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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

21st March 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Chase (in the Chair)
Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Cairns, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mill, Nichols, Nici, Parkinson, Patrick, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, Silvester, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

OFFICERS:	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Simon Jones	Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Resources and Governance / Section 151 Officer
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

NEL.136 **MR. PETER DANIEL**

Members stood to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Peter Daniel, former Chief Executive of Cleethorpes Borough Council, who passed away on 2nd March, 2019.

NEL. 137 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to this meeting.

The Mayor thanked the retiring Members, Councillors Darby, De Freitas and Dickerson for their valued contribution to the work of this Council and their service to the community of North East Lincolnshire.

NEL.138 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Barber, Darby, De Freitas, Mickleburgh and Pettigrew. In addition, Councillor Shreeve gave his apologies for having to leave the meeting early.

NEL.139 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 13th December, 2018 and 21st February, 2019 were approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of NEL.101 of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December, 2018 to note that Councillor Swinburn's amendment was decided by a recorded vote rather than a show of hands and to include details of that recorded vote.

NEL.140 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Procter declared a personal interest in item NEL.149 as he knew leaseholders potentially affected by the motion.

Councillor Swinburn declared a personal interest in the question to be asked of the portfolio holder at item NEL.152 as the Chair of Immingham In Bloom.

Councillor James declared a personal interest in item NEL.148 as a 'WASPI (Women against State Pension Inequality) woman' affected by the motion.

NEL.141 **THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

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

Councillor Watson referred to the Prime Minister's recent visit to Grimsby and her explicit reference during her speech to the Greater Grimsby Town Deal and its wider significance in terms of influencing government policy including the recently announced Stronger Towns Fund. He commented on the Prime Minister's choice of Orsted's multi-million pound East Coast Hub as the venue for her speech on Brexit, noting that Orsted are leaders in the renewables sector and referring to the relationship that this council had developed with them. He added that this came only weeks after the council had been awarded over £3m from the government for a programme of culture works in the area. This would go towards building a programme of new international events to be hosted in the area; attracting new visitors and investment. It would also go towards the creation of new public art and cultural spaces to regenerate historic parts of the Borough.

Councillor Watson commented on the potential impact of Brexit on North East Lincolnshire. As an area identified for extra government funding due to its ports, the council was working with public sector colleagues across the Humber to prepare for various scenarios. While transport, business and EU citizenship were key immediate issues, Members would also have an important role with regard to community cohesion.

Councillor Watson paid tribute to Councillor Oxby who resigned from the authority earlier this month. He commented that he had excelled in serving the community, both as an Elected Member and as an Officer of the Council. He left the legacy of the pioneering Town Deal, which Councillor Watson felt would have a huge, positive impact for generations to come, and had also guided the council through tremendously difficult budget cuts over the last few years. On behalf of the council, Councillor Watson wished him and his family well.

In closing, Councillor Watson wished all candidates in the forthcoming elections the best in their endeavours in the run up, whichever side of the political divide they came from.

NEL.142 **QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been received from members of the public for consideration at this meeting.

NEL.143 **PETITION FOR DEBATE – PLAY AREA, PEOPLE’S PARK, GRIMSBY**

Council received a petition for debate requesting that the play area surface at People’s Park, Grimsby be improved to an all-weather surface which was usable all year round.

The Mayor invited Ms Alison Comerford, as the petition organiser, to present the petition. Ms Comerford referred to People’s Park as a community asset but felt that it was in urgent need of improvement. The play area could only be used during the summer months, such was the condition of the surface. She reported that the surface was laid eight years ago but it was obvious at the time that it would not last. Two years ago, Ms Comerford alerted the council that it was breaking down but she was told that it would only be monitored. She was very disheartened by the situation as it was a beautiful park that needed to stay that way.

The Mayor invited Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy to respond to the issues raised in the petition. Councillor Patrick thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to the Council’s attention and proposed that he meet with the petition organiser to establish what support could be made available to resolve this matter. This was seconded by Councillor Watson.

Following a debate, the Mayor put the motion to a vote and upon a show of hands it was:

RESOLVED – That the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy meet with the petition organiser to establish what support could be made available to resolve the concerns about the play area surface at People’s Park, Grimsby.

NEL.144 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019-20**

Council considered a report seeking Council approval of the pay policy statement as required under the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED – That the pay policy statement for the period 2019/20 be approved.

NEL.145

REVIEW OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS AND TIMING OF MEETINGS

Council considered a report advising on the findings of the Constitution Working Group in relation to its review of scrutiny arrangements and the timing of Cabinet, scrutiny and committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2019/20

Councillor Watson moved the recommendations as set out in the report to include adoption of option one as set out in paragraph 1.5 of the report as the recommended scrutiny arrangements to be implemented from the 2019/20 Municipal Year onwards. This was seconded by Councillor K Wheatley.

Councillor Jackson moved an amendment proposing adoption of option two for the scrutiny arrangements and to amend recommendation two of the report to retain the existing timing for scrutiny panel meetings. This was seconded by Councillor Lindley.

The amendment was debated, during which Councillor Freeston moved the closure motion “that the vote be put”. This was seconded by Councillor Dickerson, and the Mayor put this closure motion to the vote. The closure motion was declared carried and Councillor Jackson’s amendment was put to the vote. Upon a show of hands the amendment was declared carried.

The amended motion, being the new substantive motion, was then debated, during which Councillor Shreeve moved the closure motion “that the vote be put”. This was seconded by Councillor Harness, and the Mayor put this closure motion to the vote. The closure motion was declared carried on the Mayor’s casting vote and the substantive motion was put to the vote. Upon a tied vote, the motion was declared carried on the Mayor’s casting vote.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Council’s scrutiny arrangements be as set out in option two within paragraph 1.5 of the report now submitted, for implementation from the 2019/20 Municipal Year.
- (2) That meetings of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee for the 2019/20 Municipal Year be held in the evening (from 5.00 p.m.) and that existing timings of scrutiny panel meetings be retained for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.
- (3) That it be recognised that constitutionally the timing and venue of Cabinet meetings is at the discretion of the Leader of the Council and that the exercise of such discretion of the Leader of the Council be encouraged (but not

fettered) in favour of calling such meetings for the 2019/20 Municipal Year in the evening (from 5.00 p.m.).

NEL.146

NOTICE OF MOTION 1

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

This Council notes the increasing number of new housing developments within North East Lincolnshire, and the significant impact that these have on traffic flow in particular areas, especially at peak times. One such area that suffers from heavy rush hour congestion is Scartho, as commuters from the west and south of Grimsby make their way into Grimsby via Scartho Road, Louth Road and Waltham Road.

Early morning congestion is particularly noticeable, and the flow of traffic into Grimsby is hampered significantly by the bus lane which starts from the junction of Scartho Top and ends at the junction of Bargate and Westward Ho.

Having now established that there is no enforcement against motorists using this bus lane unlawfully, it is now clear that the removal of this bus lane is the best option in terms of improving traffic flow during early morning peak times.

Therefore, this Council agrees that the Scartho Road bus lane is removed at the earliest opportunity, in order to support vastly improved traffic flow during peak morning hours.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Patrick, seconded by Councillor Bolton, requesting that the motion be re-worded as follows:

This Council notes the increasing number of new housing developments within North East Lincolnshire, and the significant impact that these have on traffic flow in particular areas, especially at peak times. One such area that suffers from heavy rush hour congestion in Scartho, as commuters from the west and south of Grimsby make their way into Grimsby via Scartho Road, Louth Road and Waltham Road.

Early morning congestion is particularly noticeable, and one of the notable features of this road is the bus lane which starts from the junction of Scartho Top and ends at the junction of Bargate and Westward Ho.

This Council agrees that the Scartho Road bus lane should be reviewed by the portfolio holder for transport to assess all aspects of operation, including but not limited to traffic flow, accessibility through the use of public transport and enforcement options.

Through this, the council administration can make an informed decision when deciding on the operational future of said bus lane.

Members debated this amendment and, at the conclusion of the debate, it 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, Bolton, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mill, Nichols, Patrick, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Sheridan, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (17 votes).

Against the amendment

Councillors Barfield, Brookes, Cairns, Chase, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Nici, Parkinson, Procter, Shepherd, Shreeve, Silvester and Swinburn (19 votes).

The amendment was declared lost and the debate returned to the substantive motion. During the course of the debate, Councillor Shreeve left the meeting.

At the conclusion of the debate, 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 motion

Councillors Barfield, Brookes, Cairns, Chase, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Nici, Parkinson, Procter, Shepherd, Silvester and Swinburn (18 votes).

Against the amendment

Councillors Beasant, Bolton, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mill, Nichols, Patrick, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Sheridan, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (17 votes).

The motion was declared carried and it was:

RESOLVED – That it be recommended that the Scartho Road bus lane be removed at the earliest opportunity, in order to support vastly improved traffic flow during peak morning hours.

NEL.147

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Chair 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 Walker. 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.

There was a short adjournment of the meeting at this point.

NEL.148

NOTICE OF MOTION 4

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

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has confirmed that it did not write to women affected by the 1995 Act until 14 years later, in 2009. However, these letters were halted in 2011 because the Government was planning to make further increases. So only women born up to 5 April 1953 were written to in that round of letters. DWP started writing to women born after 6 April 1953 in 2012. There are approximately 3.8 million women in the country affected by these reforms, and more than nine thousand within North East Lincolnshire, and many are suffering severe financial hardship.

WASPI (Women against State Pension Inequality) have been campaigning for the government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s and their e-petition gathered over 193,000 signatures in support. There is cross-party support for the call for transitional arrangements and an All Party Parliamentary Group has been established to consider options.

We believe that the significant loss of income to women who were expecting their pension at 60 will have an adverse effect on our local area. There will be less disposable income and there are many women having to sell their homes, claiming housing support and/or finding they need to claim ESA or JSA in their 60s to survive. Not all women are able to continue working due to ill health, caring responsibilities for parents and / or grandchildren, redundancy etc.

Several councils across the country have recently passed a motion to support the call for transitional arrangements and we would respectfully this Council to do the same.

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for women born on or after the 6th of April 1950 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification

Hundreds of thousands of women nationally, and more than nine thousand locally here in North East Lincolnshire, had significant pension charges imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little / no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six year increase to their state pension age.

Many of North East Lincolnshire women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1950, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes that they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

The motion was debated and given the wide support for the motion, Council agreed to a vote by show of hands and the motion was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED – That this Council call upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1950, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes that they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

NEL.149

NOTICE OF MOTION 2

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

The management of assets owned or managed by the authority has been poor with little or no strategic thinking, multiple examples of bad decision making, operational neglect, all representing a waste of and poor use of public funds. This culminates in loss of income and an alarming potential increase in future liabilities for the authority.

That this council undertakes an immediate strategic review, and that scrutiny be requested to establish a select committee to commission a detailed analysis of the recent history of key assets and commercial estates. The select committee to consider the findings of this analysis and make recommendations back to the scrutiny for potential referral to Cabinet.

Following a debate, 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 motion

Councillor Brookes, Cairns, Chase, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Nici, Parkinson, Procter, Shepherd, Silvester and Swinburn (17 votes).

Against the motion

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mill, Nichols, Patrick, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Sheridan, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (18 votes).

The motion was therefore declared lost.

NEL.150

NOTICE OF MOTION 3

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

This Council notes that many council budgets are now at breaking point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people – and the services we all rely on, like clean streets, libraries and children's centres;

- *Tory cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010;*
- *Councils had to spend an extra £800m last year to meet the demand on vital services to protect children;*
- *With an aging population and growing demand, adult social care faces a gap of £3.5 billion – with only 14% of council workers now confident that vulnerable local residents are safe and cared for;*
- *Government cuts have seen over 500 children's centres and 475 libraries close, potholes are left unfilled and 80% of council workers now say they have no confidence in the future of local services;*
- *Northamptonshire has already gone bust due to Tory incompetence at both national and local level and more councils are predicted to collapse without immediate emergency funding;*
- *Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services 'standing still' and meeting additional demand. Even Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association has said "Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital local services on a shoestring".*

North East Lincolnshire Council has been one of the hardest hit authorities, having lost some 60% of our Government funding. We have also seen central Government pass the buck on business rates. Whereas in the past authorities were funded to a fixed level of business rate retention, we and other authorities now have the added burden of risk of local economic downturn and business rate appeals that can and have put several hundreds of thousands of pounds of extra burden on local council tax payers each year.

This Council has also seen increased pressure within our greatest demand area of our spend, adult and children's social care, as a direct result of central government austerity that has targeted some of the most vulnerable in our society; creating an artificial rise in poverty not seen in the UK for decades.

This Council condemns Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss for stating on BBC Newsnight on 1st October 2018 that the government is "not making cuts to local authorities", when all independent assessments of government spending show that this is entirely false; and that this Council further notes that Prime Minister Theresa May has also claimed that "austerity is over" despite planning a further £1.3bn of cuts to councils' budgets over the next year.

