

MINUTES of the MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Atkin (Chairman), Councillor Murray (Vice Chairman), Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Stanton, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Dunn, Pearson, Rhind, Shepherd, Mrs Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins.

CL/45 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Smith (Conservative Group) and Bambrick, Chahal, Richards and Southerd (Labour Group).

CL/46 **OPEN MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 (Minute Nos. CL/27- CL/41) were approved as a true record.

Councillor Shepherd wished for it to be noted that he had raised the matter of the Stenson Fields and Barrow on Trent parish council's boundary change proposal at the previous Council Meeting.

CL/47 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 9 on the Agenda, by reason of the Local Plan covering an area of potential housing and employment development sites identified on land in the family ownership; the Chairman being a partner in the family business.

CL/48 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND LEADER**

The Chairman of the Council outlined the various engagements he had attended since the last Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, in particular the Area Forums, the South Derbyshire Partnership Board Meeting, various military events, the Derbyshire Music Partnership Concert, the opening of the Swadlincote Golfing Academy and later visit with a delegation from Toyota City, a visit from Church Gresley School, Pingle School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, an

awards ceremony at Burton & South Derbyshire College with students from South Korea, The Last Night of the Proms event at Rosliston, Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and their recognition for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Reference was made to projects such as the new build affordable housing sites at Coton Park and Overseal, as well as the Melbourne Sporting Partnership, also relaying the news that the company holding the rights to sell Cornish Pottery is to bring the business hub back to Swadlincote by 2022.

Respect was paid to both Flt Lt George Thompson and Lady Hilda Clarke, both having passed away recently, marking their long-term and valued contributions to the local community. The Leader joined the Chairman in acknowledging their service to South Derbyshire.

The Leader of the Council commented that many who provide long-term service to the community often do so unnoticed and wished to highlight two such individuals, namely Councillor Paul Marbrow, who has served as a Parish Councillor for over thirty years, often as Chairman, and Tony Hurrell, the Chairman of Sharpes Pottery, who has steered the site to its current success.

The Leader also made reference to the topic of devolution and that notes had been circulated within the Controlling Group, as well as being forwarded to the Labour Group. He advised that further information would be brought to the next meeting of Council in November.

CL/49 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/50 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/51 **SEALED DOCUMENTS**

18.06.15 11133 Lease (RTB) – 116 Main Street, Linton  
07.08.15 11162 Lease (RTB) – 21 West End Drive, Shardlow

Councillor Dunn asked for clarification regarding the tenure of properties sold.

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Sealed Documents listed, for which there is no specific authority, be duly authorised.***

CL/52 **ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services introduced the Annual Report to Council.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Annual Report 2014/15 be noted and approved.***

The Chairman left the Chamber at 6.20pm prior to the following item being debated.

CL/53 **LOCAL PLAN PART 1 - UPDATE**

The Director of Community and Planning Services introduced this Report and the Planning Policy Manager presented details from the Report to Council.

Councillor Watson thanked Officers for the comprehensive report and commented that suspension of the Plan had led to some successful appeals for development not covered in the Plan. He further stated that once the Local Plan had been passed, it would afford the district some protection against unwanted development. Councillor Mrs Brown sought assurances regarding the consultation process, relating to the sustainability element of the Plan. Councillor Shepherd queried the late addition of a strategic site, now being undertaken during the period of suspension and commented that decisions made were now incurring the Council costs. Councillor Taylor referred to some discomfort amongst Members with the current position, querying the value of the consultation, as appeals had allowed developers into certain sites. He also requested figures for the number of homes now being added into the allocation. The Leader affirmed that Members are obliged to take all views into consideration and that, whilst there were compromises in the Local Plan, it was needed in order to protect South Derbyshire. Councillor Ford expressed how uncomfortable he was with the number of large development sites in the District, due to their impact on the infrastructure, re-emphasising the need for the Local Plan to be implemented as promptly as possible.

