

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 27 May 2015

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors:-

Tony Boto
David Brackenbury
Wendy Brackenbury
Val Carter
John Farrar
Richard Gell
Roger Glithero JP
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Helen Harrison
Glenn Harwood MBE
Marika Hillson
Sylvia Hobbs
Marian Hollomon
Helen Howell
Barbara Jenney
David Jenney
Richard Lewis

Dorothy Maxwell
Andy Mercer
Gill Mercer
Steven North
Sarah Peacock
Janet Pinnock
Ron Pinnock
Valerie Raven-Hill
Rupert Reichhold
Anna Sauntson
Geoff Shacklock
Alex Smith
Phillip Stearn
Robin Underwood
Peter Wathen
Pam Whiting
Colin Wright

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Phillip Stearn proposed that Councillor Marika Hillson be elected Chairman of the Council and Councillor Sylvia Hobbs seconded the motion.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Marika Hillson be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Hillson, having made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office, took the chair, and announced that the Chairman's Consort would be Mr Tony Iacobucci. She thanked Councillor Gill Mercer for her work as Chairman in 2014/15.

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Councillor Colin Wright acknowledged the work of Councillor Gill Mercer as Chairman of the Council in 2014/15. Councillor Richard Lewis seconded the motion.

RESOLVED:

That the best thanks of this Council be tendered to Councillor Gill Mercer for her discharge of the duties of Chairman of the Council for the District of East

Northamptonshire, in the Civic Year 2014/15; and to Councillor Andy Mercer who has accompanied her during her Civic Year, for his support.

Councillor Gill Mercer was then presented with her past Chairman's medal and responded to the vote of thanks as follows:

"Chairman, councillors and honoured guests,

I can scarcely believe that a whole year has passed since I took on the job of Chairman. It has been a great honour. It has been a very interesting year and I have met so many incredible people.

I have been to 122 engagements and travelled over 6,000 miles this year, travelling up to Grantham, down to Milton Keynes, across to Wisbech and Cambridge and in the other direction to Daventry and Brackley.

I especially appreciated invitations to RAF Alconbury, where the American forces make us most welcome. There have been quite a number of military celebrations this year with the Homecoming of the Royal Anglian Regiment in Kettering, the Parade of the Queen's Royal Lancers in Northampton, the Freedom of the Town for the 423rd Air Base Group US troops and the Royal Anglian Regiment in St Neots. There were also commemorations to mark the start of the First World War and the 70th anniversary of D Day. I was also present for the award of the prestigious Legion d'honneur to several local men who fought to liberate France. Particularly moving was the Remembrance Day ceremony at the American Cemetery in Cambridge.

Here in East Northamptonshire, I was very pleased to be a judge for the 'Saving Lives on the Nene' competition and to attend the excellent Youth Conference organised by East Northamptonshire Council called the Real X Factor, encouraging our young people to vote when they are old enough. We also had a celebration of the Council's 40th birthday.

It was really interesting to visit the community projects that were successful in the second round of our Community Grants Fund paid for by the New Homes Bonus. I also opened a new adventure playground and a new assault course at Stanwick Lakes funded by Biffa and Sita from land fill taxes.

I have tried to support as many charity events for other Mayors and Chairmen as I could. A big part of the role of Chairman is supporting local charities.

My charity this year was a Northamptonshire based charity PROSTaid, which helps sufferers of prostate cancer. I would like to thank everyone who has supported my fundraising this year. Thanks to this support I have managed to raise £5000. This has gone towards the costs of a palliative nurse and will also fund for a year a project to lend recliner chairs to prostate cancer patients to make them more comfortable.

I would like to thank first of all my husband, Andy who has supported me this year. I would like to express my extreme gratitude to Barbara Wiggins, my Secretary, who has been an incredible help to me throughout this year. Barbara, I would like you to accept this small gift as a token of my appreciation. Many thanks for all your help.

Finally I would like to wish my successor, Marika Hillson an enjoyable year. I hope that she has as interesting a year as I have had."

3. THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Councillor Marika Hillson addressed the meeting, and thanked Members for the confidence they had placed in her. She thanked Councillor Gill Mercer for her service as Chairman.

"I would first like to congratulate all the members who have been re-elected and welcome the newly elected members to the District Council, well done.

It is with the greatest honour, that I accept the position of Chairman of East Northamptonshire District Council. I will be the first District Councillor from Irthlingborough to become this Council's Chairman in its history. May I first thank the members of the Council for putting their confidence in me and electing me as your Chairman for the forth coming year. I would also like to give special thanks to my Fiancée, family, friends and the residents of my ward who gave up their time up to support me. I'm incredibly conscious of the duties and tasks ahead and the honour you've bestowed upon me. It's with trepidation mingled with excitement that I look forward to the forth coming Civic year.

But first, I must thank Cllr Gill Mercer for her service as Chairman over the last 12 months. It's been a pleasure to support Gill with her official engagements and I pay tribute to all the work she's done on behalf of her charity PROSTaid, which she has carried out with dignity, sincerity and distinction.

I'm proud to be supported by my Fiancée, Tony, who will be my consort for the year and on whose good nature and patience I am grateful for. On the occasions when he cannot attend my family and friends will be covering.

I look forward to working with our new Vice-Chairman and I know we'll have a busy year ahead of us and we hope you will join with us on those occasions to which members will be invited.

Looking ahead to my own year of Office as Chairman I hope I can promote and enhance the civic life of our District and I will endeavour to uphold the dignity of the office and the respect it enjoys. As Vice Chairman, it has already been a truly humbling and a wonderfully warm experience to encounter so many distinguished community leaders at every level.

My chosen charities will be to raise funding for a phototherapy unit for babies with jaundice for the Skylark children's ward at Kettering General hospital which will benefit the babies of our District.

I will also be carrying out grant work to raise funds for organisations in the District. In the year of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain I will also raise funds for the Royal British Legion in memory of our dear friend Brian Walker who was the local branch chairman which covered Irthlingborough and who sadly passed away just a few weeks ago.

And finally in memory of:

- *Councillor George Whiting, Mayor of Higham Ferrers.*
- *Sir Peter Fry who served Wellingborough and Rushden as MP for 28 years.*
- *Mrs Gwen Murdin BEM who was a former Chairman of this Council*

All who recently passed away, there will be now be a period of one minute's silence in honour of them.

Once again I thank you all and invite you for refreshments after the meeting has ended."

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Peter Wathen and seconded by Councillor David Brackenbury and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Rupert Reichhold be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

Councillor Reichhold, having made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office, thanked fellow Councillors for the confidence they had placed in her. He announced that Mrs Nicolette Reichhold would be the Vice-Chairman's Consort during the year.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 February 2015 (pages 419 to 431) and 8 April 2015 (pages 466 to 468) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Rosalie Beattie, Dudley Hughes JP, Sylvia Hughes, Lance Jones, Roger Powell and Jake Vowles.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that her first event of the year would mark the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain and take place on 11 July 2015 at the Frontier Centre in Irthlingborough. This event was planned to feature the Thrapston Town Brass Band playing military anthems and songs from the 1940s, as well as the Michelle Randle dancers, a talented local singer called Tracey Barker, a fish and chip supper, licensed bar and a raffle. The Chairman encouraged all members to attend this event.

It was also announced that the Chairman's Civic Service would take place on 13 December 2015 at St. Peters Church in Irthlingborough. A Valentine Dinner and Dance with a live soul band would be held on 13 February 2016, as would an event to mark International Women's Day in March 2016.

The Chairman indicated that further events would be organised throughout the year and the support of members for these events would be most welcome.

9. ELECTION OF LEADER

The Chairman reported that Councillor Steven North had, in accordance with Article 6.02 of the Constitution, been proposed by Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE and seconded by Councillor Richard Lewis.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Steven North be elected Leader of the Council for the 2015/16 municipal year.

10. THE LEADER'S ADDRESS

Councillor Steven North addressed the meeting as follows:-

“Good evening Chairman, Members and guests.

Firstly I would like to thank you for your continuing support and it is a great honour to stand here as Leader of the Council.

Any Government quite rightly has to manage the country's finances. Most of our money to run our services comes from the Government, not the local taxpayer. Local government, and this council, has had a massive reduction in finance over the past five years, running into millions of pounds. However, with continued efficiencies, shared services and strong leadership we have a balanced budget. We are even forecast to go into a small surplus in the coming term, whereas five years ago we still had a forecast deficit.

We have managed this without any major loss of services or large staff reductions. We also did not raise our share of the council tax for the whole of the last term of the council. We also disposed of some surplus assets, and were able to reinvest some of that money into our leisure facilities in Rushden and here in Thrapston.

We do receive New Homes Bonus and retain a small proportion of business rates. In the last term we used over £500,000 of this income to fund community projects from Kings Cliffe to Rushden, which were all very well received. We will continue to fund the Community Facilities Fund for the whole of this council term, even if New Homes Bonus stops. We also have already agreed to continue with the members' empowerment fund, which is a small fund for ward projects.

We need to build on the fantastic successes of Rushden Lakes and Warth Park, which will deliver over 2,000 new jobs to the area. We need to continue to encourage appropriate development, and push for firms to re-locate to the district. We have lost a large number of jobs in the rural areas and in our towns over the last 40 years as society has changed. Farming no longer relies on mass labour and the boot and shoe industry has gone, although returning is the making of designer shoes. We need to do what we can to provide a better job offer. Of course, we cannot do this alone and we will be working with Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership and other partners to see how this can be delivered. In partnership with town & parish councils we need to support our towns, but recognise shopping habits have changed. The internet is here to stay. We will of course continue with free parking.

Later in the year we hope to pass the revised Core Spatial Strategy, which will be a vast improvement on the original. This will allow a much more sensible approach to the delivery of the required housing numbers, and deliver homes with an increased plot size. I would like to thank my fellow district councillors on the Joint Planning Committee and Councillor Andy Mercer, who is there as a County Councillor, for making this happen. We will also complete the Four Towns Local Plan, and start a review of the Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan. With the support we are giving to neighbourhood plans the local community has a much greater say in how their area is shaped. It is much better than the old days of regional government.

We will also be entering a different phase with the Rushden Sustainable Urban Extension. Before the end of the next term building should have started on delivering better homes and job opportunities for the area. This will also protect our rural areas from large unwanted development. We will also be moving forward on the new Deenethorpe village, which will deliver more high quality housing on one of the disused airfields. Not forgetting, we will also be looking at a new leisure and waste contract.

Thank you for your support.”

11. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER

It was reported that, in accordance with Article 6.04 of the Constitution, Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE had been proposed as Deputy Leader of the Council by Councillor Steven North, and this had been seconded by Councillor Glenvil Greenwood-Smith.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2015/16 municipal year.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) Scrutiny Committee – 2 March and 25 March 2015

The reports of the above committee, presented by the Chairman, Councillor Phillip Stearn, were received.

(b) Licensing Committee – 4 March 2015

The report of the above committee, presented by the Chairman, Councillor Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, was received.

(c) Development Control Committee – 11 March, 1 April and 20 April 2015

The reports of the above committee, presented by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Barbara Jenney, were received.

(d) Governance and Audit Committee – 16 March 2015

The report of the above committee, presented by the Chairman, Councillor Colin Wright, was received.

(e) Policy and Resources Committee – 23 March 2015

The report of the above committee, presented by the Chairman, Councillor Richard Lewis, was received.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation in the following minutes be approved:

446 Food Law Enforcement Service Plan and Health & Safety Service Plans 2015/16

That the Food Safety Service Plan and the Health & Safety Service Plan 2015-16 be approved.

(Reason – to ensure that the Council complies with its legal obligations in respect of food safety and health and safety.)

13. MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS OF THE COUNCIL, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT OF SEATS

The Council considered a report of the Democratic and Electoral Services Manager which detailed the constitution of political groups and the methodology used to calculate each group's entitlement to seats on committees of the council in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

It was reported that there were two political groups in operation on the council, which had both appointed a leader and deputy leader, along with one non-aligned member. The political groups were noted as being:

- Conservative Group (37 Members)
Leader and Deputy Leader – Steven North and Glenn Harwood MBE
- Independent Group (2 Members)
Leader and Deputy Leader – Richard Gell and Val Carter

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the operation of two political groups on the Council and the details of their designated Leaders and Deputies be noted.
- (ii) That, having due regard to Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the entitlement of the membership of the political groups be agreed.

14. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2015/16

The Council considered the appointments to Committees, having regard to the requirements of political balance and the nominations made by the various political groups.

RESOLVED:

That the following Committees with the Members as shown be appointed for the Civic Year 2015/16:-

(a) Policy Committees

(i) Policy & Resources Committee (15 members, including Leader and Deputy Leader as ex-officio members)

Councillors

Tony Boto

David Brackenbury

Wendy Brackenbury

Dudley Hughes JP

Richard Lewis

Andy Mercer

Val Carter
Roger Glithero JP
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Helen Harrison
Glenn Harwood MBE (EO)

Steven North (EO)
Sarah Peacock
Rupert Reichhold
Anna Sauntson

(ii) Planning Policy Committee (15 Members, including Leader and Deputy Leader as ex-officio members)

Councillors

Tony Boto
David Brackenbury
Wendy Brackenbury
Val Carter
Glenn Harwood MBE (EO)
Marian Hollomon
Sylvia Hughes
David Jenney

Gill Mercer
Steven North (EO)
Sarah Peacock
Roger Powell
Phillip Stearn
Jake Vowles
Pam Whiting

(b) Other Committees

(i) Planning Management Committee (18 members)

Councillors

Richard Gell
Roger Glithero JP
Helen Harrison
Sylvia Hobbs
Helen Howell
Dudley Hughes JP
Barbara Jenney
Lance Jones
Andy Mercer

Gill Mercer
Ron Pinnock
Anna Sauntson
Geoff Shacklock
Alex Smith
Phillip Stearn
Robin Underwood
Peter Wathen
Pam Whiting

(ii) Licensing Committee (12 members)

Councillors

Tony Boto
Richard Gell
Roger Glithero JP
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Helen Howell
Sylvia Hughes

Barbara Jenney
Dorothy Maxwell
Andy Mercer
Gill Mercer
Anna Sauntson
Peter Wathen

(iii) Scrutiny Committee (11 members)

Councillors

Rosalie Beattie
John Farrar
Helen Howell
Sylvia Hughes
David Jenney
Dorothy Maxwell

Janet Pinnock
Roger Powell
Valerie Raven-Hill
Geoff Shacklock
Jake Vowles

(iv) Governance and Audit Committee (7 Members)

Councillors

John Farrar	Robin Underwood
Barbara Jenney	Peter Wathen
Lance Jones	Colin Wright
Alex Smith	

(v) Joint Standards Complaints Committee (7 ENC Members and 7 Town and Parish Members)

Councillors

Rosalie Beattie	Valerie Raven-Hill
David Jenney	Rupert Reichhold
Andy Mercer	Colin Wright
Gill Mercer	

13. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

(a) Outside Bodies

RESOLVED:

That Members be appointed to serve on outside bodies in accordance with Appendix 1 to these Minutes (at pages 13 to 15) until May 2016 or such longer period as the Constitution of those bodies dictate.

(b) Other Committees, Panels and Boards, Champions

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the following appointments be made for 2015/16 -

(a) Licensing (Taxi & Miscellaneous) Panel (3 Members)

Panel to be drawn from Licensing Committee membership determined by the Democratic and Electoral Services Manager under delegated powers

(b) North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee

Councillors David Brackenbury, David Jenney and Steven North

(c) North Northamptonshire Joint Delivery Committee

Councillors David Brackenbury, David Jenney and Steven North

(d) Welland Joint Committee (2 Members plus 1 reserve Member)

Councillors Richard Lewis and Steven North
(Reserve: Councillor Glenvil Greenwood-Smith)

(e) Council-appointed Working Parties and Boards

(i) District Regeneration Working Group (8 Members)

Councillors

David Brackenbury	Steven North
Glenn Harwood MBE	Sarah Peacock
Lance Jones	Janet Pinnock
Richard Lewis	Phillip Stearn

(ii) Four Towns Local Plan Working Party (12 Members)

Councillors

Tony Boto	David Jenney
David Brackenbury	Andy Mercer
Richard Gell	Gill Mercer
Glenn Harwood MBE	Sarah Peacock
Marika Hillson	Anna Sauntson
Sylvia Hobbs	Peter Wathen

(iii) Deenethorpe Airfield Working Party (5 Members)

Councillors

Roger Glithero JP	Phillip Stearn
Helen Harrison	Jake Vowles
Steven North	

(iv) Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension Project Board (5 Members)

Councillors

David Brackenbury	Gill Mercer
Marian Hollomon	Steven North
David Jenney	

(v) Leisure Procurement Working Party (5 Members)

