2,411.07	2,893.28
BARWELL	963.35	1,123.90	1,284.46	1,445.02	1,766.14	2,087.25	2,408.37	2,890.04
BURBAGE	957.71	1,117.33	1,276.95	1,436.57	1,755.81	2,075.05	2,394.28	2,873.14
CADEBY	941.89	1,098.87	1,255.85	1,412.83	1,726.79	2,040.75	2,354.72	2,825.66
CARLTON	947.44	1,105.35	1,263.25	1,421.16	1,736.97	2,052.79	2,368.60	2,842.32
DESFORD	957.34	1,116.90	1,276.45	1,436.01	1,755.12	2,074.24	2,393.35	2,872.02
EARL SHILTON	956.43	1,115.83	1,275.24	1,434.64	1,753.45	2,072.26	2,391.07	2,869.28
GROBY	961.53	1,121.78	1,282.04	1,442.29	1,762.80	2,083.31	2,403.82	2,884.58
HIGHAM	948.84	1,106.98	1,265.12	1,423.26	1,739.54	2,055.82	2,372.10	2,846.52
MARKET BOSWORTH	953.54	1,112.46	1,271.39	1,430.31	1,748.16	2,066.00	2,383.85	2,860.62
MARKFIELD	955.02	1,114.19	1,273.36	1,432.53	1,750.87	2,069.21	2,387.55	2,865.06
NAILSTONE	946.09	1,103.78	1,261.46	1,419.14	1,734.50	2,049.87	2,365.23	2,838.28
NEWBOLD VERDON	956.53	1,115.96	1,275.38	1,434.80	1,753.64	2,072.49	2,391.33	2,869.60
OSBASTON	939.95	1,096.61	1,253.27	1,409.93	1,723.25	2,036.57	2,349.88	2,819.86
PECKLETON	951.01	1,109.51	1,268.01	1,426.51	1,743.51	2,060.51	2,377.52	2,853.02
RATBY	962.47	1,122.89	1,283.30	1,443.71	1,764.53	2,085.36	2,406.18	2,887.42
SHACKERSTONE	949.05	1,107.23	1,265.40	1,423.58	1,739.93	2,056.28	2,372.63	2,847.16
SHEEPY	949.33	1,107.56	1,265.78	1,424.00	1,740.44	2,056.89	2,373.33	2,848.00
STANTON-U-BARDON	951.15	1,109.67	1,268.20	1,426.72	1,743.77	2,060.82	2,377.87	2,853.44
STOKE GOLDING	949.51	1,107.76	1,266.01	1,424.26	1,740.76	2,057.26	2,373.77	2,848.52
SUTTON CHENEY	945.99	1,103.65	1,261.32	1,418.98	1,734.31	2,049.64	2,364.97	2,837.96
TWYCROSS	941.37	1,098.26	1,255.16	1,412.05	1,725.84	2,039.63	2,353.42	2,824.10
WITHERLEY	934.05	1,089.72	1,245.40	1,401.07	1,712.42	2,023.77	2,335.12	2,802.14