

## HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

22 JUNE 2021 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: CLLR E HOLLICK - MAYOR  
CLLR DT GLENVILLE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr RG Allen, Cllr DC Bill MBE, Cllr SL Bray, Cllr MB Cartwright,  
Cllr JMT Collett, Cllr MA Cook, Cllr DS Cope, Cllr MJ Crooks,  
Cllr WJ Crooks, Cllr DJ Findlay, Cllr REH Flemming,  
Cllr A Furlong, Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr C Ladkin, Cllr MR Lay,  
Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr K Morrell, Cllr LJ Mullaney,  
Cllr MT Mullaney, Cllr K Nichols, Cllr LJP O'Shea,  
Cllr A Pendlebury, Cllr RB Roberts, Cllr MC Sheppard-Bools,  
Cllr H Smith, Cllr BR Walker, Cllr R Webber-Jones and  
Cllr P Williams

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen and Ashley Wilson

### 47 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Boothby, Hodgkins and H Williams.

### 48 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings held on 23 February and 18 May 2021 be approved as a correct record.

### 49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

### 50 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor reported that he had attended the Making A Difference awards which had taken place on zoom and he thanked all of those who had been recognised at the event for their hard work.

### 51 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

In his position statement, the Leader of the Council referred to:

- The Queen's speech
- Safer Streets bid
- The Local Plan
- Business support grants
- Plans for a covid memorial

- The levelling up fund bid
- Sport in Desford having won the national Decentralised Energy Awards 2020/21.

52 MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR R ALLEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR FINDLAY

The following motion was moved by Councillor R Allen and seconded by Councillor Findlay:

“In recent years and particularly during the Coronavirus pandemic, it has become increasingly clear that access to high speed Superfast and Ultrafast broadband internet is a necessity, not a luxury.

However, the builders of new residential developments are given the choice as to what telecommunications infrastructure is put in place, including the increasingly outdated and insufficient ADSL copper cable structure. Examples of this practice include the Sketchley Brook estate in Burbage and the Bosworth Manor estate in Stoke Golding.

This motion proposes that this Council, further to the existing broadband condition on developers building over ten residential dwellings, seeks by way of amending its planning policies that developers of all new residential properties install the highest standard of telecommunications infrastructure possible.

At this time, the fastest technology is the Ultrafast, Gigabit compliant FTTP Fibre to the Property, this is the standard all new homeowners in this Borough should expect to be provided with. Embedding this within the Council’s planning policies as a ‘minimum’ standard will future proof any further technological advancements which residents should rightly benefit from.

This motion also calls for the Chief Executive of the Council to write to the following:

- (a) The Minister for Housing Communities and Local Government asking that such a requirement be considered as part of the forthcoming governmental review of the planning system;
- (b) The BT CEO Philip Jansen, highlighting the examples of Sketchley Brook and Bosworth Manor, to encourage bringing forward the investment of full fibre broadband to these areas as soon as practically possible;
- (c) The OpenReach CEO Clive Selley, to further highlight the examples of Sketchley Brook and Bosworth Manor, with the aim of securing a delivery date for the fibre upgrades based upon BT’s recent announcement to invest a further £15bn in speeding up its rollout of full fibre.”

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

RESOLVED – the Chief Executive be asked to write to:

- (i) The Minister for Housing Communities and Local Government asking that requirements to install the highest standard of telecommunications infrastructure in all new residential properties be considered as part of the forthcoming governmental review of the planning system;
- (ii) The BT CEO Philip Jansen, highlighting the examples of Sketchley Brook and Bosworth Manor, to encourage bringing forward the investment of full fibre broadband to these areas as soon as practically possible;
- (iii) The OpenReach CEO Clive Selley, to further highlight the examples of Sketchley Brook and Bosworth Manor, with the aim of securing a delivery date for the fibre upgrades based upon BT's recent announcement to invest a further £15bn in speeding up its rollout of full fibre."

53 MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

On the motion of Councillor Hollick seconded by Councillor Bray, it was

RESOLVED – 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 3, 5 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

54 MIRA ENTERPRISE ZONE

Consideration was given to a report about investment opportunities linked to MIRA Enterprise Zone and the potential for the development of a new carbon innovation hub and attracting major new inward investment attracting new high skilled jobs and apprenticeship opportunities to the borough.

Members noted and welcomed the amended resolution which had been prepared following comments of the Scrutiny Commission.

It was moved by Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Bray and unanimously

RESOLVED – the recommendations within the report be approved.

(The Meeting closed at 7.15 pm)

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MAYOR