

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

10 JANUARY 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR RG ALLEN - MAYOR

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, Mrs J Kirby, Mr C Ladkin, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols, Mr RB Roberts, Mr SL Rooney, Mrs H Smith, Mrs MJ Surtees, Mr BE Sutton, Mr P Wallace, Mr R Ward, Mr HG Williams and Ms BM Witherford

Officers in attendance: Bill Cullen, Malcolm Evans, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Rob Parkinson, Kirstie Rea, Sharon Stacey and Ashley Wilson

319 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Boothby, Lay, Nickerson, O'Shea, Richards and Wright.

320 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

321 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

322 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor made reference to the success of the local democracy week event for schools, his recent events and his forthcoming charity curry night. He also mentioned the sad death of Matt Wheatley and asked that condolences be passed onto the family on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Ladkin entered the meeting at 6.37pm.

323 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S POSITION STATEMENT

In presenting his position statement, the Leader welcomed the new Chief Executive and Senior Leadership Team who, he considered, would take the council forward in making a difference to our communities. He reflected on 2016, referred to the budget setting process and proposed health care changes that were of concern to members. In response, Councillor Bray also endorsed the new Leadership Team. Discussion ensued and further concern was raised about the health care changes by members.

324 MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The minutes of the Scrutiny Commission were noted.

325 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2016-20

A report was presented which sought approval of a revised Local Development Scheme for the period 2016-2020. It was noted that, in view of the commissioning of a new evidence base, a Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document was no longer required. Whilst in support of the report, concern was expressed in relation to:

- The need for infrastructure to accommodate traffic associated with the proposed new housing
- The need to consider the problems of on-street parking
- The importance of encouraging parishes to develop Neighbourhood Development Plans.

It was moved by Councillor Surtees, seconded by Councillor Sutton and

RESOLVED – the revised Local Development Scheme 2016-2020 be approved.

326 LAND AT FERNESS ROAD, HINCKLEY

Council received a report which sought approval to dispose of land in Ferness Road, Hinckley, to enable housing development. Some concern was expressed about the loss of open space, and in response it was noted that there would still be open space to the south of the site.

The amended recommendation in the supplementary agenda, which provided for responses to the advertisement to be considered by the Executive Member and Estates and Asset Manager, was highlighted. In response to a member's question, it was confirmed that the relevant ward members would be consulted as part of this process.

It was moved by Councillor Surtees, seconded by Councillor Sutton and

RESOLVED –

- (i) The site be withdrawn as informal open space and designated as surplus to requirements;
- (ii) Disposal of the site for development in conjunction with the adjacent site owned by Leicestershire County Council at a price not less than 14% of the net joint sale proceeds of the combined site be approved;
- (iii) Any responses received from interested parties to the advertisement for the disposal be considered by both the relevant Executive member and the Estates and Asset Manager to ensure that any proposed development enhances the local area where possible.

327 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

Members received a report on the level of support provided by the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. It was noted that the Scrutiny Commission had recommended retaining the current level of support. It was moved by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Surtees that the maximum level of support be maintained at 88%. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the retention of the current level of maximum Council Tax support of 88% be approved.

328 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Consideration was given to a report which summarised the changes to the arrangements for appointing external auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and the forthcoming end of the transitional arrangements. It was moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Camamile and

RESOLVED – the ‘opting in’ to a sector led body appointed by the Secretary of State be approved.

329 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY: BARDON HILL QUARRY - COMMUNITY FUND SUB COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Morrell that Councillor Lay be appointed to Bardon Hill Quarry – Community Fund Sub Committee. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – Councillor Lay be appointed to the Bardon Hill Quarry – Community Fund Sub Committee.

(The Meeting closed at 7.17 pm)

MAYOR