

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 10 April 2014 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Lawrie Stratford (Chairman)
Councillor Kieron Mallon (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Fred Blackwell
Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor Ann Bonner
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Diana Edwards
Councillor Tim Emptage
Councillor Andrew Fulljames
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Alastair Milne Home
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor Russell Hurle
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Melanie Magee
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor Nigel Randall
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Alaric Rose
Councillor Gordon Ross
Councillor Daniel Sames
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Trevor Stevens
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart
Councillor Nicholas Turner
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Douglas Williamson
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Apologies
for
absence: Councillor Alyas Ahmed
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Ray Jelf
Councillor Jon O'Neill
Councillor D M Pickford

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer
Adrian Colwell, Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy
Natasha Clark, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

78 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

79 **Communications**

Former District Councillor Charles Shouler

The Chairman reported the sad news that former District Councillor Charles Shouler had recently passed away. Councillor Shouler was first elected to Ploughley Rural District Council in 1973, which later formed part of Cherwell District Council. He remained a Cherwell Councillor until 1987, serving as Leader between 1983 and 1987.

Council observed a period of silence in memory of former Councillor Shouler.

Councillors Wood, Woodcock, Dhesi, Blackwell and Mallon paid tribute to former Councillor Shouler.

Chairman's Dinner

The Chairman reminded members that the Chairman's dinner would be taking place on Saturday 12 April. All tickets for the event had been sold.

Members' Post

The Chairman reminded Members to collect any post from pigeon holes.

80 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

81 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

82 **Petitioning and Opposing the Hybrid Bill on High Speed 2 (HS2)**

The Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy submitted a report for Council to adopt a resolution opposing the Hybrid Bill on High Speed 2 (HS2).

In response to Members' comments, the Lead Member for Planning confirmed that the motion was about mitigation rather than opposition. It was further confirmed that the remaining HS2 reserve (£14,000) would be adequate to fund the task and a cap would be set on the cost of the Petitioning process.

Resolved

- (1) That the follow potential petitioning matters as recommended by Executive be agreed:
 1. Noise standards
 2. Visual impact and intrusion
 3. Local design standards
 4. Construction issues
 5. Height of line

- (2) That, Council considering it expedient to do so, agreement be given to resolve to oppose the Hybrid Bill on HS2 pursuant to section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 as a necessary pre-requisite to formal petitioning

(Voting For: 37; Voting Against: 5; Abstentions: 0)

83 **Ratification of Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer**

The Electoral Registration Officer submitted a report which sought to ratify the appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

Resolved

- (1) That the appointment of James Doble as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer be ratified.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm

Chairman:

Date: