

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 24th November 2016 (10.30 am – 3.52 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Yvonne Woodhead (Chairman)

Mike Pringle (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	David Kirkham
	Pauline Allan	John Knight
	Roy Allan	Darren Langton
	John Allin	Bruce Laughton
	Chris Barnfather	Keith Longdon
	Alan Bell	Rachel Madden
	Joyce Bosnjak	David Martin
	Nicki Brooks	Diana Meale
	Andrew Brown	John Ogle
	Richard Butler	Philip Owen
	Steve Calvert	Michael Payne
A	Ian Campbell	John Peck JP
	Steve Carr	Sheila Place
	Steve Carroll	Liz Plant
	John Clarke	Darrell Pulk
	John Cottee	Francis Purdue-Horan
	Jim Creamer	Alan Rhodes
	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Ken Rigby
	Maureen Dobson	Tony Roberts MBE
	Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
	Boyd Elliott	Andy Sissons
	Sybil Fielding	Pam Skelding
	Kate Foale	Parry Tsimbiridis
	Stephen Garner	Keith Walker
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Stuart Wallace
	Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
	Alice Grice	Gordon Wheeler
	John Handley	John Wilkinson
	Colleen Harwood	Jacky Williams
	Stan Heptinstall MBE	John Wilmott
	Tom Hollis	Liz Yates
	Richard Jackson	Jason Zadrozny
	Roger Jackson	

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Jayne Francis-Ward	(Resources)
David Pearson	(Adult Social Care & Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Tim Gregory	(Place)
Barbara Brady	(Public Health)
Sara Allmond	(Resources)
Carl Bilbey	(Resources)
Martin Done	(Resources)
Catherine Munro	(Resources)
Anna O'Daly-Kardasinska	(Resources)
Nigel Stevenson	(Resources)
Michelle Welsh	(Resources)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of former County Councillors John Hewitt and Alan Davison

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2016/044

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 15th September 2016 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Ian Campbell (medical/illness)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pulk declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 8 – Submission of Minerals Local Plan for Independent Examination as he lived close to one of the sites referred to in the report.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

(a) FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLORS JOHN HEWITT AND ALAN DAVISON

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Councillor Alan Rhodes, Councillor Kevin Greaves, Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE, Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis and Councillor Joyce Bosnjak spoke in memory of John Hewitt and Alan Davison who had both recently passed away.

(b) PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Highly Commended – Collaboration Award – LAPF Investment Awards 2016

Councillor Reg Adair introduced the award won by the Council, which recognised the significant fee savings that have been achieved for the Pension Fund through collaboration between seven local authorities. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Adair and presented it to Nigel Stevenson, Service Director - Finance, Procurement and Improvement and Simon Cunningham, Senior Accountant.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The following Members spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and were relevant to the services provided by the County Council.

Councillor Bruce Laughton – Cromwell Village Hall

Councillor John Wilmott – Problems in Hucknall Town Centre

Councillor Tony Roberts MBE – education in Newark

Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE – constituency matters in Bramcote and Stapleford

Councillor Alice Grice – the inner relief road

Councillor Gordon Wheeler – latest progress on parking outside the Grand Care Home, West Bridgford

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below:-

- (1) Councillor John Knight requesting a reduction to the speed limit on Brookhill Lane, Pinxton

- (2) Councillor Stuart Wallace requesting a residents parking scheme on Southend Avenue, Newark
- (3) Councillor Kate Foale requesting a residents parking scheme on Hawthorne Grove, Beeston
- (4) Councillor Bruce Laughton requesting a 50mph speed limit on A616 at Caunton
- (5) Councillor Chris Barnfather requesting a reduction in the speed limit and a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Wighay Road, Linby
- (6) Councillor Gordon Wheeler requesting a pedestrian crossing on Rugby Road, West Bridgford
- (7) Councillor Steve Carroll requesting a speed limit reduction on A60 from Thieves Wood Lane past Portland College, and pavement from Portland College to Oak View Rise, Mansfield
- (8) Councillor Alice Grice request to resurface Rookwook Crescent, Beauvale and repair the potholes in the meantime
- (9) Councillor John Peck request to change the oversubscription criteria for Nottinghamshire schools
- (10) Councillor John Wilmott requesting a residents' parking scheme, Bencaunt Grove, Hucknall
- (11) Councillor Kevin Greaves requesting a residents' parking scheme for Harrington Street in Worksop
- (12) Councillor David Martin requesting a residents' parking scheme on Lilley Close, Selston

RESOLVED: 2016/045

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2016/046

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

7. CLARIFICATION OF MINUTES

The report provided Members with the opportunity to raise matters of clarification in the minutes of committee meetings published since the last meeting.

Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest Councillor Darrell Pulk left the meeting during the consideration of the following item:-

8. SUBMISSION OF MINERALS LOCAL PLAN FOR INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Councillor Jim Creamer introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/047 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pam Skelding.

