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MINUTES OF THE FULL KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, MEETING LANE, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 12th JULY 2023

Attendees: Cllr Emily Fedorowycz (Mayor) (Chair)

Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Dez Dell, Maggie Don, Kieran Farrow, Clark Mitchell, Mark Rowley, Craig Skinner, James Towns, Sarah Tubbs and Keli Watts.

Town Clerk: Martin Hammond

No of Public Present: 3

Item No	Item Description
2023/025	Apologies for absence Cllrs Eve Edwards, Scott Edwards, Alexander Evelyn, Anup Pandey, Daniel Perrett and Martyn York
2023/026	Declarations of Interest None
2023/027	Minutes The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 7 th June 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record,
2023/028	Public Speakers Notification had been received from Lauren Ellis to speak on item 032 below.
2023/029	Announcements from the Mayor The Mayor reminded members of upcoming events, notably Kettfest, Kettering by the Sea, Love food and Christmas markets. She also referenced her visit to Kettering Science Academy's World of Work event and the recent Big 50 Conference which was starting to set the vision for North Northamptonshire for the next thirty years.



2023/030	<p>Announcements from the Leader</p> <p>The Leader celebrated two recent announcements which would benefit the town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The agreement enabling Kettering Conference Centre to continue in being as a sports, leisure and arts centre- The decision by Hanwood Park to abandon a vehicular crossing over the Ise onto Margaret road which would have threatened the Green Patch <p>Cllr Don endorsed the sentiments on both issues.</p> <p>The Leader also mentioned the Big 50 Conference and the intention to involve town and parish councils in the emerging debate on the shape of North Northamptonshire in future.</p>
2023/031	<p>Crime and anti-social behaviour for year ending June 2022</p> <p>Sgt Matt Rock attended the meeting to provide an overview of crime and anti-social behaviour trends and statistics and to answer members' questions. The statistics for the year to date had been provided to members.</p> <p>Members referred to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The benefits additional policing patrols were having in the Avondale Grange area.- An increase in neighbour and noise nuisance issues- Speeding electric scooters and e-bikes
2023/032	<p>Road Safety Measures, Warkton Lane</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out the case for improved pedestrian safety measures on Warkton Lane and Deeble Rd. The matter was before Council as the highway authority's practice was to ask for Town Council endorsement of ideas that had been proposed by members of the public before they would consider them.</p> <p>Mrs Lauren Ellis spoke on the reasons for her proposed improvements, described the problems which existed and made several suggestions for new measures to be introduced.</p> <p>The report and members mentioned interventions that were already planned and funded on Deeble Rd and further up Warkton lane.</p> <p>Members debated the proposed measures and</p>



	<p>RESOLVED to support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the creation of a pedestrian crossing at or near the intersection of Stubbs Lane and Warkton Lane, close to where the pavement on the western side of Warkton Lane ends on its southward route.b) The reduction of hedge height on the west side of the Deeble Rd/Warkton Lane roundabout to improve visibility for pedestrians and vehiclesc) The creation of a pedestrian crossing on Deeble Rd, east of the St Stephens Rd junction, but not immediately next to the roundabout on the Warkton lane junctiond) Where possible, the installation of a footway on the southern stretch of Warkton Lane from Barton Rd to Stubbs Lane.
2023/033	<p>Review of NNC and Town Council ward boundaries</p> <p>A report was submitted which set out the proposed ward changes, as designed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) , undertaken as part of their authority wide review. The Commission had sought views about particular aspects of their review.</p> <p>Whilst the LGBCE had taken much of the Council’s earlier comments to the review on board it was far from clear that the growth in population at Hanwood Park had been factored into their population calculations.</p> <p>Members firstly considered the proposals in respect of North Northamptonshire ward boundaries and after discussion</p> <p>RESOLVED to advise the LGBCE that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the proposed St Peter’s and St Michael’s ward should be separated to create two single member wards, separated by the railway line, with the St Michaels’ ward ideally also including the residential areas either side of Pytchley Rd currently included in the Ise ward.b) the proposed Ise ward boundaries should be revisited so that they included the whole of the Hanwood Park development north of Cranford Rd and excluded the “Wicksteed ward” areas either side of Pytchley Rd



	<p>c) the boundary between the proposed Brambleside ward and Kettering central ward should be drawn along or close to Wood St so that two 2 members wards were created</p> <p>Members then debated the consequential impacts of the LBGCE proposals on town council wards, noting that these proposals might well be overtaken by an NNC community governance review carried out before the 2025 elections.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that</p> <p>a) the proposed 4 member St Peters and St Michael's ward should be split into two 2 member wards, separated by the railway line</p> <p>b) Northfield ward should be retained in its entirety as a single member ward</p> <p>c) the boundary between Brambleside and All Saints wards should be reconfigured to create two 2 member wards</p> <p>d) there was no necessity in creating a Hanwood Park ward for the Town Council if the NNC ward was to include all of the urban extension north of Cranford Rd.</p>
2023/034	<p>Acquisition of land at Wadcroft, Kettering for public toilets</p> <p>A report was submitted seeking approval for the terms relating to the acquisition of land at Wadcroft, for its ultimate use as a site for public toilets.</p> <p>Members expressed disappointment that NNC had felt it necessary so offer to sell the land rather than transfer it for free, given its ultimate purpose, but after discussion,</p> <p>RESOLVED to agree the heads of terms as set out in the report and to authorise the clerk to engage Wilson Browne to act for the Council in the purchase, at a further cost of £1700.</p>
2023/035	<p>Windmill Avenue Fencing</p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval to spend a total of £15605.55 on the Windmill Avenue allotment fencing. The original quote had been for a figure under the £15000 threshold which Finance</p>



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	<p>and Governance Committee had the authority to approve but additional costs had been incurred during the works, which had taken the final cost over that threshold.</p> <p>RESOLVED that approval be given for a final payment of £1412.50 to be made to the contractor in respect of the cost of replacement fencing at Windmill Avenue.</p>
2023/036	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Craig Skinner, outlined the work of the committee since May and summarised the extent to which final planning decision had reflected its views.</p>
2023/037	<p>Finance and Governance Committee</p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Mark Rowley outlined the work of the committee since 26th April</p>
2023/038	<p>Market and Events Committee</p> <p>The chairman, Cllr Craig Skinner, outlined the work of the committee since 10th May and highlighted that the 2024 programme of events would be considered in September ahead of the budget preparation timetable.</p>
2023/039	<p>Town Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the annual meeting held on 24th May were noted.</p>
	<p>The meeting was closed at 8.12pm.</p>

Signed

Date