

MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th September 2024

PRESENT

CLLR N Bestwick	CLLR D Northage (Chairman)
CLLR C Blanchard	CLLR C Radford
CLLR P Grainger	CLLR M Roberts
CLLR J Lennie (Vice Chairman)	CLLR G Timson
CLLR K Lowson	

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

2792 PRAYERS

The Chairman led Council in prayers.

2793 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs J Kuczala, J Mould, R Popley, S Springthorpe and P Thompson.

2794 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cllr N Bestwick – CAB, Glenmore Centre
Cllr C Blanchard – Football Subcommittee
Cllr P Grainger – Glenmore Centre, SSCB, Town Team and Football Subcommittee
Cllr J Lennie – CBC, Foodbank Trustee, Friend of Garendon
Cllr D Northage – CBC
Cllr C Radford – LCC
Cllr M Roberts – CBC, Passion, Iveshead, Glenmore Centre, SSCB, Friend of Garendon

2795 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 17TH JULY 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17TH JULY 2024.

2796 REQUEST TO SPEAK BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- None received

2797 REPORT OF THE ESTATES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31ST JULY 2024

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

2635 b) Mole Traps in Oakley Park Playing Field

Follow-up email has not been replied from pest consultant.

2635 c) TPO

Members were reminded to keep eyes on the trees inside the site proposed by Bloor Homes

The report was confirmed and adopted.

2798 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH AUGUST 2024

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

2822 2813 b) Football Pavilion

The Clerk reported all the football clubs had been informed the cost of repairing and the rules of using the pavilion facilities. Gate keys holders are registered on the list which would be monitored and updated regularly.

The report was confirmed and adopted.

2799 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Cllr Lennie declared her duty as Charnwood Borough Council Plans Committee Vice Chairman, she would not make any comment on the planning applications received.

The following planning applications had been received and it was **RESOLVED** to forward the comment to CBC's Planning Department.

P/24/1360/2 Erection of detached garage AT 90 Thorpe Road

Concern should be highlighted that property should be for residential use only, not for commercial use.

P/24/1308/2 Reserved Matters application relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Outline permission P/22/2229/2 for 53 dwellings with associated access, public open space and landscaping, drainage and infrastructure works AT Land East Iveshead Road

Concern on traffic access and safety needed to be highlighted.

**2800 REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND
 CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

The following reports were delivered to the meeting:

a) Cllr C Radford – Leicestershire County Council

August has been quiet.

I visited a unit for resident to need to have short breaks in Melton Mowbray which following an CQC inspection was deemed to be in need of improvement.

I checked whether the points raised by CQC were being looked into and improved and acted on.

I contacted COVID and was rather ill for 3 weeks.

Back to work on 2nd September with Scrutiny when we discussed the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Report, Performance Quarter 1, Annual Social Care complaints and compliments report, Peer review of Pathway for Adulthood, Leicestershire County Council Adult Social Care regulated services.

We have a cabinet meeting on 13th September.

I have been dealing with residents concerns and am still getting enquiries from residents regarding Charnwood issues.

b) Cllr M Roberts – Charnwood Borough Council

I have been doing case work which is confidential and a few small fly tipping issues in jitties.

Over the summer CBC has been quite quiet with meetings due to the summer holidays but I have been working on Stonebow Village and Garendon Park access from the Loughborough side and helping them understand the close Shepshed connection to Garendon Park's history.

Yesterday evening I attended Friend of Garendon park meeting in my joint role as STC councillor and Charnwood Borough councillor for Shepshed East with the developer and residents of CBC to discuss access improvements, the new doctors and new primary schools. The current residents of the new Stonebow village will be invited to the meetings in time.

I was at CBC full council this Monday and it was quite a short meeting where we focused many on councillor questions from weed killer types to social housing issues within CBC. I have been asking questions regarding the new Shepshed Market place and hope to get a charity stall or third sector information stall day on the days when the commercial I market is not on but this will take time as the regeneration of the market place has not be approved in it final form yet.

The regeneration of the Bull Ring and Hallcroft are under way and will take longer than planned. This will mean the end result will be better in the long run.

c) Cllr David Northage – Charnwood Borough Council

At the July Plans Committee meeting an application by William Davis Ltd to build 128 houses off Snells Nook lane in Nanpantan was approved.