The Planning Policy Manager responded to the matters raised by Members and also undertook to issue a Briefing Note to all Members regarding the housing numbers.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That, subject to further consultation and assessment through an updated Sustainability Appraisal, the following be agreed in principle:***

- 1.1 The addition of a strategic site to the Local Plan Part 1 for a site to the West of Mickleover that includes the New House Farm site and the site west of Ladybank Road for around 1,650 dwellings in the Local Plan Part 1 as a main modification; and***
- 1.2 The drafted housing policy for the land west of Mickleover subject to any modifications agreed by the Director of Community of Planning, Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Environmental***

**and Development Services Committee following the updating of the Sustainability Appraisal and/or further consultation.**

The Chairman returned to the Chamber at 6.50pm.

CL/54 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the open minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-***

<b><i>Housing and Community Services</i></b>	<b><i>11.06.15</i></b>	<b><i>HCS/1-HCS/12</i></b>
<b><i>Planning</i></b>	<b><i>23.06.15</i></b>	<b><i>PL/21- PL/30</i></b>
<b><i>Overview and Scrutiny</i></b>	<b><i>24.06.15</i></b>	<b><i>OS/1-OS/8</i></b>
<b><i>Finance and Management-Special</i></b>	<b><i>25.06.15</i></b>	<b><i>FM/20-FM/28</i></b>
<b><i>Planning</i></b>	<b><i>14.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>PL/31-PL/41</i></b>
<b><i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i></b>	<b><i>23.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>LAS/5-LAS/8</i></b>
<b><i>Planning</i></b>	<b><i>04.08.15</i></b>	<b><i>PL/44-PL/53</i></b>
<b><i>Environmental &amp; Development Services</i></b>	<b><i>20.08.15</i></b>	<b><i>EDS/19-EDS/36</i></b>
<b><i>Planning</i></b>	<b><i>25.08.15</i></b>	<b><i>PL/54-PL/64</i></b>
<b><i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i></b>	<b><i>27.08.15</i></b>	<b><i>LAS/9-LAS/11</i></b>
<b><i>Housing and Community Services</i></b>	<b><i>27.08.15</i></b>	<b><i>HCS/15-HCS/26</i></b>
<b><i>Overview and Scrutiny</i></b>	<b><i>09.09.15</i></b>	<b><i>OS/9-OS/16</i></b>
<b><u>Area Forums</u></b>		
<b><i>Swadlincote</i></b>	<b><i>30.06.15</i></b>	<b><i>SA/1-SA/9</i></b>
<b><i>Etwall</i></b>	<b><i>01.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>EA/1-EA/10</i></b>
<b><i>Linton</i></b>	<b><i>15.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>LA/1-LA/9</i></b>
<b><i>Newhall</i></b>	<b><i>16.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>NA/1-NA/10</i></b>
<b><i>Repton</i></b>	<b><i>21.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>RA/1-RA/9</i></b>
<b><i>Melbourne</i></b>	<b><i>22.07.15</i></b>	<b><i>MA/1-MA/10</i></b>

Councillor Swann sought clarification as to the District Councillor attendees at the Swadlincote Area Forum.

CL/55 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Council was informed that Councillor Atkin would substitute Councillor Stanton on the Audit Sub-Committee.

CL/56 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

Council was informed that no changes had been made to the composition of the substitute panels since its last meeting.

CL/57 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council was informed that Councillor Mrs Plenderleith would substitute Councillor Mrs Farrington on the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Governors Board and that Councillor Murray would substitute Councillor Mrs Farrington on the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel.

CL/58 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

*That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.*

**EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

*The Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, (Minute Nos. CL/42-CL/44) were approved as a true record.*

**EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11**

*Council was informed that no questions had been received.*

**EXEMPT MINUTES**

*Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.*

**RESOLVED:-**

*That the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-*

<i>Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>11.06.15</i>	<i>HCS/13-HCS/14</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>25.06.15</i>	<i>FM/29-FM/31</i>
<i>Planning</i>	<i>14.07.15</i>	<i>PL/42-PL/43</i>
<i>Environmental &amp; Development Services</i>	<i>20.08.15</i>	<i>EDS/37-EDS/38</i>
<i>Planning</i>	<i>25.08.15</i>	<i>PL/65-PL/66</i>
<i>Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>27.08.15</i>	<i>HCS/27-HCS/30</i>

The meeting terminated at 7.05pm.

COUNCILLOR N ATKIN

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL