

## **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: