

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

14 JANUARY 2020 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MRS L HODGKINS - MAYOR  
MR E HOLLICK – DEPUTY MAYOR

Mrs CM Allen, Mr RG Allen, Mr DC Bill MBE, Mr CW Boothby,  
Mr MB Cartwright, Mr JMT Collett, Mrs MA Cook, Mr DS Cope,  
Mrs MJ Crooks, Mr WJ Crooks, Mr DJ Findlay, Mr REH Flemming,  
Mrs DT Glenville, Mr C Ladkin, Mr MR Lay, Mr KWP Lynch,  
Mr K Morrell, Mrs LJ Mullaney, Mr MT Mullaney, Mr K Nichols,  
Mr LJP O'Shea, Ms A Pendlebury, Mr RB Roberts, Mr MC Sheppard-  
Bools, Mr BR Walker, Mr R Webber-Jones and Mr P Williams

Officers in attendance: Matthew Bowers, Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Lisa Kirby, Rebecca Owen, Caroline Roffey and Sharon Stacey

251 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bray, Furlong, Smith and H Williams.

252 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2019 be approved and signed by the Mayor.

253 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

254 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

During her communications, the Mayor referred to the recent passing of former Mayor Geoff Payne, recent events that she had attended and her forthcoming charity event in March.

Councillors Bill, Lay and Lynch responded with fond memories of former Councillor Payne.

255 PETITIONS

Councillor Lay presented the following petition in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15:

“Protect Stanton Under Bardon. STOP THE BARDON 2 EXPANSION

In May 2019, Luxembourg based Mountpark Logistics EU Sarl requested a Screening and Scoping Opinion from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. Mountpark are considering a large extension to the existing Bardon Distribution Park along Stanton Lane to within barely a mile of our village. If successful, the proposal will result in the extensive loss of agricultural land and wildlife habitat as well as noise and traffic disruption for the local community.

We the undersigned call upon Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council to refuse planning permission for any application to extend the existing Bardon Distribution Park to the west of the A585 onto greenfield land located within The National Forest and the parish of Stanton Under Bardon.”

The petition would be passed to the relevant officer for consideration.

256 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

In the absence of the Leader due to illness, Councillor Bill presented the Leader's position statement. He referred to the successful Christmas events hosted by the borough council and Hinckley BID, Feast Hinckley having received a “highly commended” award at the recent Leicestershire Tourism Awards, the production of an updated visitor guide, the crime & disorder survey, increased footfall at Hinckley Leisure Centre, Barwell SUE, the PCC Safer Communities Awards in which HBBC had been shortlisted, the current consultation on free car parking after 3pm in a number of Hinckley town centre car parks, the opening of Dorothy Goodman Secondary School and the council's financial position.

257 MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The minutes of the Scrutiny Commission held on 19 December were received for information.

258 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Consideration was given to a report which sought endorsement for the new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for the borough of Hinckley & Bosworth. The difficulty with some parish councils having the financial or staff resources to enforce the Order was discussed and it was explained that parishes could opt into those they wished to sign up to.

Concern was expressed by a member that his parish council was not part of the Order. Officers agreed to look into whether they could be added at this late stage but explained that the tight timescales and requirement to consult would make it difficult.

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

RESOLVED –

- (i) the Public Space Protection Order be approved and the three parts be noted:
  - a. Ban the use across the whole borough of consuming intoxicating substances or new psychoactive substances (legal highs) on public land. A person will commit an offence if they fail to surrender any alcohol when ordered to do so by an authorised officer on public land;
  - b. Dog control issues on public land including a requirement to remove and correctly dispose of dog faeces, failing to put a dog on a lead when instructed to do so by an authorised officer, and the banning of dogs / requirement to have dogs on leads in specific locations detailed in the report;

c. Green space issues relating to specific sites including the banning of fires and barbecues, restricting the use of remote controlled vehicles, aircraft and motorcycling, and failing to leave a park at closing time when requested to do so, as detailed in the report.

(ii) Authority be delegated to the Head of Street Scene Services to implement the Order.

259 MOTIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 17

(a) Motion from Cllr Cartwright, seconded by Cllr Mullaney

Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor M Mullaney, proposed a motion relating to reducing the harm from fireworks by requiring public firework displays to be advertised in advance, promoting a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animals and vulnerable people and the impact on the climate emergency, encouraging local suppliers to stock quieter fireworks, lobbying the government to introduce legislation to limit the noise levels and the number of days and events on which fireworks can be set off.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) All public firework displays within the local authority boundaries be required to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;
- (ii) A public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people, including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks, be actively promoted;
- (iii) A public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on the declared climate emergency in Hinckley & Bosworth be actively promoted;
- (iv) Local suppliers of fireworks be encouraged to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display
- (v) A letter be written to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays
- (vi) Government be lobbied to limit the number of days and events at which fireworks can be set off.

(b) Motion from Cllr Cartwright, seconded by Cllr Webber-Jones

Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones, proposed a motion relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting renewable energy. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED –

- (i) The efforts that this council has made and continues to make to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy be acknowledged;
- (ii) The central role that councils can play in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity, be recognised;
- (iii) It be further recognised
  - That very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity is a barrier to local customers resulting in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so
  - That making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be the providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations and
  - That revenues received by councils that became local renewable energy providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities.
- (iv) The Local Electricity Bill be supported;
- (v) The local media be informed of Council's decision;
- (vi) Local MPs be contacted to seek support for the Bill;
- (vii) The organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, be contacted to express Council's support.

(The Meeting closed at 7.41 pm)

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MAYOR