

## MINUTES

### Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### PRESENT

CLLR N Bestwick	CLLR J Mould
CLLR C Blanchard	CLLR D Northage (Chairman)
CLLR P Grainger	CLLR C Radford
CLLR J Kuczala	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

#### **2780 PRAYERS**

The Chairman led Council in prayers.

#### **2781 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

#### **2782 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

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

#### **2783 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024.

#### **2784 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**2785            REQUEST TO SPEAK BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- None received

**2786            REPORT OF THE ESTATES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

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

2622 d) Newhurst ERF Site Visit – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3:15pm

Members were reminded to advise the Clerk if they wish to visit on Newhurst ERF site on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 3:15pm.

2624 Town Council Representatives

- Cllr R Popley had confirmed he will join the Football Subcommittee

The report was confirmed and adopted.

**2787            MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

Members were informed that the form used to submit the annual return should be Form 3 instead of Form 3PM. It had been ratified during the submission. No financial figures were changed and the differences between the forms are trivial.

Members were also informed that the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Financial Return had been released on website and noticeboard. The inspection will be opened until 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**2788            REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

The report was moved by Cllr P Grainger, seconded by Cllr K Lowson.

2626 b) LCC – Iveshead School

Should read “community” instead of “committing”.

2813 b) Football Pavilion

It was noted that the Ruby Club has expressed an interest in using the facilities.

The report was confirmed and adopted.

**2789 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/24/1077/2 Erection of single storey side extension AT 17 Wagtail Road

No comment.

P/24/1104/2 Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) AT 6 Sandringham Rise

No comment.

**2790 REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND  
CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

The following reports were delivered to the meeting:

a) Cllr C Radford – Leicestershire County Council

*We learnt the other day that the Leader of the County Council has been diagnosed with cancer and will therefore be pulling back from front line work for the foreseeable future; his place will be taken by Deborah Taylor who is the current deputy leader.*

*There have been 2 cabinet meetings since my last report they have mainly been to discuss the financial position of the council.*

*My department Adults and communities are getting ready for an inspection from the Care Quality Commission which has been quite an impact,*

*The children's department have had their Ofsted inspection and they passed with flying colours.*

*I was busy on the run up to the general election and 2 of the county councillors at County are now MP's. I am not sure whether there will be a by-election as the elections for county are next May.*

*I hope to have a meeting with our new MP sometime in the future when he has had time to get himself bedded in.*

*I am still being contacted my residents regarding matters relating to Charnwood and passing them on to the appropriate Cllrs.*

b) Cllr M Roberts – Charnwood Borough Council

*Below is my CBC report for Shepshed East now the general election is over we can have a short summer break before getting back to council work. Most of what I do is confidential outside of meetings e.g. case work and alike. Below is an overview of the meetings I have recently attended in my joint roles a STC/CBC councillor for Shepshed East.*

*Charnwood Borough Council (CBC)*

*Monday 24th June Meeting of Member Conduct Committee which deals with issues and complaints other councillors have against clerks, offices and other councillors. We are currently looking at getting the CBC communication's team social media advice for councillors closely connected to or even put within the code of the conduct for all councillors not just as an add on. This is going to take some time as it is part of the annual review for a whole code of conduct for councillors.*

*Shepshed Town Council (STC)*

*Wednesday 26 June 2024 Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting (following the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting)*

*Tuesday 16th 2024 Wander Garden Meeting with CBC Office where we given a very informative biodiversity update*

*Other Connected Meetings*

*Monday 1st July Glenmore Centre AGM see Annual Report 2023-2024 which was a very informative meeting, and the Glenmore centre is literally busting at the seams with support groups and activities. This is very pleasing.*

*The AGM speaker was Sarah Burton (Local Area Coordinator for Shepshed) who now is working with the CBC owned Longcliffe Community Lounge getting that space back into use for all Shepshed Residents. Both inside and out.*

*The NHS mental health crisis café take places there as well as a creative craft group, bingo and coffee morning. They are planning to whole an open day on the 1st weekend in August.*

*Her contact details are as follows:*

*Mobile: 07526928524*

*Facebook: Shepshed Matters*

*<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61554335270415>*

*Email: sarah.burton@leics.gov.uk*

*I attended a SSCB Meeting where we focus on updating the policies of the SSCB.*

*On Tuesday 16th July I attended a Garendon Park Meeting with LCC Max Hunt to listen the views of and inform the Loughborough resident's side of the Stonebow Village regarding their new public access to the public footpaths on Garendon park. The meeting was held at Gorse Covet Community Centre. I was the only CBC councillor to attend the meeting.*

*I have also attended the regular 2nd Saturday morning on the month Labour Councillor surgery with my fellow Labour councillors.*

c) Cllr David Northage – Charnwood Borough Council

*The alleged pollution of the Black Brook being caused by clay slurry entering the Black Brook via the brook running through the Persimmon Homes Jubilee Rise development on Tickow Lane is a major issue at the moment. Councillor Jane Lennie and myself are in contact with Charnwood Borough Council and the Environment Agency. Charnwood Borough Senior Ecological Officer Rupert Simms has made a site visit and has taken up the case as well. Our ecological and wild life champion Julian Jones is in the loop and will act on behalf of Shepshed Town Council as required.*

