

Draft Minutes of Meeting: FULL COUNCIL

Date and Time: Wednesday 19th June 2024 19.00

Venue: The Old Courthouse

Present : Cllr M Stott (Chair), G Adams, J Berridge, R Blaney, J Bostock, P Brooker, P Rainbow, K Roberts, S Perry, M Brock

24/06/031 Apologies for absence

Cllrs P Harris, L Harris, P Barron J Lightwood , C Marshall

24/06/032 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.- Cllr P Rainbow and K Roberts to withdraw from the Planning agenda items

24/06/033 Minutes of previous meetings

33.1 Minutes of Full Council Wednesday 15TH May-

Agreed unanimously

33.2 Matters arising – none

Standing orders suspended and subsequently re-instated to move items 39 & 41 to the next agenda items and for members for the public to speak

24/06/034 Opportunity for questions from Councillors and Members of the Public

When is the next Via highways meeting to be held ?

24/06/035 Chair's Report and Announcements –

A meeting was held between GTSF, STC & Via regarding the road closure. GTSF will apply for the closure and STC will put out the signs. The road closure will be charged

24/06/036 County Councillor Report

- Statistics on the number and speed of cars on Kings Street is now available
- The Ropewalk is due for resurfacing in mid August 2024
- Warning signs and road markings to be added the mini roundabout on Kirklington road
- Zig zag lines and keep clear signs to be added outside Holy Trinity School in early 2025
- Minster field damage to be repaired for the 24/25 season
- No further news on the Harveys Field Bridge
- Minster field flood alleviation to start early 2025, further discussions required between NCC & STC are lease and maintenance
- Cllr to enquire on the feasibility of a bus stop on Hallam Road
- STC could have sight of the proposed plans for the crossing and bus stop on Nottingham Road outside The Minster School, when they have been produced by VIA.

- Cllr Steve Perry commented, Southwell Minster have agreed to the possibility for a solution for Bishops Drive pathway

24/06/037 District Councillor Report – noted and attached

Council expressed concern regarding the cost of the ‘Kidney Stones’ at NSDC. Cllr P Rainbow stated is was going to public consultation on this expenditure

24/06/038 Clerk/Project Manager Report – Clerk apologised as this was not circulated, to be sent out after the meeting

24/06/039 Finance Matters –

39.1 Summary Income & Expenditure to end May 2024 and Reserves

39.2 Bills for Payment – previously circulated

39.3 Late bills for payment to be circulated

Agreed unanimously

Clerk to produce a report of Governance and Finance regarding Car Park fees and Charges
Election cost code of £1500 to be removed to reserves

24/06/040 Installation of CCTV – deferred to Town Environment, more information required on the efficacy of the cameras and if anything can be fitted near Church Street Toilets

24/06/041 Accept the Town Emergency Plan –

A member of the Emergency Planning working group explained why the plan had been updated after storms Henk and Babet and that it is a dynamic document . The council expressed thanks to Cllr L Harris for leading the project and to all members of the committee who have worked on the plan.

Agree unanimously

24/06/042 Planning Matters

Standing orders and subsequently reinstated for Agenda item 42.3

A member of the public helpfully provided detailed comments in connection with the Vineries planning application

STC Ref	NSDC ref	Location	Details	Decision	Observation
42.1	24/00773/LBC	The Old Rectory Church St	Removal of concrete render from main building, damaged bricks replaced as necessary and repointed in lime mortar.	No objection Agreed Unanimously	Southwell Town Council considered application 24/00773/LBC The Old Rectory Church St and agreed to no objection

42.2	24/00772/HOUSE	The Bungalow 2A Kirklington Road	Demolish garage. Erect garage and workshop	No objection Agreed Unanimously	Southwell Town Council considered application 24/00772/LBC The Bungalow 2a Kirklington Rd and agreed to no objection
42.3	23/01836/RMAM	Land Rear Of The Vineries Lower Kirklington Road	Reserved Matters application (layout, scale, appearance, landscaping) pursuant to outline consent 20/01190/OUT M; Outline planning application for 45 dwellings	Proposed R Blaney Seconded M Brock Object	Southwell Town Council considered application 23/01836/RMAM Land Rear Of The Vineries Lower Kirklington Road and unanimously agreed to object to this application for the following reasons : -this is the 6th iteration of the applications and the previous comments are still valid -the council have ongoing concerns regarding the no of trees affected and the council ask for comments from the Tree and Landscaping Officer and Ecology Officer -the massing of the properties have been increased due an increase in the number of bedrooms from 105 to 125 which is unacceptable

24/06/043 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.

43.1 Draft Town Environment Meeting – 8th May 2024 noted

24/06/044 Items for Communication – Planning responses to NSDC

24/06/045 Items for discussion at next meeting

- The OCH stair list repair
- GTSF fee for road closure

22/06/046 Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th July 19.00

Signed
Chair of Full Council

Date

District Cllrs Karen Roberts and Peter Harris Report for June 2024

Details are on the Council's website - see The Council - Calendar of Meetings for links to each of the papers and reports. However, please note that June 3 was not a Bank holiday as indicated on the N&SDC Calendar.

Cabinet meetings since our last report

The Cabinet have reviewed its Grants to major volunteer groups in the District. They have moved to a three year finding regime for the five groups, but will not be continuing support for the Nots and Lincs Credit Union and the Community Hub providing play support in Hawtonville.

There is a proposal to site the 'Kiddey Stones' at Castle House. The stones were previously at the old Staythorpe Power Station - sculpted by local sculptor Robert Kiddey in the 1920's. It is proposed to erect them outside the N&SDC offices in Newark for a cost of around £80k.

Every local authority was obliged by the 2006 Act to 'have regard' to 'conserving biodiversity', strengthened in 2021 requiring an initial 'first consideration' by Jan 2024. This deadline was missed, so the report starts the process to develop its Biodiversity Report and implantation in the next few years. We will report on what actions will arise from this process.

The next tranche of government funding Sherwood Levelling Up 3 - Update 2 - Ollerton and Clipstone of around £20,000,000 is now being considered with plans being developed for the two town centres, but just under £1,000,000 will be added by the N&SDC to this fund.

The Government's plans for the A46 Newark Bypass have been released. This plan will be looked at as a national project - so there will be no decisions taken by the Planning Committee on its implementation - although the N&SDC is being consulted as a land owner on its location.

The Planning Committee now allows a limited involvement of members of the public, with one invited speaker from the public - and this has been welcomed by the Southwell's Civic Society Community Involvement. When a developer has private 'pre-application' discussions with the planning authority, planners now must consider involving local members in these discussions. Previously this was only 'should' and local councillors were very rarely involved.

The District Council has received a Swimming Pool Support Fund Capital Grant of £187,539 towards utility costs over the three years 2021/22 to 2023/24 for its three swimming pool locations, and subsequently has been awarded a capital grant of £61,356 under Phase 2 towards the costs of replacement pool covers and LED lighting at but only for the new pool built in Newark.

Council meeting

Peter Harris asked a question about the local support for Speedwatch. The previous Police & Crime Commissioner appears to have directed that this should not happen. So, this support appears to have ended. The Council replied to say that it was reinstating support and this welcome news will be passed to Speedwatch volunteers.

The Council passed an amended motion on flooding issues in the District to strengthen flood alleviation works in new developments.

The Council re-appointed its Committee members, with few changes. Peter Harris was reappointed as Chair of the Finance and Governance Committee. It did not appoint its six Trustees to the Southwell leisure Centre Trust, so Karen Roberts and Peter Harris are no longer Trustees - as are the other N&SDC recently appointed Trustees. Full Council 19 06 24 2 A plan for a new 'gateway' approach to the Newark Castle next to the Trent Bridge - with significant initial development support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund of £1.3m to plan the project - will cost over £5.5m.

Karen Roberts and Peter Harris

District Council Report June 2024 -Cllr Penny Rainbow

May 21st was the first meeting of the new Council year.

Cllr Jean Hall was elected as the new chairman for the year. Cllr Hall sits as an Independent for Newark councillor and represents the Balderton South ward.

Cllr Linda Tift was elected as vice chairman. Cllr Tift is a Labour member and represents the Rainworth North and Rufford ward of the District.

I congratulated Cllr Hall on her appointment and asked whether it was her intention to reintroduce prayers prior to the start of Full Council meetings.

Last year's Chairman, Cllr Celia Brooks was the first person to abandon the tradition of starting the meeting with prayers.

Cllr Hall informed me that she had no intention of reintroducing prayers.

It would appear that some residents still have not had a glass recycling bin delivered to their property. I have reported this on a few occasions.

The advice I am now receiving is for residents still wanting a glass bin, is for you to either ring or email NSDC to make a request, give your name and address, so you can hopefully have a bin delivered in the near future.

Some addresses have had 2 bins delivered, this can be reported to NSDC so the extra bin can be collected.

The Cabinet meeting held on 4th June considered a report to site the Kidney Stones at Castle House.

I'm sure like me you are wondering what the Kidney Stones are and why NSDC should entertain the idea of siting such stones outside Castle House at a cost of £81,240.00.

The report explains that Robert Kidney was a sculptor. The stones, in the ownership of Newark Town Council, have lain under tarpaulin in Newark cemetery for around 40 years.

If this scheme is to go ahead, it will see 12 pieces of stone forming 4 panels of 3 pieces each.

The individual tables measure just over 2m in height and 1m in width. The tablets are carved from sandstone. They each need to be carefully moved, cleaned and erected within a frame brickwork, matching that of Castle House, and safely erected in position.

All cabinet members, with one exception (Cllr Rhonda Holloway con) voted to approve the design and location of the stones to be installed at Castle House at a cost of £81,240.00.

A period of public consultation is to follow to enable residents and stakeholders to have their views heard.

A report will be brought back to cabinet in September.

The public consultation document will be available on the NSDC website