



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025

Those present :

Chair : Cllr S Clough

Vice-Chair : Cllr K Wood

Councillors : Cllr C Curzon, Cllr C Eggington, Cllr C M Fletcher, Cllr T Lacey, Cllr H Laws, Cllr B Rice, Cllr W Tinley, Cllr J Windle

Officers : Mrs G Blank, Mrs J France

* Attended remotely

22/581 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He expressed his thanks to all who had helped with the Warm Wednesdays, which had now finished. Residents who had attended were sad to see the sessions end as they had really enjoyed coming, and they hoped it would happen again next Winter.

22/582 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr D Drabble, Cllr C Lacey, Cllr B Morris, Cllr J Sherman and Cllr S Reed.

22/583 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests

a. To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received.

b. To receive, consider and record Members requests for DPI dispensation (section 31 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received.

22/584 Adjournment for Public Participation

- To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public, 3 minutes each, to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be made under public participation.

There were no members of the public present.

22/585 Reports from County and District Councillors & Invited Guests

No County Councillors were present and there were no reports from District Councillors.

22/586 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

- To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to

confidential or exempt information.

RESOLVED: That no items require the exclusion of the press and public.

22/587 Minutes from the previous meeting

a. To approve the draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24th February 2025.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24th February 2025 are a true and accurate record.

b. To receive an update on any ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item.

22/570 - There had been a response from Derbyshire County Council regarding the request to impose a weight restriction on HGVs travelling through Killamarsh. The response said that no action would be taken as Rotherham Road and Sheffield Road, as A and B class roads respectively, are suitable for all types of traffic.

22/574 - Many of the street name suggestions from Councillors and residents that were sent to Derbyshire Building Control Partnership for the new housing development in Killamarsh had been assigned to the new streets and are awaiting final approval.

22/588 Environment & Climate Change Committee

- To receive and note the minutes of the Environment and Climate Change Committee meeting held on the 19th March 2025.

The minutes were received and noted.

22/589 Finance Committee

a. To receive and note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 10th March 2025.

The minutes were received and noted.

b. To receive and note the budget report for April 2024 to February 2025.

The budget report was received and noted.

22/590 Parish Suite

- To receive an update from Councillor Clough on the current position relating to the negotiated Parish Suite Lease Agreement Fees and Subsidy Charges.

The Chair informed the Council that he and the Clerk would be meeting with Matt Broughton from NEDDC to receive information about the financial position of Killamarsh Active sports centre, as ongoing lease agreement fees of up to £100,000 per year for the next two years were still being demanded from the Parish Council to mitigate some of the sports centre losses.

Cllr Laws asked how long the sports centre would be able to keep operating if it was making a loss every year. The Chair said it was in the lease agreement that the sports centre would not be closed and NEDDC had a plan in place to improve the financial situation, although higher utility and staffing costs were challenging.

Cllr Laws asked if the Parish Council would be receiving any compensation for the Parish Suite kitchen being closed for so long due to NEDDC having cut off the gas supply. The Clerk said she had asked about this, but had been told no. NEDDC have now paid for new electrical equipment in the kitchen so that it is now usable.

Following an investigation requested by Cllr Clough due to the sharp increase in charges, the Parish Council will be receiving a refund from NEDDC for utility charges for the Parish Suite, as the Parish Council had been charged 100% of the agreed 11.58% area of the Parish Suite, instead of 40% of 11.58%, as had been agreed in the lease terms.

22/591 Planning

a. To determine any action required on the planning application information, from lists circulated by the office previously.

No action required.

b. To receive the latest March update from Cllr Clough on the potential of a Whitestone Solar farm within the Rotherham Boundary, affecting Highmoor and determine any action at this stage.

The Chair updated the Council on a meeting he had attended at Wales Parish Council regarding the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm development, which would impact Kiveton Park and High Moor (amongst many other places). The initial stages of the development would be the positioning of the battery storage stations, which are proposed for Kiveton Waters. Cllr Laws said that this area was in the Canal Trust's plan for the Chesterfield Canal development and as far as he was aware was going to be the site of a Marina. The Chair said that in the discussions he had had so far with the solar farm developers they seemed unaware of the Canal Trust plans and also seemed unaware of any mining history in local areas. Cllr Laws asked the Chair if he could contact the Canal Trust to make sure they know about the plans.

A Zoom meeting has been arranged with the Whitestone Solar Farm company on Thursday 3rd April at 6pm, where Councillors can listen to the latest updates on the proposed solar farm and ask questions.

22/592 Policies

a. To receive the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Risk Management and Internal Control Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Risk Management and Internal Control Policy is approved.

b. To receive the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Internal Audit Policy

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Policy is approved.

c. To receive the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Corporate Risk Assessment Policy & Register.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Risk Assessment Policy & Register is approved.

d. To receive the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Asset Register and Disposal Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Asset Register and Disposal Policy is approved.

22/593 Sale of Equipment

The Clerk informed the Council that the old market stalls had been collected by Clowne Parish Council to use in their monthly market and they had expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for them.

22/594 Reports from Members

- To receive reports from Parish Councillors who have attended recent meetings or events on behalf of the Parish Council including representation on external bodies:

a. Veolia Norwood

A visit for Councillors had taken place recently where Councillors were shown around the site. The Council gave feedback to Veolia on the recent alarm testing, saying that it wasn't heard by many residents. Veolia will provide dates to the Council of future testing that can be advertised on Facebook and Veolia would be doing some spot tests at different locations to determine how far the alarm carries. The Clerk said that Veolia don't burn any harmful substances, the alarm testing is just a required procedure.

b. Community Support for Killamarsh (Bread Charity)

Nothing to report.

c. Chesterfield Canal Trust

There was a presentation in the Parish Suite on 28th February by the Canal Trust, who gave an update on the developments so far and future plans.

d. NEDDC/Parish Liaison

The Chair and the Clerk attended a meeting at NEDDC about the development of a new Local Plan. One of the topics discussed was the use of green belt land for housing as per the Government agenda. There are a further two meetings planned for this year.

22/595 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- An update on the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm development.

22/596 Public Feedback

- To allow members of the public, 3 minutes each, to provide feedback on the meeting. No resolutions can be made under this agenda item.

There were no members of the public present.

22/597 Date of the Next Council Meeting

- To note the date of the next full council meeting is scheduled for 28th April 2025.

The meeting closed at 7:57pm