Councillors

Glenvil Greenwood-Smith	Lance Jones
Helen Howell	Gill Mercer
David Jenney	

(vi) Community Facilities Fund Working Party (5 Members)

Councillors

Roger Glithero JP	Richard Lewis
Helen Harrison	Steven North
Glenn Harwood MBE	

(f) Appeals Panel (must not be Members of Policy & Resources Committee)

Councillors

Ron Pinnock	Robin Underwood
Valerie Raven-Hill	Barbara Jenney (Reserve)

(g) Councillor Contacts for Whistleblowing Policy
Councillors Marian Hollomon and Barbara Jenney

14. COMMITTEE-RELATED APPOINTMENTS

The following Committee-related business was conducted, with the Members of the individual Committees endorsing the decisions:-

(a) Policy & Resources Committee

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| 1. Appointment of Chairman | Richard Lewis |
| 2. Apologies | Dudley Hughes JP |
| 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman | Glenvil Greenwood-Smith |
| 4. Appointment of Sub-Committees etc | |
| • Personnel Sub-Committee (5) | Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Wendy Brackenbury
Roger Glithero JP
Sarah Peacock |
| • Finance Sub-Committee (7) | Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
David Brackenbury
Val Carter
Roger Glithero JP
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Richard Lewis |
| • Welfare Reform Sub-Committee (5) | Leader of the Council
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Helen Harrison
Richard Lewis
Andy Mercer |
| • Disabled Facilities Grants Panel (5) | Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Richard Lewis
Steven North
Sarah Peacock
Anna Sauntson |

(b) Planning Policy Committee

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Appointment of Chairman | David Brackenbury |
| 2. Apologies | Sylvia Hughes, Roger Powell and
Jake Vowles |
| 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman | Tony Boto |

(c) Scrutiny Committee

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| 1. Appointment of Chairman | Jake Vowles |
| 2. Apologies | Rosalie Beattie, Sylvia Hughes,
Roger Powell and Jake Vowles |
| 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman | David Jenney |

(d) Planning Management Committee

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| 1. Appointment of Chairman | Phillip Stearn |
| 2. Apologies | Dudley Hughes JP and Lance
Jones |
| 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman | Gill Mercer |

(e) Licensing Committee

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|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Appointment of Chairman | Glenvil Greenwood-Smith |
| 2. Apologies | Sylvia Hughes |
| 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman | Barbara Jenney |
| 4. Appointment of Licensing (Liquor &
Gambling) Panel | Panel of 3 trained Members to be
chosen by the Democratic and
Electoral Services Manager under
delegated powers |

(f) Governance and Audit Committee

- | | |
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| 1. Appointment of Chairman | Colin Wright |
| 2. Apologies | Lance Jones |
| 3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman | Peter Wathen |

Chairman

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – APPOINTMENTS 2015/2016

Economic and Community Development

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP CORE GROUP

Councillor Steven North

GREENWAY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Councillors Sarah Peacock and Phillip Stearn

GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Councillor Gill Mercer

~~NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ENGLAND (ACRE)~~

~~Councillor Steven North~~

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Steven North (Reserve – Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE)

OUNDLE & THRAPSTON YOUTH COUNSELLING (CHAT)

Councillor Rupert Reichhold

WELLAND MARKET TOWNS GROUP

Councillor Phillip Stearn (Reserve – Councillor Richard Lewis)

WELLAND PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Councillor Glenvil Greenwood-Smith

Educational

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON COURT

Chairman of the Council (Ex Officio)

Health Facilities

HEALTH, ADULT CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Marian Hollomon

KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL: FOUNDATION TRUST

(Vacancy)

Housing

~~SUPPORTING PEOPLE~~

~~Councillor Rupert Reichhold~~

Leisure/Tourism

ASPIRATIONS WELLBEING

Councillor Glenvil Greenwood Smith (Observer)

(DESTINATION) NENE VALLEY BOARD

Councillor Sarah Peacock

EAST MIDLANDS MUSEUM SERVICE

Councillor Dudley Hughes JP

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Steven North

STANWICK LAKES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Councillors Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, Dudley Hughes JP and Richard Lewis.
(Reserves: Councillors Sylvia Hobbs and Helen Howell)

Planning and the Environment

CPRE (CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNTY BRANCH)

