

**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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Borough Council**

**AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021

at 6.30 pm



Date: 15 February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council which will take place via Zoom on **TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021 at 6.30 pm**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RK Owen'.

Miss RK Owen
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 1 - 8)
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020.
3. Additional urgent business by reason of special circumstances
To be advised of any additional items of business which the Mayor decides by reason of special circumstances shall be taken as matters of urgency at this meeting. Items will be considered at the end of the agenda.
4. Declarations of interest
To receive verbally from Members any disclosures which they are required to make in accordance with the Council's code of conduct or in pursuance of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. This is in addition to the need for such disclosure to be also given when the relevant matter is reached on the Agenda.
5. Mayor's Communications
To receive such communications as the Mayor may decide to lay before the Council.
6. Questions
To deal with questions under Council Procedure Rule number 14.

7. Petitions

To deal with petitions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.

8. Leader of the Council's Position Statement

To receive the Leader of the Council's Position Statement.

9. Minutes of the Scrutiny Commission (Pages 9 - 12)

To receive for information only the minutes of the Scrutiny Commission meeting held on 4 February 2021.

10. Budget reports

(a) Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 13 - 56)

(b) General fund budget (Pages 57 - 76)

(c) Calculation of council tax for 2021/22 (Pages 77 - 84)

(d) Housing revenue account budget (Pages 85 - 98)

(e) Fees and charges (Pages 99 - 128)

(f) Capital programme 2020-21 to 2023-24 and capital strategy (Pages 129 - 150)

(g) Treasury management and prudential indicators (Pages 151 - 192)

11. Motions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17

(a) Motion from Councillor M Mullaney, seconded by Councillor Sheppard-Bools

1. Council notes that:

- a. Carers – paid and unpaid, young and old – do a remarkable and important job. They are an integral part of our community in Hinckley and Bosworth. They deserve our support, but are far too often forgotten and ignored.
- b. Carers in Hinckley and Bosworth and across the country face big challenges every single day; challenges that have been made even harder by the Covid-19 pandemic. Most are having to spend more time looking after loved ones during the pandemic, most haven't been able to take a single break since it started, and most are simply exhausted.
- c. Situations provoking care interventions can happen with little warning. Often those giving care have to reduce their working hours or give up work to juggle competing demands.
- d. The pressures on young carers can negatively impact on their experiences and outcomes in education, having a lasting effect on their life chances.
- e. Many carers are unaware of their entitlement to financial support, a carer's assessment or break, and the support services available.

2. Council further notes that:

- a. 1,167 full-time unpaid carers in Hinckley and Bosworth rely on carer's allowance.
- b. At just £67.25 a week, carer's allowance is the lowest benefit of its kind.
- c. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the government increased the universal credit standard allowance and the working tax credit basic element by £20 a week above the planned uprating in April 2020, but it has not increased carer's allowance.
- d. Many unpaid carers are facing extreme financial hardship. A recent

survey by Carers UK found that more than a third of those on carer's allowance are struggling to make ends meet. Many have been struggling for months, often relying on foodbanks to feed themselves and the people they care for.

- e. The Carers UK survey found that "43% of carers felt that a rise in carer's allowance would help them, given the financial pressures they are facing".
3. Council resolves that:
 - a. We must stand up for carers, do more to support them, and built a more caring society as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - b. We will review how carers in Hinckley and Bosworth are made aware of existing support that is available and to bring back any recommendations to Hinckley and Bosworth.
 - c. We will promote Young Carers Action Day on 16 March 2021 as widely as possible on an annual basis, particularly to young carers and their families.
 4. Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, urging them to raise carer's allowance by £20 a week immediately, in line with the increase in universal credit, and copy in our local MPs, asking for their support.

(b) Motion from Councillor R Allen, seconded by Councillor Cope

In our work as councillors, many of us have been asked to assist residents who are experiencing problems arising from 'private roads'. These issues can be wide ranging, from problems with maintaining and paying for maintenance of such roads to bitter entrenched neighbour disputes where hundreds of hours of police, council officer and elected representatives' time is expended on outwardly trivial matters.

Increasingly we are witnessing developers utilise 'private roads', which are not to an adoptable standard, as a cheap option to access smaller parcels of land with no concern for the future consequences.

This motion proposes:

- (i) This Council, as part of its current ongoing local development plan review, adopts a policy of requiring all roads and accesses contained in planning proposals to be of an adoptable standard if at all possible;
- (ii) This Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government requesting that this issue be considered and addressed in the National Planning Policy Framework.