Following a debate the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 37 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	John Knight
Roy Allan	Darren Langton
John Allin	Keith Longdon
Joyce Bosnjak	Diana Meale
Nicki Brooks	Michael Payne
Steve Calvert	John Peck JP
Steve Carr	Sheila Place
Steve Carroll	Liz Plant
John Clarke	Mike Pringle
Jim Creamer	Alan Rhodes
Sybil Fielding	Ken Rigby
Kate Foale	Andy Sissons
Stephen Garner	Pam Skelding
Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbiridis
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Alice Grice	John Wilkinson
Colleen Harwood	Jacky Williams
Stan Heptinstall MBE	Yvonne Woodhead
David Kirkham	

The following four members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Tom Hollis	David Martin
Rachel Madden	Jason Zadrozny

The following 23 members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Reg Adair
Chris Barnfather
Andrew Brown
Richard Butler
John Cottey
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Maureen Dobsons
Dr John Doddy
Boyd Elliott
John Handley
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson

Bruce Laughton
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Francis Purdue-Horan
Tony Roberts MBE
Sue Saddington
Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Gordon Wheeler
John Wilmott
Liz Yates

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2016/047

- 1) That the Council notes the issues raised at the submission draft consultation stage and proposed modifications set out in Appendix A and B of the report.
- 2) That the Council approves the submission of the Submission Draft of the replacement Minerals Local Plan, the schedule of proposed modifications and the accompanying evidence base to the Secretary of State for an independent examination.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place, be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree any minor editing changes prior to submission.
- 4) That the Corporate Director, Place be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee and the Lead Opposition member of Environment and Sustainability Committee, to agree in principle any necessary amendments to the Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft during the Examination process, subject to adoption of the final plan by Full Council.

Councillor Alan Bell left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

Council adjourned from 12.55pm to 1.58pm.

Councillors Tom Hollis, Rachel Madden and Jason Zadrozny did not return to the meeting after the adjournment.

9. REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Councillor David Kirkham introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/048 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Darren Langton.

RESOLVED: 2016/048

- 1) That the proposed revisions to the County Council's Financial Regulations be approved.
- 2) That the Council's Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

10. CHANGES TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTING EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Councillor David Kirkham introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/049 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Darren Langton.

RESOLVED: 2016/049

That the Council opts into the LGA established sector-led body for the appointment of external auditors following the close of the 2017/18 accounts.

11. QUESTIONS

(a) QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

No questions were received.

(b) QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Three questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Steve Carr regarding plans for the NHS (Councillor Joyce Bosnjak replied)
- 2) from Councillor John Ogle about traffic outside Tuxford Primary Academy (Councillor Kevin Greaves replied)
- 3) from Councillor John Wilmott concerning the homeless and refugees and empty properties across the County (Councillor Alan Rhodes replied)

The full responses to these questions are set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Councillor Stan Heptinstall MBE left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

Councillor John Wilkinson introduced and moved the motion in terms of resolution 2016/50 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes.

Following a debate the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 45 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Darren Langton
Roy Allan	David Martin
John Allin	Diana Meale
Joyce Bosnjak	Michael Payne
Nicki Brooks	John Peck JP
Steve Calvert	Sheila Place
Steve Carr	Liz Plant
Steve Carroll	Mike Pringle
John Clarke	Darrell Pulk
Jim Creamer	Alan Rhodes
Maureen Dobson	Ken Rigby
Sybil Fielding	Andy Sissons
Kate Foale	Pam Skelding
Stephen Garner	Parry Tsimbirdis
Glynn Gilfoyle	Muriel Weisz
Kevin Greaves	John Wilkinson
Alice Grice	Jacky Williams
Colleen Harwood	John Wilmott
David Kirkham	Yvonne Woodhead
John Knight	

No members voted '**Against**' the motion.

The following 21 members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Reg Adair	Dr John Doddy
Chris Barnfather	Boyd Elliott
Andrew Brown	John Handley
Richard Butler	Richard Jackson
John Cottee	Roger Jackson
Mrs Kay Cutts	Bruce Laughton

John Ogle
Philip Owen
Francis Purdue-Horan
Tony Roberts MBE
Sue Saddington

Keith Walker
Stuart Wallace
Gordon Wheeler
Liz Yates

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2016/050

This Council deplores the planned central government cuts to funding for pharmacies which could lead to the closure of 3000 community pharmacies across the country.

The result, upon the people of Nottinghamshire, of such a short-sighted policy would be devastating in terms of access to medical care, social cohesion and community life. It would also result in an increasing, and unsupportable, pressure on both General Practitioner appointment, and Accident and Emergency waiting, times.

Therefore, this Council calls upon the Government not to implement the planned reductions in funding to pharmacies and, further,

- a) pledges our support for the campaign of the National Pharmacy Association (NPA) against the planned reductions;
- b) agrees to contact the Leaders of all District and Borough councils in Nottingham seeking their support, and that of their authorities, for the NPA campaign;
- c) agrees to contact all Nottinghamshire Members of Parliament seeking similar support.

Councillor Keith Longdon left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

Motions Two and Three

Motions two and three as printed in the Council book were withdrawn by the respective movers because Clause 21, the subject matter of both motions had been withdrawn from the Bus Services Bill.

13. ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

None

14. URGENT ITEM - DISPENSATION

The meeting was informed that Councillor Ian Campbell was seriously ill and it was highly likely that he would be unable to attend any meetings for the foreseeable future. The meeting was informed of the provisions of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 following which Councillor Woodhead moved a motion in terms of resolution 2016/051 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Mike Pringle.

RESOLVED: 2016/051

That this Council agree that a dispensation be granted to Ian Campbell, County Councillor for Retford West, to continue in his role as County Councillor for this area despite his non-attendance at any County Council meeting in the last six months.

This dispensation is agreed due to the tragic illness which Councillor Campbell has been diagnosed with and which is currently preventing his attendance.

The Motion was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.52 pm.

CHAIRMAN