Councillor Tony Boto

EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONSORTIUM

Councillor Tony Boto

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Councillor Richard Lewis (Reserve: Councillor Steven North)

~~NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT BOARD~~

~~(Two vacancies)~~

RIVER NENE REGIONAL PARK COMPANY BOARD

Councillor Glenvil Greenwood-Smith

ROCKINGHAM MOTOR SPEEDWAY – ROCKINGHAM FORUM

Councillors Roger Glithero JP and Helen Harrison

Regional/County Local Government

EAST MIDLANDS LEADERS BOARD/EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS (replacing East Midlands Regional Assembly and Local Government East Midlands)

Councillor Steven North (Substitutes: Councillors Richard Lewis and Glenn Harwood MBE)

FOURTH OPTION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Councillor Phillip Stearn

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Steven North (Substitute: Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - RURAL COMMISSION

Councillors Valerie Raven-Hill and Rupert Reichhold (Substitute Councillor Geoff Shacklock)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PARKING COMMITTEE

Councillor Gill Mercer (Substitute – Councillor Helen Howell)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Steven North (Substitute – Councillor Glenn Harwood MBE)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Councillor Gill Mercer (Reserve – Councillor Helen Harrison)

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SPARSE

Councillor Rupert Reichhold

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PENSIONS BOARD

Councillor Richard Lewis

Grant Related

COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

(One vacancy)

SERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Councillor Rupert Reichhold

SERVICE SIX

Councillor Richard Lewis

PLANNING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 10 June 2015

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors:	Phillip Stearn	Chairman
	Gill Mercer	Vice-Chairman
	Richard Gell	Andy Mercer
	Roger Glithero JP	Ron Pinnock
	Helen Harrison	Geoff Shacklock
	Sylvia Hobbs	Alex Smith
	Helen Howell	Robin Underwood
	Barbara Jenney	Peter Wathen
	Lance Jones	Pam Whiting

15. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dudley Hughes JP and Anna Sauntson.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND INFORMAL SITE VISITS

(a) Declarations Of Interest

Councillor	Application	Nature of Interest	DPI	Other Interest
Andy Mercer	15/00946/NCC Ringstead Grange Quarry	Vice Chairman on the Development Committee at the County Council		Yes
Richard Gell	15/00460/EXT Chelveston Renewable Energy Park 15/00946/NCC Ringstead Grange Quarry	Local Secretary of the Ramblers Association who were consulted on the application.		Yes

(b) Informal Site Visits

No informal site visits were noted.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

It was noted that no questions had been received.

19. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS – UPDATE

In accordance with Minute 280 from the meeting held on 28 November 2012, the Head of Planning Services submitted an update report detailing progress with regard to the drafting of S106 Agreements in respect of matters where the Committee had previously resolved to grant planning permission, subject to the prior finalisation of such an agreement.

Members considered a request by the Head of Planning Services for an extension of time in respect of applications EN/14/01350/FUL Land North of New Brook Farm, Islington until the end of June 2015, EN/14/00683/FUL and EN/14/01380/FUL Grensons Factory, Allen Road, Rushden until the end of July 2015 and EN14/01854/FUL Avenue Agricultural, Brick Kiln Road, Raunds until the end of June 2015

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the extensions in respect of applications:
 - EN/1/01350/FUL Land North or New Brook Farm, Islington
 - EN/14/00682/FUL and EN14/01380/FUL Grensons Factory, Allen Road, Rushden
 - EN14/01854/FUL Avenue Agricultural, Brick Kiln Road, Raunds, be approved.

20. DELEGATIONS TO HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

Members received a report which provided an update on the following applications where actions had been delegated to the Head of Planning Services.

It was noted at the committee meeting held on 20 April, that a sink hole had appeared on the Irthlingborough West site. The Head of Planning Services confirmed that appropriate investigations had been undertaken.

EN/10/00857/OUT The Head of Planning Services confirmed that discussions were still ongoing. However, he reported that delegated powers would not be appropriate for this application, and therefore the application would be brought back to Committee in due course.

21. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The following people spoke on the items as indicated:

- i) **Paul Inch** – 15/00675/FUL – 138 Cromwell Road, Rushden (Applicant)
- ii) **Andrew Middleditch** – 15/00472/OUT – Land between the Gables and Church Road, Hargrave (Agent for the Applicant)

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The committee considered the planning applications report, with updated information on a number of the applications and representations made by public speakers at the meeting.

