

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Full Council** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1BY on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs P Rainbow (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs S Saddington (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor R Blaney, Councillor L Brailsford, Councillor L Brazier,  
Councillor M Brock, Councillor Mrs B Brooks, Councillor S Carlton,  
Councillor M Cope, Councillor Mrs R Crowe, Councillor R Crowe,  
Councillor D Cumberlidge, Councillor Mrs L Dales, Councillor K Girling,  
Councillor L Goff, Councillor P Harris, Councillor S Haynes, Councillor  
Mrs R Holloway, Councillor R Jackson, Councillor J Kellas, Councillor  
J Lee, Councillor D Lloyd, Councillor Mrs S Michael, Councillor N Mison,  
Councillor P Peacock, Councillor M Skinner, Councillor T Smith,  
Councillor T Thompson, Councillor I Walker, Councillor T Wendels,  
Councillor R White, Councillor T Wildgust and Councillor  
Mrs Y Woodhead

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor M Brown, Councillor Mrs L Hurst, Councillor B Laughton,  
Councillor N Mitchell and Councillor K Walker

59 MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2021

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS AND AS TO THE PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers and the Council noted the interests previously declared by Members in Agenda Item No. 11 – Minutes for Noting.

61 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING

Other than the Council recording in accordance with usual practice, there were no declarations of intention to record the meeting. The Chairman advised that the meeting was being streamed live.

62 COMMUNICATIONS WHICH THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MAY WISH TO LAY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Councillor D Lloyd, as Leader of the Council, advised Members that an additional meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee was to take place on 17 March 2022 to consider business cases in respect of the Newark Towns Fund.

Councillor Mrs S Michael, as Chairman of the Audit & Accounts Committee, reminded Members to return their completed Register of Interests forms to Democratic Services.

Councillor R Jackson, as Chairman of the Leisure & Environment Committee, informed the Council that the community Days of Action were now to be relaunched with the next one scheduled for Southwell on 13 March 2022. He also advised of a recent successful prosecution in respect of fly tipping.

63 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

In accordance with Rule No. 15.1, a member of the public submitted a question to the Council. Details of the question put forward and the response given from Councillor D.J. Lloyd are attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

64 2022/2023 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND RENT SETTING

The Council considered the joint report of the Deputy Chief Executive, Director – Resources and Section 151 Officer and Director – Housing, Health & Wellbeing which sought approval of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the 2022/23 financial year and proposed changes in rent levels and service charge levels for 2022/23.

The Policy & Finance Committee, at their meeting held on 27 January 2022, recommended approval of the HRA budget for 2022/2023, financial plan to 2025/26 and proposed changes in rent and service charge levels for 2022/23. These were detailed in Appendix A to the report.

Councillor D Lloyd moved and Councillor T Wendels seconded the recommendations contained in the report of an increase of 4.1% (Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 1%) in the 2022/23 rents of all properties in the HRA. It was considered that the proposed increase would provide funds to build new homes and fulfil the needs of the current and future tenants.

In accordance with Rule 26.4, Councillor P. Peacock moved, and Councillor L. Brazier seconded that the Council approves:

- (a) that the 2021/22 HRA Efficiency Savings of £643,000 (as outlined at the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of 27 January 2022 - Agenda Item 17, Page 113) be used within the 2022/23 budget and expenditure on the proposed policy areas as outlined on Page 112, section 3.2 of the same Policy and Finance report be considered in future years;
- (b) the HRA budget for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix A1 adjusted to include the changes set out above;
- (c) an increase of 1.15% in the 2022/23 rents of all properties in the HRA as at 31 March 2022; and
- (d) the 2022/23 service charges as set out in Appendix C to this report.

Members debated the proposed amendment and on being put to the vote, it was lost with 8 votes for and 25 against. A recorded vote on the amendment, was taken as follows:

COUNCILLOR	VOTE
Roger Blaney	Against
Louis Brailsford	Against
Lee Brazier	For
Malcolm Brock	For
Betty Brooks	Against
Scott Carlton	Against
Max Cope	Against
Rita Crowe	Against
Robert Crowe	Against
Donna Cumberlidge	For
Linda Dales	Against
Keith Girling	Against
Laurence Goff	For
Peter Harris	For
Simon Haynes	Against
Rhona Holloway	Against
Roger Jackson	Against
Jack Kellas	Against
Johno Lee	Against
David Lloyd	Against
Sylvia Michael	Against
Neill Mison	Against
Paul Peacock	For
Penny Rainbow	Against
Sue Saddington	Against
Mathew Skinner	Against
Tom Smith	Against
Tina Thompson	For
Ivor Walker	Against
Tim Wendels	Against
Ronnie White	Against

Tim Wildgust	Against
Yvonne Woodhead	For

The Council considered the substantive motion, and it was AGREED (with 25 votes for and 8 against) that the Council approves:

- (a) the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix A1 to the report;
- (b) an increase of 4.1% (CPI + 1%) in the 2022/23 rents of all properties in the HRA as at 31 March 2022; and
- (c) the 2022/23 service charges as set out in Appendix C to the report.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

COUNCILLOR	VOTE
Roger Blaney	For
Louis Brailsford	For
Lee Brazier	Against
Malcolm Brock	Against
Betty Brooks	For
Scott Carlton	For
Max Cope	For
Rita Crowe	For
Robert Crowe	For
Donna Cumberlidge	Against
Linda Dales	For
Keith Girling	For
Laurence Goff	Against
Peter Harris	Against
Simon Haynes	For
Rhona Holloway	For
Roger Jackson	For
Jack Kellas	For
Johno Lee	For
David Lloyd	For

Sylvia Michael	For
Neill Mison	For
Paul Peacock	Against
Penny Rainbow	For
Sue Saddington	For
Mathew Skinner	For
Tom Smith	For
Tina Thompson	Against
Ivor Walker	For
Tim Wendels	For
Ronnie White	For
Tim Wildgust	For
Yvonne Woodhead	Against

65 MINUTES FOR NOTING

65a POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2022

65b ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 19 JANUARY 2022

(i) Minute No. 50 – Open Space Assessment & Strategy

Councillor P Harris raised concerns about the inconsistencies within the Open Space Strategy Document and he asked when and how the issues he raised would be addressed.

Councillor K Girling referred to the debate at the Economic Development Committee and the inconsistent information which had been provided by Parish Councils. He advised that this report was about collating information and taking forward from there.

(ii) Minute No. 53 – Town Centre Strategy and Support

Councillor P Harris stated that the title for this strategy should be ‘Town Centres’ given there were several towns within the District.

65c HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2022

Minute No. 57 – Chairman’s Report

Councillor L Goff advised the Council that he had attended the resident consultation in respect of the Yorke Drive Regeneration project where he raised the issue of the lack of bungalow provision within the proposed site design.

Councillor T Wendels advised that the plans for the site were available which would show the mix of properties.

65d LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 25 JANUARY 2022

65e TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP & WE KNIGHT CHARITY - 11 JANUARY 2022

65f AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - 2 FEBRUARY 2022

65g PLANNING COMMITTEE - 6 DECEMBER 2021

Minute No. 89 – Halloughton Solar Planning Appeal Public Inquiry Update

Councillor P Harris raised concerns that the grounds for refusal in respect of this item were not strong enough or defensible. He urged the Committee to ensure that future reasons for refusal were defensible.

Councillor R Blaney confirmed that the Committee would seek appropriate advice from officers when determining grounds for refusal of any application.

65h PLANNING COMMITTEE - 18 JANUARY 2022

65i SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE- 30 NOVEMBER 2021

Meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

Chairman