

MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24th April 2024

PRESENT

CLLR J Bridges	CLLR J Mould
CLLR P Grainger	CLLR D Northage (Vice Chairman)
CLLR J Kuczala	CLLR C Radford
CLLR J Lennie (Chairman)	CLLR M Roberts
CLLR K Lowson	CLLR G Timson

Mrs B Snape – Clerk to the Council
Ms S Wan – RFO / Assistant Clerk

2767 PRAYERS

The Chairman led Council with an alternative prayer.

2768 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cllr N Bestwick, C Blanchard, R Popley, S Springthorpe and P Thompson.

2769 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cllr P Grainger – Glenmore Centre, SSCB, Town Team and Football Subcommittee
Cllr J Lennie – CBC
Cllr J Mould – P24/0523/2
Cllr D Northage – CBC and CD Northage & Co. Ltd
Cllr R Popley – CBC, Football Subcommittee
Cllr C Radford – LCC
Cllr M Roberts – CBC, Passion, Iveshead, Glenmore Centre, SSCB

2770 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2024 with a correction to the spelling of Cllr R Popley's name.

2771 REQUEST TO SPEAK BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- None received

2772 REPORT OF THE ESTATES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2024

The report was moved by Cllr M Roberts, seconded by Cllr K Lowson.

2615a) Cllr C Radford (LCC) – 127 Arriva Bus Service

Cllr C Radford reported that she was in liaison with LCC/SSCB to try to assist with transport to compensate for the lack of 127 Bus Service.

2612e) Metal Art Work in Fairway Road

Cllr J Kuczala reported that he had hand washed the artwork in Fairway Road, however, some of the paint is peeling off. It was **RESOLVED** to contact the Glenmore Centre to see if they could assist with refurbishment of the artwork.

2615b) Cllr J Lennie – Stonebow Parish Meeting

With reference to "A Friends of Garendon Park Committee" being formed, Cllr J Mould and M Roberts expressed an interest in becoming members.

The report was confirmed and adopted.

2773 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2024

The report was moved by Cllr P Grainger, seconded by Cllr J Bridges.

2802d) D-Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 10 D-Day 80th anniversary lamp post signs in addition to the already purchased flag and bunting.

Letters have been sent out to all the primary schools relating to the competition.

Details of the shop window competition has been posted on social media.

The report was confirmed and adopted.

2774 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following planning applications had been received and it was **RESOLVED** not to forward any comment to CBC's Planning Department.

P/24/0317/2 Rebuilding of existing wall above first floor window with replacement window with associated works (Listed Building Consent) AT Twychell Cottage, 42-44 Loughborough Road

No comment.

P/24/0314/2 Erection of two storey side extension AT 100 Buttercup Lane

No comment.

P/24/0407/2 Erection of first floor extension to bungalow and single storey garage to front AT 8 Morley Lane

No comment.

P/24/0331/2 Erection of 1.5 storey side extension with dormers to front and rear AT 40 Nursery Close

No comment.

P/24/0523/2 Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage and conservatory) AT 3 Woodlands Drive

No comment.

P/24/0475/2 Erection of single-storey HGV vehicle and trailer workshop, including one MOT bay and vehicle wash facility, separate office accommodation, welfare cabin and associated WC cabin. Erection of perimeter fencing to part of boundary and associated gate access and creation of associated car parking, cycle parking and bin store AT Tip Trailer Services, Ingleberry Road

No comment.

P/24/0506/2 Replacement windows to front elevation, and gable roof to flat roof garage with proposed timber cladding and render to existing brickwork AT 12 Pick Street

No comment.

P/24/0427/2 Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension) and erection of two storey dwelling to rear of existing dwellinghouse AT 43 Factory Street

No comment.

P/24/0606/2 Erection of single storey rear extension AT 19 Daisy Lane

No comment.

P/24/0540/2 Erection of single storey rear extension AT 70 Brick Kiln Lane

No comment.

**2775 REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND
 CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

The following reports were delivered to the meeting:

a) Cllr C Radford – Leicestershire County Council

Most of my time has been taken up with meeting to do with the Arriva 127 bus. As Arriva is a private company there is not much which can be done. I am meeting with County and the Community bus manager and chairman of the committee to see how we can move forward with the lack of a bus west of Shepshed and possibly provide a

better service. Especially as I managed to get a grant of £50,000 last year from county towards a second bus, which should get delivered any day soon. We are not allowed to compete with Arriva even though it is them that have caused this situation.

County has provided a Taxi service, at very limited times, which you must book in advance which does not meet the needs of the residents who want to visit the doctors etc.,

We have also had briefings from officers in the Home Office to bring us up to date with the situation around the world.

b) Cllr M Roberts – Charnwood Borough Council

Spring is here at last after an early year start with extreme weather events and floods. We are now seeing tulips, daffodils and bluebells and perhaps warmer temperatures.

There is so much happening within Shepshed and in Charnwood with the new traffic light system taking place on Tickow Lane to slow down the traffic when the new developments are completed, the Aldi is coming on well as it now has a roof, a MacDonalds restaurant has applied to go next to the Aldi and the marketplace is now finished with Shepshed Market taking its rightful place within it on Fridays.

The new sheep mural on Church Court which was featured on BBC News has brighten up the town as will the new Finkins in the old Red lion pub. Change can be strange and awkward at first but Shepshed economy is looking bright with these new developments.

