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Minutes of Meeting: **FULL COUNCIL**
Date and Time: **Wednesday 22 January 2025 18.30 for 19.00 Full Council**
Venue: **The Old Courthouse**
Present: **Cllr P Harris (Chair), G Adams, R Blaney, J Bostock, P Brooker, M Brock, P Rainbow, K Roberts, L Harris, J Berridge, S Perry, T Jevons- Hazzard**

In Attendance: **L Wright Clerk, A Brackenbury Deputy Clerk, Cllr R Jackson CC, 1 x member of press, 1 member of public**

Minutes of Meeting

18.30 – Talk from Andy Hardy, Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding the potential for an Artificial Football Pitch in Southwell - noted

25/01/129 Apologies for absence - Cllr J Lightwood, Cllr C Marshall

25/01/130 To receive any declarations of interest
Members are hereby reminded of the provisions of sections 26-34 and Schedule 4 of the Localism Act 2011. – **none**

25/01/131 Co option of a councillor to East Ward –
131.1 Each applicant to speak for 3 minutes maximum, election by show of hands
- applications previously circulated

131.2 To receive the Declaration of 'Acceptance of Office and if not now received to agree to do so before or at the next meeting of the Full Council

It was unanimously agreed to go into closed session.

Propose to vote on bloc: Cllr R Blaney
Seconded: Cllr G Adams
Co Opt 1 6 Votes
Co Opt 2 0 Votes
Co Opt 3 5 Votes

Cllr Tracey Jevons-Hazzard was welcomed as the new Co Option for East Ward.

25/01/132 Minutes of previous meetings
132.1 To approve Minutes of Full Council Wednesday 20 November 2024 – Amend as S Perry was in attendance
132.2 To approve Minutes of Extra Ordinary Full Council Wednesday 8 January 2025 – Amend as R Blaney Abstained due to late arrival
132.3 Matters arising
Bills for payment will continue to be signed off by Cllr P Rainbow – UNANIMOUS

NALC remote attendance at Meetings - Cllr P Harris will draft a response

25/01/133 Opportunity for questions from Councillors and Members of the Public-

Cllr T Jevons – Hazzard requested a copy of the GDPR Policy and questioned whether it was usual to share personal documents relating to applicants for co-option to the Council with other applicants without their consent.

Cllr Harris thanked the staff for the work on Minster Hedge and stated this was the start of further works to rejuvenate the hedges due to many years of dilapidation. A response to this work will go on face book and the website tomorrow.

25/01/134 Chair's Report and Announcements

Standing orders were suspended to bring forward agenda items: 135 & 142

25/01/135 County Councillor Report

- Harvey's Field Bund Application goes to planning next week, assuming this is passed the flood alleviation scheme will start
- Discussion around the flooding at Park Lane continue
- Caretakers Cottage being taken on by Childrens Services and will become a Childrens home or Warden Aided Childrens Home
- Bus Stop on Lower Kirklington Road has been put on stop until agreement for position is reached – no one knew where it was supposed to go
- Notts road Junction – the level of the road would not be practical for a crossing but will investigate the practicality of putting in a stop and turn
- £10Million overspend on budget
- Saracens Head Driveway complete – will request of the CC are now willing to adopt
- Assured us that the Minister Field bill is a blip in finance and invoicing
- Normanton Crossroads better signage and weight limit signs up
- Water leaks on Ropewalk and Halloughton Road– Unfortunately mean digging up the road by utilities companies
- Likely that Town Councils will have more powers in four years' time due to change in Council governance, there is a proposal to move to unitary and removal of District Council – first draft of possible solution mid-March

25/01/136 District Councillor Report – Cllr K Roberts requested the DC report be re circulated

25/01/1 37 Clerk/Project Manager Report

Cllr S Perry requested not to use acronyms in the report – noted

25/01/138 Finance Matters –

138.1 Summary Income & Expenditure to end December 2024 and Reserves-

The budget figures for the Church ST Toilet out of alignment
Date to be added to Income and expenditure

138.2 Bills for Payment

* asterisk to be added to show what bills are in dispute i.e Waterplus
Proposed: Cllr P Harris
Seconded: Cllr J Bostock **UNANIMOUS**

138.3 Late bills for payment

Proposed: Cllr P Harris
Seconded: Cllr P Rainbow **UNANIMOUS**

Standing orders were suspended and agreed to extend the meeting by 10 minutes - UNANIMOUS

25/01/139 To review and accept recommendation from Governance & Finance Committee – Precept, Draft Budget, and Reserves 2025/26

Proposal to set precept at 2.9% increase of D Band £96.54, £800 to be added for Town Initiatives
Proposed By Cllr P Harris
Seconded Cllr R Blaney
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The agenda was not completed, Clerk to determine if an extraordinary Meeting to be called. All other items to be carried forward to next meeting.

25/01/140 Saracens Head Lowes Wong Road surface verbal update – Cllr M Brock

25/01/141 Cesky Bord – verbal update. Cllr J Bostock

25/01/142 Statement from Southwell Leisure Centre Trustees
STC resolved to pass a motion to agree to support the mediation
Proposed By Cllr S Perry
Seconded Cllr R Blaney
The Clerk to draft a letter of support to both parties

24/01/143 Appointment of additional to members to the standing committees
143.1 Town Environment – 1 member
143.2 Governance and Finance – 2 members
143.3 Working Groups

25/01/144 Report from Southwell Town Council Town Forum -verbal update

25/01/145 To receive and note the most recent committee meeting minutes from the following standing committees that have taken place since the last Full Council meeting.
145.1 Planning & Highways Meeting 6th December 2024
145.2 Governance and Finance Meeting 13 December 2024

25/01/146 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential items –

146.1 Update of Ground staff workshop- previously circulated
146.2 Update from NSDC - previously circulated

25/01/147 Items for Communication

25/01/148 Items for discussion at next meeting -

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Approval of following minutes:
Planning & Highways Meeting 6th December 2024
Governance and Finance Meeting 13 December 2024
Safer Neighbourhood Group 23 January 2025

Update of Ground staff workshop
Update from NSDC

25/01/149 Date of next meeting Wednesday 19 February 2025

Signed

Chair of Full Council Date