Included in the S106 monies was a sum of £3,754.22 for Shepshed Library and a £5,466.88 contribution to Shepshed Tip. An amount of money for Transport Infrastructure contained within the "Loughborough and Shepshed Strategy Area" is also mentioned. I'm not sure what this is, but do know the library and the tip and would suggest we keep an eye on this development to ensure we get our dues.

Contact from residents concerned about a variety of issues are frequent, be they overhanging tees, trees in danger of falling, overgrown play areas etc. a recent complaint was heavy good vehicles coming from Coach Road onto Cumbrian Way and Fairway Road to exit Shepshed by Leicester Road. It was thought the culprits

were persimmon on the Garendon Park development. On investigation it turned out to be organic fertiliser spreading by Garendon Park Farms and fears were allayed.

I've deputised for the Mayor on numerous occasions recently, the most notable being the inauguration of a Hindu Temple in Thurmaston and a Groundbreaking ceremony at the new Broadnook Garden Village near Birstall. My wife Jenny as Deputy Mayoress and myself as Deputy Mayor have seven engagements booked in for the next month already and genuinely look forward to enjoying the occasions. I'm sure we'll eventually find one we wish we hadn't, but up to now they have all been enjoyable experiences!

d) In the absence of Cllr R Popley, his report was circulated to the members

As discussed in my last contribution for our monthly article, the school holidays, also usually coincide with a quieter period in the council calendar too. Notwithstanding, I have continued to deal with casework enquiries sent through to me by email, most notably housing, boundaries and planning queries of varying degrees.

A few weeks ago, I had a dialogue with council officers concerning protected trees in certain parts of Shepshed. For the benefit of those not aware, Trees that become protected by the Local Authority, have something called a Tree Preservation Order put onto them (more commonly referred to as TPOs). These can be important when planning applications come to the fore, as they can help protect the ecological corridor in our community, as well as provide a beautiful landscape, for our community. Shepshed, being in the heart of the countryside, can proudly boast a lot of picture-book scenery but it is our duty, as both councillors and as residents of Shepshed, to try and maintain this for future generations to come.

Our next full council at Charnwood takes place on 2nd September 2024. By the time you read this, it will almost certainly have taken place, so a full updating report will be provided in the next October edition.

I have also previously been invited to an official opening of the new Bowman Academy - adjacent to the Iveshead Campus - and this is scheduled for late September. It is my intention to attend so I hope to be in a position to provide an update on that in due course too.

To this end, I will conclude my report, with a note to all those students who have just received their A Level and GCSE results. I've mentioned before that I am a History Teacher and having been there to congratulate my former students upon their

performance, I know acutely, how important it is to recognise the achievements of our young students. Whatever the future holds for each and every single one of you, I wish you the best in your future endeavours, and hope to hear that Shepshed can have yet many more notable famous sons & daughters, in the years to come.

e) Cllr J Lennie – Charnwood Borough Councillor

I have been pleased to join Council members on a Housing Needs Scrutiny Panel at Charnwood, the meetings will start in September. Part of Scrutiny is about suggesting changes to improve the Council's services and, hopefully, make the lives of residents better.

The Planning meeting in August included a 4-home development, accessing Factory Street. I wasn't allowed to take part in this decision, due to taking part in the comments from Shepshed Town Council regarding pedestrian safety at the point where the jitty is crossed by the development access road.

It was great to join a history walk around Garendon Park with the Friends of Garendon Park group, organised by Leicestershire County Cllr. Max Hunt. There is also a Heritage Open Weekend on 14th/15th of September when you can view the renovated obelisk. I'll be there at some point to give information to visitors.

I've also volunteered with Charnwood Forest GeoPark to get Shepshed's Morley Quarry cleared out a bit to view the amazing 600 million years of rock formations. It involved clearing brash and choosing fallen rocks for close-up display – a bit sweaty and muddy but interesting and sociable. Another group were also making a list of plant species in the quarry.

2801 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) Updated Household Waste Tips Information

Members were reminded about the updated household waste tips information on the LCC website.

Chairman Date