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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

18th July 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Walker (in the Chair)
Councillors Abel, Barfield, Beasant, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Fenty, Freeston, Furneaux, Goodwin, Green, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Nici, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, K.Swinburn, S.Swinburn, Watson, Wheatley, Wilson and Woodward.

OFFICERS:	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Simon Jones	Monitoring Officer
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Resources and Governance
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

NEL.21 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to this meeting.

The Mayor reported that, in accordance with the procedure adopted by Council on 23rd March 2017, the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer appointed Councillor Pettigrew to serve on Brigsley Parish Council on 24th June 2019 following insufficient nominations to the parish council which resulted in it being inquorate. Three separate elections had been held since 2nd May 2019 and only two nominations were received, noting that the quorum was three Parish Councillors. The appointment of Councillor Pettigrew (as Ward Councillor), made in accordance with Section 91(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, would therefore remain in place until at least one new Parish Councillor has been co-opted to establish a quorum on Brigsley Parish Council at which point such appointment shall cease.

The Mayor took the opportunity to inform members that there would be a Mayor's coffee morning in aid of his charities on 6th September, 2019 in Grimsby Town Hall.

NEL.22 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Barber, Bramley, Hudson, Hyldon-King and Silvester.

NEL.23 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on March 21st 2019, the mayor making meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on May 16th 2019, the special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on May 16th 2019 and the annual meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on May 21st 2019 were approved as correct records.

NEL.24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Fenty declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item NEL.34, regarding a question on notice referring to the provision of a community stadium, as a Director of Grimsby Town Football Club.

Councillor Jackson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item NEL.27 as a Non-Executive Director of Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in item NEL.27 as an employee of the North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

NEL.25 **THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council.

The Leader reflected on the outcome of the recent elections to North East Lincolnshire Council which resulted in the Conservative Group taking overall control of the Council for the first time. The Leader felt that their success resulted from listening to and engaging with residents and this would continue. Having provided clear commitments in their manifesto, the new administration now intended to do their utmost to progress them. He referred to changes already being made such as to the Cleethorpes Development Programme and specifically the Sea View Street scheme. He noted that these were not wholesale changes but pragmatic and common sense amendments in response to concerns of businesses and residents. The Leader noted that Toll Bar roundabout had been a significant issue during the elections. The administration was urgently revisiting this proposal and a further update would be provided as soon as this review was complete. Improvements had been made to the kerbside recycling scheme but the Leader noted that the Council was still a long way from where it needed to be on recycling. The Leader referred to the significant challenges within Children's Services and the new administration had agreed a one-off investment of £2m to assist but he stressed that the overall message was clear – the new administration would not throw money at every challenge.

The Leader recognised the demands on local authority funding and supported the lobbying by the Local Government Association on this matter. He also voiced his concern at the excessive delay with the Government's green paper on the future of adult social care.

The Leader welcomed the latest Town Deal announcement which would provide further funding for this ambitious and exciting regeneration scheme. The funding would support the acquisition of the Garth Lane and West Haven Maltings sites, with the latter being utilised for a Youth Zone project which showed the council's commitment to have children and young people at the heart of its ambitions for the borough.

Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting was a motion on notice regarding retention of the steelworks in Scunthorpe and referring to the joint signing of the UK Steel Charter. The Leader reported that he had held an initial discussion with the Leader of North Lincolnshire Council on how the two councils might collaborate more on service delivery and reduce costs.

The Leader offered his congratulations to the North East Lincolnshire CCG for achieving a good annual performance rating. He also reflected on the success of the recent Armed Forces Weekend and looked forward to the forthcoming Festival of the Sky in Cleethorpes. The Leader wished the best of luck to all runners in the weekend's Great Grimsby 10k.

The Leader concluded by noting that details of special urgency decisions taken in accordance with the constitution and an update on the implementation of motions previously resolved at the preceding Council meetings had been circulated at this meeting for the information of elected members.

NEL.26

QUESTION TIME

Two questions had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures from Mr Barry Fisher. In Mr Fisher's absence, the Mayor asked the Monitoring Officer to put the first question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities:

"For some time North East Lincolnshire Council has online made claim that 7 new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and two new dog fouling PSPOs are in place. New larger litter bins and street furniture carry notices to this effect under the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 (dog foul/management). Can the portfolio holder indicate why no dated documents required by the publication of PSPO Regulations 2014 of that Act are available on the Council's website?"

Councillor Shepherd, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, responded that the implementation date for the new PSPOs, both for anti-social behaviour and irresponsible dog ownership was Monday 22nd July 2019. The document required for publications would be published on line as part of implementation.

The Mayor asked the Monitoring Officer to put Mr Fisher's second question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport:

"On 23rd March 2017 at full Council, I had the portfolio holder asked a question under NEL.163, he made reply. At Cabinet on 23rd November 2016, a report was made under FP 10/16/09. On 24th November, a decision notice was published resolving under DN.85 that a consolidation order be made. Some two and a half years later I can find no such order. Can the portfolio holder indicate why?"

Councillor S Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that In 2016/17 a review of the 2010 Consolidation Order was undertaken. During this review, unfortunately administrative errors were discovered (with regard to resident parking schemes and school keep clear orders). The existing residents parking scheme orders were reviewed and remade where necessary in 2018. All school keep clear orders were reviewed (54 in number) and action taken to address the issues, the last of which would be completed this year. With these actions in place, it was the intention that a new consolidation order would be made in 2020.

A question had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures from Ms Lynette Newman. Ms Newman attended the meeting and put the question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People:

"Is the portfolio holder aware that parents are being blocked from getting a diagnosis for a range of conditions for their child (such as ADHD, PDA, SPD and ASC), and are being asked to justify their reasons for wanting a diagnosis?"

Councillor Lindley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, responded that he had raised this with the service and had been given assurance that when a child or young person had difficulties which indicated that they may have one or a range of conditions, such as autism, they were referred for an assessment. If one of these conditions was confirmed by the assessment tool, this would result in a diagnosis. Councillor Lindley noted that the Council could not comment on individual cases, however if a parent, carer or young person felt that this had not happened to them then they should raise this with the service provider/commissioner through the appropriate patient support service so that this could be looked into. He was not aware of any child being blocked and referred Ms Newman to the petition for debate on this issue which was to be considered at this meeting (NEL.27 refers).

A question had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures from Mr Dick Appleton. Mr Appleton attended the meeting and put the question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing:

"During the debate at the Special Meeting of Council on 4th July, 2019 on the motion to revisit the decision to close down the Community Learning Services, Councillor Fenty categorically assured all persons present that there 'is a list of 20 Education providers operating in this area, any number of which will be able to provide the Special Needs Education that these Learners require'. After the meeting Councillor

Fenty assured me personally ‘I promise you that I will do everything in my power to ensure that your daughter has access to the right course/s, so that she can continue her special needs further education’. Therefore, Councillor Fenty, I implore you to impart this information to me at your earliest convenience, if you would be so kind?”

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, felt that all in the Council Chamber understood the distress and uncertainty caused by the closure of the service. He had commissioned work to ensure alternative provision was made available and he was content that all was in hand. He understood that officers had met with Mr Appleton separately to continue to offer support in identifying alternative provision and the information requested had already been forwarded on to him.

The Mayor thanked the residents for their questions and noted that written confirmation of the answers would be sent to them.

NEL.27

PETITION FOR DEBATE – ACCESS PATHWAY FOR DIAGNOSING CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITIONS

Council received a petition for debate requesting that calling for the access pathway for diagnosing children with autistic spectrum conditions to be scrapped.

The Mayor invited Ms Cora Leeson, the lead petitioner, to address Council on the issues raised by the petition.

Ms Leeson raised concerns that decisions were being taken on paper by a Council panel without meeting the child or the parents. Furthermore, parents can only complain through the council’s complaints procedure rather than through a medical complaints process. Ms Leeson made comparisons with the situation in North Lincolnshire, where it had passed its CQC inspection with flying colours and it had received far more referrals than North East Lincolnshire despite having a similar population of children and young people. She was also concerned that a pathway had yet to be commissioned for under-fives. Ms Leeson noted the modest changes which came out of a recent survey but felt that they were insufficient and she also felt that the survey was flawed. Within the local parent group that she had founded, 100% of parents wanted a diagnosis and over 80% were very unhappy with the current process. Ms Leeson felt that a timely and transparent diagnosis was required and called on the local authority and the CCG to engage with parents and help them to shape future services.

The Mayor invited Councillor Lindley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, to respond to the issues raised by the petition.

Councillor Lindley recognised that the current pathway was not achieving expected outcomes. As Chair of the cross-party scrutiny working group that had investigated the diagnosis issues and agreed the pathway, he had given a commitment that if it wasn’t working then swift action would be taken and he felt that this was exactly what was being done. He was cautious about returning to a clinical model and felt that the new model being developed would provide easy access for parents and

the plan would be owned by the child and family. As such, he was confident that it would bring improved outcomes. He reported that there would be a co-design workshop on 29th July 2019 where the plan would be discussed. Councillor Lindley further noted that a post had been appointed to this week to assist with communications.

Councillor Lindley proposed that:

This Council acknowledges receipt of the Petition for Debate calling for the access pathway for diagnosing children with autistic spectrum conditions to be scrapped and, as a result of this petition, this Council resolves that;

- (i) A scrutiny workshop be arranged to consider the matter and allow discussion on the proposed new model of delivery.
- (ii) A special Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel be arranged to consider the final proposed pathway, prior to going to Cabinet for consideration.

This was seconded by Councillor Fenty.

This proposal was then debated, during the course of which Councillor Wilson moved an amendment that a select committee be held rather than a scrutiny workshop as this would allow parents to participate. This was seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh.

Following a debate, the Mayor put the amendment to the vote. Upon a show of hands, the amendment was declared lost.

The debate returned to the substantive motion proposed by Councillor Lindley and the Mayor then put this to the vote. Upon a show of hands it was

RESOLVED –

- (1) A scrutiny workshop be arranged to consider the matter and allow discussion on the proposed new model of delivery.
- (2) A special Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel be arranged to consider the final proposed pathway, prior to going to Cabinet for consideration.

Note – Councillor Jackson returned to the meeting at this point, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the previous item. Councillor Green left the meeting at this point.

Council received a report detailing the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the council year and setting out how it has discharged its responsibilities. This report was referred to Council by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 25th April, 2019.

The Mayor welcomed the independent Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, Mr. Tim Render, to the meeting and invited him to introduce his report. Standing Orders were suspended for this purpose.

Mr Render noted the complexity of the Council's business and explained that the Audit and Governance Committee remained the eyes and ears of the Council, making sure that rules were followed, public assets were protected, and that there were effective arrangements for managing resources and securing value for money. This was against the background of a rapidly developing organisation, moving towards a commissioning role and developing the Union with the CCG.

The Committee's key roles remain to ensure that there is an effective system of internal control (not just for resources, but also for delivering the Council's objectives) and, uniquely to this authority, to ensure that the governance arrangements for partnerships are effective and operate as intended. Mr Render was pleased to again report that the committee was able to provide substantial assurance about those arrangements. That conclusion followed the committee's review of work undertaken by internal and external audit, the specific exercises carried out by the committee in looking at treasury management and the Council's accounts, as well as the work monitoring and reviewing the effective governance of the council's partnerships.

Mr Render explained how an assurance map was being used to support the committee's work and covering all governance, management and monitoring processes in place across the organisation. The committee had also published its work programme and shared it with scrutiny members to complement their respective work.

Mr Render then set out particular activities of the committee during the course of the year. This included its regular core activities: approving the plan for Internal Audit, approving the annual accounts which were again given a clean audit by the external auditors, continuing the new approach to monitoring how the council manages risks, and acting as the independent review mechanism for treasury management work. The committee continued to monitor the arrangements for all the council's key partnerships, including the adult social care partnership within the union with the CCG, the formal shared service arrangement with North Lincolnshire Council and the leisure partnership arrangements with Lincs Inspire.

In conclusion, Mr Render thanked the Head of Internal Audit and his staff for their support of the committee's work, as well as the Director of Resources and Governance and the Director for Communities, for their contribution to the committee's agenda. He remained grateful to members of the committee, commenting on how they had demonstrated both enthusiasm in developing a more effective audit function; and tenacity in following through issues. He noted that some committee members had now moved to executive roles in the Council; and in this municipal year, new committee members had been welcomed and were being actively inducted into their new roles. He felt that the committee had benefitted from long experience and continuity of membership in previous years, but there was now an opportunity for new members to develop their skills and

understanding, and bring fresh eyes to the work of the committee. Mr Render commended the report to Council.

RESOLVED – That the Audit and Governance Committee annual report for 2018/19 be approved.

NEL.29

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS

Council considered a report detailing the result of the Committee for Standards in Public Life's consultation on Local Government Ethical Standards and proposing measures to further strengthen North East Lincolnshire Council's Standards arrangements.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Council's Code of Conduct be updated to make specific reference to harassment as per the narrative to Best Practice recommendation 1 (as set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the report) and to include a requirement for elected members to comply with formal standards investigations as per the narrative to Best Practice recommendation 2 (as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report).
- (2) That the Council's Code of Conduct be reviewed on an annual basis by the Standards and Adjudication Committee.
- (3) That the Stage 2 Assessment Criteria for Code of Conduct complaints be amended, as per the narrative to Best Practice recommendation 2 (as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report), by adding a proportionality consideration.
- (4) That a monthly reminder be sent to all North East Lincolnshire Council's elected members to ensure that their gifts and hospitality register was kept up to date.

NEL.30

AMENDMENTS TO PLACES ON COMMITTEES AND PANELS OF THE COUNCIL AND OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

Council considered a report advising of proposed changes to places on committees, panels and outside bodies of the Council since the annual meeting held on 21st May, 2019.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Councillor Wheatley be appointed to replace Councillor Green on the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel and that Councillor Green be appointed to replace Councillor Wheatley on the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel.
- (2) That Councillor Hasthorpe and Councillor Hudson be appointed as this Council's two representatives on the Education Foundation of Philip and Sarah Stanford.

- (3) That Councillors Rogers replace Councillor Shepherd as a representative of this Council on the Humber Police and Crime Panel.
- (4) That Councillor Jackson be appointed as a substitute member of the Transport for the North Members' Board.
- (5) That the E-Factor Board replace the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Area Enterprise Agency Ltd Board of Directors on the list of outside bodies appointed to by this Council and that Councillor Fenty be appointed to be this Council's representative on the E-Factor Board for the current municipal year.

NEL.31

NOTICE OF MOTION 1

Council considered a Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Nici, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

This Council recognises the strategic importance of steel production within the UK and resolves to lobby and support Government to do all it can to ensure the retention of the world class steelworks in Scunthorpe. Closure of this plant would adversely affect North East Lincolnshire residents employed there, local businesses who provide support services and the Port of Immingham. Furthermore, the Council notes the recent joint signing of the Steel Charter by the Leaders of the North East Lincolnshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire County Council and pledges to maximise the use of UK steel within its procurement policies.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Patrick, seconded by Councillor Wilson, requesting that the following be inserted after the first sentence of the original motion:

We ask that the Government performs all due diligence in the national interest whilst considering bids, and that the option of the nationalisation of British Steel not be ruled out if potential buyers fail to satisfactorily reassure in respects of long term safeguards for jobs and investment.

The amendment was debated was debated, during which Councillor Freeston moved the closure motion "that the vote be put". This was seconded by Councillor Furneaux, and the Mayor put this closure motion to the vote. The closure motion was declared carried and Councillor Patrick's amendment was put to the vote. A recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders. The votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the amendment

Councillors Beasant, Goodwin, James, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Patrick, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Sheridan, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley and Wilson (14 votes).

Against the amendment

Councillors Abel, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Fenty, Freeston, Furneaux, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Nici, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve, K Swinburn, S Swinburn and Woodward (21 votes).

Abstention

Councillor Barfield (1 vote).

The amendment was declared lost and the debate returned to the substantive motion. Given the ensuing wide support for the motion, Council agreed to a vote by show of hands and the substantive motion was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the strategic importance of steel production within the UK be recognised and that this Council lobby and support Government to do all it can to ensure the retention of the world class steelworks in Scunthorpe.
- (2) That the recent joint signing of the Steel Charter by the Leaders of the North East Lincolnshire Council, North Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire County Council be noted and that this Council pledges to maximise the use of UK steel within its procurement policies.

NEL.32

NOTICE OF MOTION 2

Council considered a Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Nichols, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

North East Lincolnshire has a long standing, strong bond with the mining communities of South Yorkshire. It has served as their resort of choice since the rail link was put in, with many families owning their own holiday properties on the Fitties, and it has also become home to several thousand ex-miners and their kin, following retirement or through seeking work post redundancy when their pit was closed.

Because of this attachment, North East Lincolnshire Council believes that issues relating to events at the picketing of Orgreave on 18th June 1984 are not only of national importance, but are of local importance too.

Miners and their families, now residents in North East Lincolnshire, were adversely affected by the events of that day in terms of wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, ill-health, family breakdown and termination of employment - and as a direct result of policing tactics at Orgreave. A full investigation into the military style policing used on that day is long overdue and only a full public inquiry can fully investigate this.

This Council is disappointed by the past and present Home Secretaries' failure to hold an Inquiry into the policing of events at Orgreave.

That the Council:

(i) observes that the Independent Police Complaints Commission said about Orgreave on 18th June 1984 in their report released in June 2015 "that there was evidence of excessive violence by police officers, and a false narrative from police exaggerating violence by miners, perjury by officers giving evidence to prosecute the arrested men, and an apparent cover-up of that perjury by senior officers".

(ii) believes in the light of such statements that the Home Secretary needs to review the decision that there should be no enquiry into such events.

(iii) notes that 95 miners were arrested and charged with riot offences, but were all later acquitted amid claims that police at the time had fabricated evidence.

(iv) requests that the Chief Executive write to the Home Secretary and ask that he takes into account the opinion of this Council and accepts that there is widespread public concern about events at Orgreave and calls for him to order a full public inquiry into the deployment and actions of the police on 18th June 1984, and to hold meaningful discussions with the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign, The NUM and concerned MPs.

Following a debate, a recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Councils Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the motion

Councillors Goodwin, James, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Patrick, Rodwell, Rogers, Sheridan, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley and Wilson (12 votes).

Against the motion

Councillors Abel, Barfield, Brookes, Cairns, Callison, Cracknell, Fenty, Freeston, Furneaux, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Nici, Parkinson, Pettigrew, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve, K Swinburn, S Swinburn and Woodward (22 votes).

Abstention

Councillors Beasant and Rudd (2 votes).

The motion was declared lost.

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NEL.33

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor moved that the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor Lindley. Upon a show of hands, the motion was carried and it was

RESOLVED - That the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m.

NEL.34

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Mayor invited Councillor Rodwell to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“There have been reports of people getting stuck in the sinking sand/mud around the groyne area in Cleethorpes on the North beach. I have previously highlighted my concerns regarding this when I was on the Economy Scrutiny Panel and this was followed up in a Full Council meeting. I asked for reassurance from the then chair of the economy committee Cllr Jackson that a risk assessment has been done by the engineers on the health and safety of people using that area. This was given. However the problem is still ongoing. Is the portfolio going to put measures in place to enhance safety in this area?”

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that Cleethorpes groyne had formed an important part of Humber coastal management for a long time. It was an essential structure to protect the sandy beach from natural erosion from longshore drift. Work to preserve the structure has taken place in close partnership with Natural England. Mud would collect on one side of a groyne and also the pier and there were no practical steps that could be put in place to prevent this natural process. Risk assessments were in place for all our public spaces and, where natural hazards are present that cannot be removed, we rely on signage and information to visitors to raise awareness. Our Beach Safety Team provide guidance and advice to visitors of the resort on safety matters on a daily basis and work closely with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution to ensure help was available if required. Clear signage was in place to warn visitors. All signage in the resort was currently being reviewed to make sure it was consistent, well placed and provided good advice on all aspects of beach safety and ecology management.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Rodwell asked the portfolio holder if he was aware that rocks moved with the tides and whether they would be put back.

Councillor Swinburn agreed to make further enquiries on this point.

The Mayor invited Councillor Rogers to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“Are there any matters relating to Fuller Street bridge that the portfolio holder is aware of that may be of interest to my ward residents?”

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that the Fuller Street footbridge was owned by the Council and was subject to regular inspection by the Highways Team. The most recent inspection indicated that the condition of the bridge was sound. Council officers and ward members met with Network Rail on 16 July to review options to improve pedestrian access between North Promenade and adjoining residential areas following the closure of the Suggitts Lane level crossing earlier this year. Network Rail and the Council have agreed to collaborate on a feasibility study that would explore all options for a new or improved pedestrian footbridge. This work would be completed over the next three months.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Rogers asked the portfolio holder if he had any comments on recent photographs showing the condition of the bridge.

Councillor Swinburn confirmed that the photographs had been shown to officers and would form part of the feasibility study.

The Mayor invited Councillor Pettigrew to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council’s Standing Orders.

“Following Full Council’s upholding of the previous Labour administration’s decision to close the Community Learning Service, can the portfolio holder explain what measures he has put in place to provide assurance around the future learning opportunities for individual learners affected by the closure?”

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, responded that he had commissioned a piece of work to map all users of the service and a list of education providers had been compiled. He noted that the administration was fully committed to ensure suitable learning opportunities were available for all learners affected by the closure.

The Mayor invited Councillor Nici to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council’s Standing Orders.

“Following the last Labour cabinet’s decision to close the Community Learning Service, did any members of the Labour Group or the two Liberal Democrat councillors for the ward in which the service is located, Councillors Beasant and Rudd, make any attempt to call-in the decision?”

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, responded that not one Elected Member had made any attempt to call-in the decision and he felt it shameful that opposition Members had given service users false hope by calling the special meeting of Council to overturn a decision that they had made.

The Mayor invited Councillor Freeston to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"With regard to the Sea View Street improvement works, can the portfolio holder explain why he has intervened to reverse a decision to remove the right turn at the top of Sea View Street?"

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, responded that he had intervened following consultation with traders.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Freeston asked if the portfolio holder could explain why he had further intervened to reverse a decision to take away the ten much-used parking spaces at the top of Sea View Street.

Councillor Fenty responded that this again resulted from feedback from traders and, following consultation with Coast NEL, he was able to intervene to retain the parking spaces.

The Mayor invited Councillor Nici to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"Can the portfolio holder explain what measures he has put in place to ensure that recycling collections are now taking place on time, following many months of problems under the previous Labour administration?"

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that following a substantial increase in local recycling rates, the pressure on household recycling collections had been substantial. The service had implemented the following changes to increase resilience of recycling collections:

- Optimisation of garden waste and domestic waste rounds to move much needed resources towards recycling.
- ICT improvements to create a visual dash board to monitor service performance and tackle repeated problems quicker.
- Use of a second hand compacting vehicle on rounds with the highest volumes to increase capacity collected.
- A trial using unused space at the waste depot to create a waste transfer station, reducing travel time to the energy from waste plant in Stallingborough.
- Placed an order for replacement of older domestic and garden waste collection vehicles in the fleet, to reduce maintenance cost and improve reliability.
- Provided additional staffing for any short term gaps.

To meet Government targets for 50% recycling, local recycling rates need to increase further. A full service review was underway to identify options for a future local service offer. However, the newly released DEFRA Resource and Waste

Strategy sets out some wide ranging national changes, which are likely to significantly change the parameters we have to adhere to for waste collections by 2023. This makes implementation of any larger service changes high risk until the scope of the future changes to legal requirements are fully understood. Following the above service changes, complaints from residents regarding missed collections have reduced by 62% in June compared to May and it is expected that the changes made can cater for increased recycling volumes until a long term review can be completed.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Nici enquired whether the portfolio holder could look into improvements to the reporting process for missed collections.

Councillor Swinburn agreed to make further enquiries to see if further improvements could be made.

The Mayor invited Councillor Brookes to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage and Culture, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“Following the Planning Committee’s decision for the second time to refuse the further expansion of Bradley Pitches, can the portfolio holder explain what will now happen with regard to the Council’s Playing Pitch Strategy?”

Councillor Procter, Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage and Culture, responded that members would appreciate that the Council Playing Pitch Strategy remained adopted council strategy and the Planning Committee’s decision to refuse the further expansion of Bradley Pitches did not, in itself, change the Council’s strategy. As such, plans to develop alternative sites were now being brought forward. Namely, Clee Fields playing fields which is adjacent to King George the V Stadium and the land on Scartho Road adjacent to Barratt’s playing fields, upon which the former Grimsby Swimming Pool was situated. Both of these sites were clearly identified within the adopted playing pitch strategy as proposed sites for investment and development. It was also worth noting that the Council was also in consultation with a range of agencies including Sport England, national governing bodies of sport, local leagues and clubs about the potential development of these sites to support our communities to make best use of them for years to come.

The Mayor invited Councillor K. Swinburn to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“The Public Spaces Protection Orders being introduced in key wards will play a major role in assisting enforcement officers executing fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and litter. Are there plans to expand the orders to cover the whole borough and if so what time line is expected?”

Councillor Shepherd, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, responded that a Public Space Protection Order relating to dog fouling and irresponsible dog ownership would be implemented Borough wide from the 22nd

July 2019. Enforcement of littering had already been completed Borough wide using the powers vested in the authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The Mayor invited Councillor Woodward to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"Following the decision made in full council on the 21st March 2019 supporting the refurbishment of the play surface in the children's area of Peoples Park, what progress has been made to ensure completion before inclement weather this autumn/winter (ensuring compliance with Safety Directive EN1176 and EN1177)?"

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that that this playground was fully compliant with safety directives and regularly inspected to ensure it was safe for use. However, improvements to drainage had been identified to alleviate flooding problems and to make the area a more attractive space to use during the winter months. This would also include resurfacing. Some of the funding earmarked for these improvements would come from the sale of the park lodge. The contract for the sale was currently going through the standard legal process, so he was unable to give a timeframe for delivery of the above until the sale was complete.

The Mayor invited Councillor Beasant to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"Recent reports have highlighted that it is imperative that we act more quickly to tackle climate change, with this in mind will the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be outlining any new measures to tackle CO2 emissions?"

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that the Council had clearly set out its position on climate change and has been pro-active in this regard. In 2008, the Council signed up to the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change. This declaration had now been replaced by "Climate Local", a Local Government Association initiative, supported by the Environment Agency.

In 2016 Cabinet approved an emerging energy "vision" for North East Lincolnshire and this was published on our website. This vision sets a target of reducing the Borough's carbon emissions by 80% (below 1990 levels) by 2050. It goes further and sets an aspiration to become carbon neutral by 2050 which aligns with new Government targets recently announced.

Councillor Swinburn noted that there were a number of industry leading projects underway, including for example:

- The Smart Energy Programme which sees this Council leading on a £9.2m project across Greater Lincolnshire to support SME and Public Sector to reduce their emissions and their energy bills.

- Detailed Feasibility studies are underway exploring the potential for Heat Networks across the Borough. Heat Networks are seen as one effective way of reducing carbon emissions from heating homes and businesses.
- And we are setting a good example as a Council by moving towards an all electric fleet of vehicles. These not only reduce carbon emissions but also reduce local pollution and protect the health of residents in this borough.

Councillor Swinburn reported that he would be working with officers to get a better understanding of this programme and exploring what steps we can take to reduce emissions further.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant noted recent comments on the rising flood risk and enquired whether this was a u-turn on the part of the portfolio holder in that he agreed that there was now climate change.

Councillor Swinburn responded by asking Councillor Beasant where he had found this statement.

The Mayor invited Councillor Patrick to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“Is it possible that there will be permanently fixed traffic signals at Tollbar junction in the near future?”

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that the Conservative Group has always had serious reservations about replacing Toll Bar roundabout with a signalised junction. It was an important part of the group's election manifesto to stop the current plan for Toll Bar and this view played an important part in terms of our election victory. The administration were actively and urgently reviewing the position to come up with a better alternative which we would bring forward in the fullness of time.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick enquired why the portfolio holder was unable to confirm that there would never be fixed traffic signals.

Councillor Swinburn referred to his previous answer.

The Mayor invited Councillor Barfield to present the following question to the Leader of the Council, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

“Now that it is abundantly clear that development of a community stadium will not go ahead on the Peaks Parkway site will the portfolio holder allay the fears of Park Ward residents by categorically ruling any development on that site out completely in the near future?”

Councillor Fenty declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and left the meeting during consideration of this question. In his absence, Councillor Jackson, Leader

of the Council, responded that he had previously made his views very clear about his support for the relocation of the football club to a site that would trigger significant and much needed regeneration. He had also made it clear, publicly, that he did not favour the Peaks Parkway site as a location for a community stadium. The world has moved on and other options were emerging and being explored that would, if they progressed, bring significant regeneration potential forward. As to any other potential development at Peaks Parkway, it was not currently top of this administration's list and, if any material proposal did come forward in the future, it would have to be considered on its planning and land use merits.

The Mayor invited Councillor Barfield to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

"Now that it is clear there will not be development on the Peaks Parkway site will the portfolio holder ask Highways to look urgently at the problems faced by residents of Weelsby Avenue with congestion in the Avenue from the crematorium the school and weekend football practice, as well as the problems turning onto Weelsby Road from Weelsby Avenue?"

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that he understood Councillor Barfield had already these concerns with the highways team. An investigation of the issues raised would be undertaken, which would initially include speed surveys and analysis of accident data to determine what measures may be suitable.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Barfield noted that there were also problems caused by speeding vehicles in the area and he asked the portfolio holder if he would pass this on to the highways team. Councillor Swinburn agreed.

NEL.35 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Patrick.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 11th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.36 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 10th APRIL, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Patrick.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10th April, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.37 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 5th JUNE, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor S Swinburn.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th June, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.38 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment, Transport and Energy meeting held on 25th February, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.39 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Watson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment, Transport and Energy meeting held on 1st April, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.40 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 3rd JUNE, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 3rd June, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.41 **MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th APRIL, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Beasant and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 17th April, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.42 **MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21st March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.43

MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 27th MARCH, 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley and seconded by Councillor Cracknell.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 27th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.44

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 19th MARCH, 2019

At minute SPC.56 (Call In – Fees and Charges, Green Waste), Councillor Rudd noted that Conservative members were not happy with the increased charge for green waste collection and asked if the new administration was now considering reversing this decision.

Councillor Shepherd, then Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Panel and now Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities agreed to provide a written response on this matter.

At minute SPC.58 (Call In – Bereavement Services), Councillor Rudd asked for an assurance that people on low income would also benefit from the proposed improvements.

Councillor Shepherd responded that he had chaired this meeting but had not called the matter in so he couldn't comment any further.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor S Swinburn.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 19th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

(2) That a written response be provided to Councillor Rudd on whether the new administration planned to reverse the decision to increase charges for green waste collection.

NEL.45

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 4th APRIL, 2019

At minute SPC.68 (CCTV Commissioned Review Update), Councillor Beasant referred to the purchase of rapid deployment cameras and asked the portfolio

holder if he could confirm how often the cameras were checked for incidents of fly tipping.

Councillor Shepherd responded that he was aware that the cameras were being used but he agreed to provide a written response on how often they were checked.

On the same minute, Councillor Wilson enquired whether there had been any prosecutions from the use of the cameras.

Councillor Shepherd agreed to provide a written response.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor S Swinburn.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 4th April, 2019 be approved and adopted.
- (2) That written responses be provided to Councillors Beasant and Wilson on the use of rapid deployment cameras to enforce fly tipping.

NEL.46

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 5th MARCH, 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 5th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.47

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 13th MARCH, 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 13th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.48

MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 8th MARCH, 2019

At minute SPTVE.49 (Cleethorpes Regeneration Programme – Sea View Street Plaza), Councillor Rogers asked the Chair why the scheme had been changed when the panel had been wholly in favour of the scheme as then presented.

Councillor Brookes, Chair of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel, explained that the panel had been asked to comment on the scheme as presented and were not given the option to change anything.

On the same minute, Councillor Wheatley enquired what had caused the change of heart leading to the alteration of the scheme.

Councillor Brookes responded that the new administration had listened to the public's concerns and agreed to alter the scheme accordingly.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brookes and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 8th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.49

MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 28th MARCH, 2019

At minute SPTVE.56 (Cleethorpes Market), Councillor Wheatley enquired on the success to date of the new market.

Councillor Brookes responded that there had been two attempts to run the new market but there had been insufficient traders so the matter was currently under further review.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wheatley enquired whether there had been any financial implications for the council as a result of this.

Councillor Brookes confirmed that there hadn't.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brookes and seconded by Councillor Parkinson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 28th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.50

MINUTES OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th MARCH, 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Lindley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting held on 14th March, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.51

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY, 2019

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Wheatley and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Well Being Board meeting held on 25th February, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.52

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th APRIL, 2019

At minute AC.61 (Value for Money – Annual Report 2018/19), Councillor Patrick enquired whether the then Deputy Chair whether he considered the partnership with Engie was providing value for money.

Councillor Shreeve, then Deputy Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, responded that the quality accounts for the authority set out how the Council spends its money and were not specific enough to reach a conclusion on the value for money aspects of the partnership.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Cairns.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 25th April, 2019 be approved and adopted.

NEL.53

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

There being no further questions, it was proposed by Councillor Freeston and seconded by Councillor Fenty, that the Council receive en bloc the minutes of the remaining meetings of the Committees of the Council as set out in the Minute Book. This was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the following meetings of the Committees of the Council be approved and adopted:

Audit and Governance Committee	20 th June
Planning Committee	6 th March
	3 rd April
	1 st May
	29 th May
	19 th June
Licensing and Community Protection Committee	11 th June
	26 th June
Licensing Sub Committee	4 th April
	24 th May
	7 th June
Standards and Adjudication Committee	17 th April

Standards Hearings Panel	5 th March
Standards Referrals Panel	23 rd April
Appointments Committee	1 st April
	10 th June

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11.00 p.m.