*I was disappointed with the outcome of a planning application for a proposed extension to a house on Woodlands Drive. The application was approved at the Plans Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June despite best efforts in asking for a refusal. What is really frustrating is the same outcome in terms of accommodation and style could have been achieved by extending the property in a way that didn't impact on the neighbouring houses.*

*I've deputised for the Mayor on a couple or so occasions so far whilst she was on holiday and had to turn down two more events I was asked to attend in the Mayors stead due to me being away on holiday. One of these was at St. Botolph's Church so it was particularly disappointing in not being able to attend.*

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

*Since our last Full Council, I have been reappointed as the Audit Committee Vice Chairman for the financial year 2024/25. This is a committee that I sit on, alongside Cllr Lennie. This is an extremely important committee in terms of the day-to-day functioning of Charnwood and I greatly enjoy the chance to discuss a variety of topics with the rest of mine and Jane's committee peers. At the same said meeting, I asked a couple of questions of those professional experts in attendance, including a question about the Housing Improvement strategy and, moreover, our commercial strategy in terms of finance performance. As many of you will know, Finance is one of my main interests in term of council work, having previously served as Chair of the Finance Committee for our Town Council during the last council term. Ensuring long term investment schemes, that benefit the wider community, is something I wish to see more of and not less, as long as it is financially viable. I have also been in dialogue with a number of residents about some ongoing and new pieces of casework. It appears in most cases there have already been many positive strides taken after discussions with officers. I now hope that after these conversations, amenable solutions can be sought, for all parties concerned. Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to put partisanship aside and pass on my best to councillors on the other side of the aisle, following their recent election General Election success. Government is always a tricky task, irrespective of whomever holds the baton, and it is imperative that our country continues to prosper. I wish all members a nice Summer ahead and hope that you and your loved ones, have the chance to enjoy a break, after many busy few weeks.*

e) Cllr J Lennie – Charnwood Borough Councillor

*I have attended Charnwood Borough Council Scrutiny Commission, Planning and Audit committees.*

*Planning has been a matter of addressing lots of applications reviewed after the new National Planning regulations were released in December 2023. This has required Cllrs to permit some major applications in principle with much of the detail delegated to the Chair of planning and officers. Not ideal but the number of long-standing applications could have been a problem in terms of officer time and costs, should the applicants have appealed on the grounds of non-determination within the required timescale. With another mega planning committee due next week I will be looking forward to a break!*

*Our Audit meeting was to catch up with risk assessments and operations of the departments' performance at Charnwood. Charnwood Borough Council is in a comfortable position financially and many of the departments have managed their performance more satisfactorily in the last six months.*

*Scrutiny Commission is mainly addressing the machinations of various projects including Landlord Services, particularly bringing void properties back into tenanted rent and more housing provision. There are 2 active panels looking at local public transport and flooding. I have contributed to the public transport panel regarding the Arriva 127 and 126 service reductions.*

*I am receiving enquiries from residents who are in unsuitable Council accommodation for health reasons and inadequate space. There is no immediate help due to the lack of Council housing and, unfortunately, the financial position of the residents making private rental impossible.*

*Finally, The Persimmons site, Jubilee Rise, is in a mess with the soft, sandy clay subsoil running-off into the stream and across to the dip behind Marigold Crescent. Apart from the orange water and silt making an alarming view from Jubilee Walk there is also the risk of damage to the brook, which I have reported to the Environment Agency as a potential environmental damage. Both Cllr Northage and the Town Clerk have been active in pursuing the issue, I became involved because Cllr Northage was on holiday and the man who reported the issue wanted someone to go to the site with him to see the damage.*

## **2791 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

### **a) Wander Garden – Site Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3:00pm**

Members were remembered to join the site meeting in the Wander Garden on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 3:00pm to meet with Rupert Simms (CBC) to discuss the

proposal relating to biodiversity. It includes the flowers plants bedding and pond puddling. Rupert Simms is currently seeking the grant opportunity.

b) Leicestershire Police Inter-Cultural Social Event on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August

All members of the Council confirmed not able to join this event. The Clerk will send out the apologies for that.

c) Play equipment repairs – various sites

**RESOLVED** to accept quotation of £2,257 from Streetscape. With reference to the entrance of the play area, and Sandringham Rise an alternative solution is to be sought.

d) Market Place

**RESOLVED** to send a letter of thanks to both Robert Newbold and Shaw Tayler (Finkins) for their improvements carried out in the Market Place which has immensely enhanced the area in addition to the Public Realm Improvements.

Some concern has been expressed at the discoloration of the newly laid paving in the Market Place – **RESOLVED** to report the matter to Steve Dibnah.

e) Private and Confidential

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude any members of the public and press in order to discuss a matter of confidentiality (Appended for members only).

Chairman ..... Date .....