The new Library murals within the library and outside the library will brighten up Hallcroft as will the new public realm developments there and a new bus shelter & pocket park for the Bull Ring will be great when they have been finished.

I attended the Appreciation evening as a Shepshed east CBC councillor at the New Springs City Church Loughborough earlier in April and had a great time networking & putting Shepshed high up the agenda within Charnwood as Shepshed is the second largest town within Charnwood.

The Police Crime Commissioners election is taking place on 2nd May 2024. The polling cards have gone out for it across Charnwood and Leicestershire as whole.

Don't forget to take along your voter ID to be able to vote in the polling station. Postal voters don't need an ID card to be able to use your postal vote. Don't forget to vote.

As Charnwood turns 50 years old this year there will be events in the summer celebrating this. Check out the Charnwood website link below for more information.

New summer event planned as part of action-packed programme - Latest News - News Updates - Charnwood Borough Council

c) Cllr David Northage – Charnwood Borough Council

In the past few weeks, I've attended two Plans Committee meetings including the site visits to view the major or controversial schemes. Neither meeting involved Shepshed this time around, but it's fair to say other areas in the Borough do experience the same issues as we do here in Shepshed, particularly when it comes to new housing developments.

I've attended four licensing Sub-Committee meetings in the past month. The Licensing Sub-Committee consists of just three Councillors plus a legal advisor, a couple of Council officers and on one of these recent occasions a Police Officer putting their case forward as to why someone's alcohol licence should be revoked. Each meeting concerned licences to serve alcohol, both premises licences and personal licences and one Taxi licence. The various outcomes, I'm pleased to report, were all unanimous decisions by the three voting Councillors. I's also pleased to report none of these controversial cases involved us here in Shepshed.

I have a couple of planning issues I've been asked to assist with by residents in Shepshed West and I'll report the outcomes when they are resolved – hopefully satisfactorily resolved.

d) In the absence of Cllr R Popley, Cllr J Lennie read out his Borough Council report

I would like to begin by saying I hope you all had a nice Easter season, and moreover, hope that you await this month's bank holidays either side of May with hope and anticipation whatever your proposed itinerary may be. Planning applications continue to filter through my inbox, however, one positive development for our community is regarding the imminent Aldi development, which seemingly continues to progress nicely. At the time of writing, the outline of the store, is now on the skyline. I hope that this, and its associated concessions / franchises on site, will be

core job creators for Shepshed in the time ahead. The latest Full Council meeting was held on 22nd April 2024, with Audit Committee, meeting on 23rd April 2024.

Another meeting I attended in recent weeks was a Licensing Sub Committee meeting – alongside Cllr Northage – as members of this committee. Licensing has a remit of overseeing all types of licensing across the Borough, from Taxi Licenses to Business Premise and Alcohol Licenses. I've been a continuous member of this committee since being elected in May 2019.

I continue to deal with casework brought to my attention, notwithstanding, sometimes matters may take longer to resolve than we'd wish, and patience is thus required, due to the complexity of each case involved (for e.g. sometimes multiple agencies involvement are required - Leicestershire County Council working alongside The Borough). However, as I continually maintain, I'll always endeavour to try and obtain desired outcomes for my constituents. Another date of significance coming up in the next few weeks is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June. Perhaps it is because I am a Historian my interest is heightened in this, but I am heartened to see more and more dialogue on this hitting the news, in recent times. Shepshed has a very proud military history, and this is why it is important that we all take stock of this occasion, when the appropriate moment comes around.

e) Cllr J Lennie – Charnwood Borough Councillor

I have been receiving reports about the new 127 bus service which has been annoying several bus users since its introduction in early April. I understand that our County Councillor and MP are also making representations to have a proper bus service restored. I am so cross that the service has been reduced in our growing town, which is the second largest in Charnwood.

Some questions have been received regarding the safety of the Market Place surfaces and kerbs from people concerned for those with mobility and vision issues. I have asked Charnwood's regeneration officer to review the area and will report back when I receive the results of the review. Highways are already concluding their plans about the general roads and speed restrictions around the area.

Planning decisions (large development) have been less focussed on Shepshed in recent months but we have several issues regarding enforcement, when people don't comply with the permissions or conditions. Enforcement cases are now included in planning committee documents so that the issues are made public. We often have

requests for changes to planning conditions and, where those changes are substantial, your local Councillors' make comment if necessary.

Councillors no longer have an allocated grant fund to distribute to local groups. All small grants are assessed and paid directly from Charnwood Borough Council. There are 3 rounds of grants in the Council year and the first is open now grants@charnwood.gov.uk

If you need help or want to discuss your grant application, please email tina.robinson@charnwood.gov.uk

2776 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Shepshed Lions – Carnival 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission for Shepshed Lions to use Glenmore Park for the carnival on Monday 26th August.

It was also **RESOLVED** to sponsor a full-page colour advertisement in the Local Magazine at a cost of £225+VAT.

b) Account for Payment and Paid Account

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Accounts for Payment totalling £9,529.55 and Paid Accounts totally £43,192.67 as circulated to the meeting.

c) Trainee Town Clerk

It was reported that interviews for the above position will be taking place on Wednesday 15th May 2024. 4 candidates will be interviewed.

Chairman Date