(i) 15/00376/FUL – 322 Addington Road, Irthlingborough

The committee considered a report detailing an application for the demolition of an existing public house and the erection of a 56 bedroom nursing home.

The application had been brought before the committee as it proposed a major development.

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and the update report.

(ii) 15/00460/EXT – Chelveston Renewable Energy Park, The Air Field, Chelveston

The committee considered a report from Bedford Borough Council detailing an application for the continued livestock grazing and proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated equipment including transformer kiosks, inverters, access tracks, security fencing and camera equipment. This was a consultation on a proposed solar farm extension at Chelveston Renewable Energy Park.

The committee agreed to advise Bedford Borough Council that East Northamptonshire Council had no objection to the application, subject to the recommendations detailed within the report. Members requested that the cumulative impacts of the proposal be taken into account by Bedford Borough Council when they determine this application.

(iii) 15/00675/FUL – 138 Cromwell Road, Rushden

The committee considered a report detailing an application to install solid external wall insulation to the front and rear of the property.

The application had been brought before the committee due to an objection received from Rushden Town Council.

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and the update report.

(iv) 15/00811/FUL – Garages adjacent 12 The Leys, Woodford

The committee considered a report detailing an application for the demolition of existing garages and construction of four affordable two bedroom houses and two affordable one bedroom maisonettes with associated parking.

Members noted that Woodford Parish Council had not objected to the development of the site provided adequate garaging be made available to replace the loss of that amenity.

However Members noted that Woodford Parish Council had objected to the design of the development, in particular the parking arrangements.

Members also noted that six letters of objection had been received.

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the completion of a S.106 legal agreement, other conditions/informatives as detailed in the officer's report and the update sheet.

(v) 15/00569/VAR – Tower Factory, Victoria Street, Irthlingborough

The committee considered an application to vary conditions 2, 5 and 28 to allow twenty one affordable units, comprising eleven two bedroom properties and ten three bedroom properties, associated access, parking and landscaping, substitution of two three bedroom properties in place of 2 two bedroom properties on plots 3 and 4, increase the size of all two bedroom units, alteration of boundary treatment to Wellingborough Road and reduction to roof pitches, pursuant to planning permission 14/01268/FUL – Redevelopment of previously cleared site development.

The application had been brought before the committee as it proposed variations of a major planning application which proposed more than 15 residential units in a town and falls outside the Scheme of Delegation

The committee agreed to **grant the variations**, subject to the conditions detailed within the officer's report and amended conditions detailed within the update report.

(vi) 15/00091/FUL – 153 Glapthorn Road, Oundle

The committee considered a report detailing an application for the demolition of an existing dwelling and outbuildings and the construction of one one bedroom bungalow, two three bedroom semi-detached dwellings and three four bedroom detached dwellings, with associated amenity and parking space.

Members noted that Oundle Town council had objected to the application. Members further noted that two letters of objection and two letters of support had been received.

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to conditions/informatives as detailed in the officer's report and the update sheet.

(vii) 15/00472/OUT – Land between The Gables and Church Road, Hargrave

The committee considered a report detailing an outline application for the erection of a single detached residential dwelling and new vehicular access to the plot.

The application had been brought before the committee due to an objection received from Hargrave Parish Council.

Members further noted that four letters of objection had been received

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and the update report.

(viii) 15/00946/NCC – Ringstead Grange Quarry, Raunds Road, Ringstead

Councillor Andy Mercer left the meeting prior to the discussion and decision on this application.

The committee considered a report from Northamptonshire County Council detailing a non-material amendment to planning permission 12/00016/MIN (ENC ref 12/00506/NCC)

The committee agreed to advise Northamptonshire County Council that East Northamptonshire Council had no objection to proposed amendments, subject to the recommendations detailed within the report and a note regarding no inert material being used for backfill.

Chairman

PLANNING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 1 July 2015

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Phillip Stearn Chairman
Roger Glithero JP Ron Pinnock
Helen Harrison Anna Sauntson
Sylvia Hobbs Geoff Shacklock
Helen Howell Alex Smith
Dudley Hughes JP Robin Underwood
Barbara Jenney Peter Wathen
Andy Mercer Pam Whiting

23. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Gell and Gill Mercer.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND INFORMAL SITE VISITS

(a) Declarations Of Interest

Councillor	Application	Nature of Interest	DPI	Other Interest
All Councillors on the Committee	15/00959/VAR	East Northamptonshire Council acting as Agent		Yes

(b) Informal Site Visits

No informal site visits were noted.

26. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

It was noted that no questions had been received.

27. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS – UPDATE

In accordance with Minute 280 from the meeting held on 28 November 2012, the Head of Planning Services submitted an update report detailing progress with regard to the drafting

of S106 Agreements in respect of matters where the Committee had previously resolved to grant planning permission, subject to the prior finalisation of such an agreement.

Members considered a request by the Head of Planning Services for an extension of time in respect of applications EN/12/01957/OUT Land North of New Brook Farm, Islington until the end of July 2015, EN/14/00683/FUL and EN/14/01380/FUL Grensons Factory, Allen Road, Rushden until the end of July 2015 and EN14/01854/FUL Avenue Agricultural, Brick Kiln Road, Raunds until the end of July 2015.

In addition to the above, the Head of Planning Services noted that extensions of time would be required for 12/01957/OUT Midland Road, Thrapston (south), to the end of August, and 14/01190/FUL Former 18 High Street, Ringstead, to the end of July.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the extensions in respect of applications:
 - EN/12/01957/OUT Land North or New Brook Farm, Islington
 - EN/14/00683/FUL and EN14/01380/FUL Grensons Factory, Allen Road, Rushden
 - EN14/01854/FUL Avenue Agricultural, Brick Kiln Road, Raunds,
 - 12/01957/OUT Midland Road, Thrapston (south)
 - 14/01190/FUL Former 18 High Street, Ringstead, be approved.

28. DELEGATIONS TO HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

Members received a report which provided an update on the following application where actions had been delegated to the Head of Planning Services.

It was noted at the committee meeting held on 20 April, that a sink hole had appeared on the Irthlingborough West site. The Head of Planning Services confirmed that appropriate investigations had been undertaken.

Concern was expressed by Members that facilities would be provided for wheel washing vehicles on exit from the site.

EN/10/00857/OUT The Head of Planning Services confirmed that discussions were still ongoing. However, he reported that delegated powers would not be appropriate for this application, and therefore the application would be brought back to Committee in due course and a full list of conditions would be included with the information.

29. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The following people spoke on the items as indicated:

- **David Shaw** - 15/00422/REM - Phase 2, Warth Park Way, Raunds (Agent for the Applicant)

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The committee considered the planning applications report, with updated information on a number of the applications and representations made by public speakers at the meeting.

(i) 15/00086/FUL – Charles Street, Thrapston

The committee considered a report detailing an application for the demolition of ten two bedroom bungalows and four two bedroom flats and replace with fourteen two bedroom houses, nine three bed houses and five two bedroom bungalows with associated parking, access and landscaping.

The application had been brought before the committee as it proposed a major development.

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and the update report.

(ii) 15/00422/REM – Phase 2 Warth Park Way, Raunds, Northamptonshire

The committee considered a report which sought permission to allow the creation of two additional car parks at Warth Park. One car park would allow additional disabled parking to be provided at the site and a further car park would be for Geopost staff. The application is a reserved application pursuant to application 11/00700/OUT dated 9 December 2011.

The committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and the update report.

(iii) 15/00405/FUL – Former Garage, High Street South, Rushden

Since the papers had been prepared for the Committee, the applicant had withdrawn the application.

(iv) 15/00959/VAR – 99 Upper Queen Street, Rushden

The committee considered an application to vary condition 3 to modify the bathroom extension size pursuant to planning permission 14/01996/FUL dated 21.10.14.

The application had previously been considered at committee on 17 December 2014.

The application had been brought before Committee as East Northamptonshire Council were acting as the agent for the Applicant.

The committee **agreed to grant** the variation, subject to the conditions as detailed in the officer's report and the update sheet.

31. VOTE OF THANKS TO BARBARA WIGGINS

The Chairman paid tribute to the Clerk to the Committee, Mrs Barbara Wiggins, who would be retiring from her post as Democratic Services Officer and PA to the Chairman of the Council at the end of July after fourteen years service with the Council. Committee members echoed the Chairman's sentiments and wished Mrs Wiggins a long and happy retirement.

Chairman