

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held remotely on
Tuesday 25 August 2020 at 8 pm**

Present: *Councillors D. Mills (Chairman); N. Al-Sanjari; J. Anderson; K. Baker; D. Bragg; S. Brindley; A. Chadwick; J. Cheng; M. Doyle; M. Forrer; K. Gilder; M. Green; A. Heap; C. Jewell; J. MacNaught; T. McCann; M. Nagra; J. Sartorel; R. Skegg; D. Smith; B. Soane; A. Swaddle; P. Wicks*

Officers present: *D. Mander, Town Clerk; K. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk; L. Matthews, Committee Officer*

Also present: *2 members of the public*

19. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Rahmouni and B. Rowland.

20. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

21. **COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL**

a) **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note that Councillor Nagra had joined the Labour Party.

b) **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note that Councillors Al-Sanjari and Nagra had formed a Labour Group.

c) **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ To note the current composition of the Council:
17 Conservative Members, 6 Liberal Democrat Members and 2 Labour Members.

22. **POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the appointment of Councillor Al-Sanjari as Leader of the Labour Group.

23. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

23.1 **Strategy and Resources Committee**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 9 places on the Strategy and Resources Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Anderson, Baker, Brindley, Chadwick, Gilder, McCann, Nagra, Rowland and Wicks to the Strategy and Resources Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

23.2 **Leisure Services Committee**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 9 places on the Leisure Services Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Al-Sanjari, Baker, Bragg, Doyle, Heap, Rahmouni, Smith, Soane and Swaddle to the Leisure Services Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

23.3 **Planning and Community Committee**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 12 places on the Planning and Community Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Bragg, Cheng, Gilder, Jewell, MacNaught, Mills, Nagra, Rahmouni, Skegg and Wicks to the Planning and Community Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year, with one vacant place to be filled at a future meeting.

24. **CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Under Standing Order 4 d members of the standing committees appointed the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the standing committees as follows:

24.1 **Strategy and Resources Committee**

a) **Chairman:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brindley, seconded by Councillor Anderson and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint Councillor Baker Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

b) **Vice Chairman:**

It was proposed by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Anderson and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint Councillor Brindley Vice Chairman of the Strategy & Resources Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

24.2 **Leisure Services Committee**

a) **Chairman:**

It was proposed by Councillor Soane, seconded by Councillor Baker and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint Councillor Bragg Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

b) **Vice Chairman:**

It was proposed by Councillor Bragg, seconded by Councillor Baker and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint Councillor Soane Vice Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

24.3 **Planning and Community Committee**

a) **Chairman:**

It was proposed by Councillor Cheng, seconded by Councillor Baker and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint Councillor Wicks Chairman of the Planning and Community Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

b) **Vice Chairman:**

It was proposed by Councillor Wicks, seconded by Councillor Baker and

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To appoint Councillor Cheng Vice Chairman of the Planning and Community Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

25. **APPOINTMENT OF WORKING PARTIES AND SUB COMMITTEES**

In order to minimise the lengthy voting process caused by considering these matters in a virtual meeting, it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the terms of reference of the working parties and sub committees be considered in the next meeting of each of the parent standing committees.

Under Standing Order 4 e members of the parent standing committee appointed places and members to the working parties as follows:

25.1 **Strategy and Resources Committee**

a) **Investments Working Party:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the Investments Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Anderson, Baker, Brindley and Rowland to the Investments Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

b) **Risk Management Working Party:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the Risk Management Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Bragg, Doyle, Green and Mills to the Risk Management Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

c) **Catering Partnership:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the Catering Partnership for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Brindley, Cheng, Green, MacNaught and Skegg to the Catering Partnership for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

d) **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Working Party:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Jewell, Mills and Swaddle to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

e) **PR/Marketing Working Group:**

RESOLVED

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the PR/Marketing Working Group for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Brindley, McCann and Swaddle to the PR/Marketing Working Group for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

f) **Personnel Sub Committee:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the Personnel Sub Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Anderson, Jewell, Sartorel and Soane to the Personnel Sub Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

g) **Climate Emergency Working Party:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 3 places on the Climate Emergency Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Jewell and Wicks to the Climate Emergency Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

25.2 **Strategy and Resources Committee and Leisure Services Committee**

Woodford Park Leisure Centre Regeneration Task and Finish Group:

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 6 places on the Woodford Park Leisure Centre Regeneration Task and Finish Group for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Bragg, Brindley, Gilder, Heap and Nagra to the Woodford Park Leisure Centre Regeneration Task and Finish Group for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

25.3 **Leisure Services Committee**

a) **Community Youth Partnership:**

There were currently five Councillors on the Community Youth Partnership, but with the formation of the Labour Group a membership of five could not be divided in the correct proportions to comply with standing order 4 f.

Councillor Bragg proposed that the number of councillors on the Partnership be reduced to four. This was seconded by Councillor Soane and Councillor Baker also spoke in favour of the proposal.

Councillor Al-Sanjari proposed that the number of councillors on the Partnership be increased to six. This was seconded by Councillor Doyle and Councillors Jewell, Heap and Skegg also spoke in favour of the proposal.

Following a vote by members of the Leisure Services Committee, 5 members voted in favour of having four councillors on the Partnership and 3 members voted in favour of having six councillors on the Partnership. One Committee member was absent.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 4 places on the Community Youth Partnership for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year, together with up to 10 representatives from the voluntary sector.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Cheng, Forrer and Gilder to the Community Youth Partnership for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year, with one vacant place to be filled at a later date.
- ◆ To appoint the following voluntary sector representatives to the Community Youth Partnership for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year:
Sam Milligan (Just Around the Corner charity), Graham Sumbler (Woodley Baptist Church), Trina Farrance (Bulmershe Gym Club), Steve Outen (Woodley United FC), Paul Cassidy (ARC) and Laurie-Ann Price (Emmanuel Church).

b) **3G Pitch Steering Group:**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 3 places on the 3G Pitch Steering Group for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Rahmouni and Skegg to the 3G Pitch Steering Group for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

25.4 **Planning and Community Committee**

Cycling in Woodley Working Party:

There were currently six councillors on the Cycling in Woodley Working Party: 4 Conservatives and 2 Liberal Democrats. With the formation of the Labour Group, and in order to comply with Standing Order 4 f, the division of places would be 4 Conservatives, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Labour. Both of the current Liberal Democrat members were keen cyclists and Councillor Jewell argued that they should both be allowed to keep their places on the Cycling in Woodley Working Party.

Councillor Nagra proposed that Standing Order 4 f be suspended to allow two Liberal Democrat seats on the working party. This was seconded by Councillor Jewell.

Following a vote by members of the Planning and Community Committee, 3 members voted in favour of suspending Standing Order 4 f and 7 voted against. One Committee member was absent and one Committee seat was vacant.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That there be 6 places on the Cycling in Woodley Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Bragg, Chadwick, MacNaught, Nagra and Swaddle to the Cycling in Woodley Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year, with one vacant place to be filled at a later date.

25.5 **Full Council**

Bulmershe Site of Urban Landscape Value (SULV) Joint Working Party

RESOLVED:

- ◆ To note the terms of reference of the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker and Rowland to the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.
- ◆ To appoint Councillor Gilder as the named substitute for the Bulmershe SULV Joint Working Party for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year

Under this item, a question was asked about a recent planning application for a new access to Addington School which required the felling of trees located in the SULV. The Planning and Community Committee had requested that the application consider the impact on the SULV, but no further information had been received. It was agreed that this matter be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Planning and Community Committee.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm
