# HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## 16 APRIL 2019 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MRS J KIRBY - MAYOR

MR P WALLACE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Mr RG Allen, Mr PS Bessant, Mr DC Bill MBE, 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 R Ward and Mr HG Williams

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson, Jacqueline Puffett and Sharon Stacey

## 456 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors O'Shea, Witherford and Wright.

## 457 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

<u>RESOLVED</u> – the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

# 458 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

No interests were declared.

### 459 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported on her recent charity events, civic service and visits to Dorothy Goodman School's new site. She informed Council that she would be sending a letter to our twinned town of Grand Quevilly in France to express sympathy for the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral.

Members were informed of the recent deaths of former councillors Tony Howlett and Rob Frazer and asked that Council's thoughts be with their families. It was also noted that former councillor Peter Batty was seriously ill in hospital and agreed that best wishes be sent to his family. The Mayor reported on the recent death of James Wall who many members would have known from Fosseway Radio and Oak FM and sympathies were expressed for his family.

The Mayor then presented a community award to Ben Yates who had recently saved a five year old girl from drowning at Foxton Locks. She then announced that she would be presenting two awards at the Jubilee building the following day – one for Paul Taylor, Waste Collection Loader, who provided CPR to a motorist suffering a heart attack, and another for Michael Ashby, Sean McBurney and Rob Smart who had dealt with a knife incident whilst on duty.

Long service awards were then presented to Councillors Mr Cope, Lay and Sutton who had each served as councillor for 24 years.

## 460 <u>LEADER'S POSITION STATEMENT</u>

In his position statement, the Leader referred to highlights during the term of office and thanked those who had served as Mayor during that time, fellow councillors and officers. He paid tribute to Councillors Bessant, Mrs Cope, Richards, Taylor and Ward who were retiring as councillors shortly. A retiring member asked that his thanks be cascaded to all officers.

# 461 <u>COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY</u>

Consideration was given to the revised Communications Strategy 2019 – 2021. It was moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Allen and

RESOLVED – the Communications Strategy 2019 – 2021 be approved.

### 462 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Members received the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20. It was moved by Councillor Ladkin, seconded by Councillor Hall and

RESOLVED – the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 be approved.

## 463 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Councillor Kirby seconded by Councillor Allen, it was

<u>RESOLVED</u> – in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

### 464 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR (ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING)

Council gave consideration to the appointment of the new Director (Environment & Planning). It was moved by Councillor Bill, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

(The Meeting closed at 7.18 pm)

<u>RESOLVED</u> – the appointment as recommended by confirmed, subject to references and medical clearance.

MAYOR