This Council agrees with the aims of the 'Breaking Point' petition signed by Labour councillors across the country in calling for the Prime Minister and Chancellor to truly end austerity in local government by:

- *Reversing next year's planned £1.3bn cuts to council budgets.*
- *Immediately investing £2bn in children's services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing.*
- *Pledging to use the spending review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years.*

Council resolves to:

- *Support the "Breaking Point" campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community.*
- *Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local council and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.*

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 Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Chase, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, James, Mill, Nichols, Patrick, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Sheridan, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (19 votes).

Against the motion

Councillor Brookes, Cairns, Cracknell, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Harness, Hasthorpe, Jackson, Lindley, Nici, Parkinson, Procter, Shepherd, Silvester and Swinburn (16 votes).

RESOLVED –

- (1) That this Council support the “Breaking Point” campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community.
- (2) That this Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by our local council and call on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.

NEL.151

NOTICE OF MOTION 5

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

Council will note the pending closure of the Suggitt's Lane railway crossing between Grimsby Town and Cleethorpes railway stations by decision of Network Rail on the grounds of safety.

Whilst we as a council strongly believe that there is no greater pressing priority in any issue than safety, we do still acknowledge however, that the closure of this crossing would have a detrimental impact on the amenity in the local area, namely as a leisure crossing that has been enjoyed by thousands of local visitors and residents for many generations past, thus closure should only be a very last resort to satisfy safety issues, and any mitigation measures that can be put in place to enhance safety should be considered and implemented before all else.

To support the campaign to keep Suggitt's Lane open, we as a council will write to the current secretary of state for transport to be supportive of local residents in their campaign, with any powers or influence that he can bring to bear with Network Rail to enhance safety of the crossing that could allow future generations to enjoy this small but critical feature of our local coastal resort.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Shepherd, seconded by Councillor Freeston, requesting that the motion be re-worded as follows:

That council will note the pending closure of the Suggitt's Lane railway crossing by decision of Network Rail on the grounds of safety.

To support the campaign to keep Suggitt's Lane crossing open, this council resolves to write to the following bodies for their support in an effort to keep the crossing open:

- 1. Network Rail, a state owned company, who own and operate the crossing.*
- 2. The companies that operate service on the route, Trans Pennine and Northern Rail.*
- 3. The Member of Parliament for Cleethorpes to update us on questions asked by him in the House of Commons.*

Members debated this amendment and during the debate Councillor Jackson suggested a merge of the two motions so that Council write to all four bodies mentioned. Given the wide support for this suggestion, Council agreed to a vote by show of hands and the combined motion was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED –

That, in support of the campaign to keep Suggitt's Lane crossing open, this Council to write to the following bodies for their support in an effort to keep the crossing open:

- The current secretary of state for transport asking him to be supportive of local residents in their campaign, and to use any powers or influence that he can bring to bear with Network Rail to enhance safety of the crossing that could allow future generations to enjoy this small but critical feature of our local coastal resort.
- Network Rail, a state owned company, who own and operate the crossing.
- The companies that operate service on the route, Trans Pennine and Northern Rail.
- The Member of Parliament for Cleethorpes, asking him to update the Council on questions asked by him in the House of Commons.

NEL.152

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

“Could the portfolio holder explain where we are with the proposed cinema development and whether the £3.7m allocated in the capital programme will enable this much needed development to come to fruition?”

Councillor Peter Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, reiterated this was a private sector development and it was for the current owners, or any future owners, to decide how and when a development comes forward. He noted that Freshney Place was currently on the market and the Council had met a number of interested parties, all of whom welcomed our Town Deal and wider regeneration initiatives and saw potential in Freshney Place and the wider town centre. In terms of the funding, the figure quoted in the question referred to the whole 'Unlocking the Potential' Local Growth Fund allocation from the Humber LEP of which approximately £975k was earmarked for complementary public realm works to the Riverhead area. We are sensibly taking stock given the potential for there being new owners of Freshney Place and wish to engage them in terms of any commitments. He added that the council was receiving support from the current owners in terms of submitting an initial bid to the Future High Streets Fund.

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

"The poor communication with residents and stakeholders and the continued absence of a traffic management plan for the impact of the much opposed installation of signals to replace Tollbar roundabout is worrying for all in the borough. Can the portfolio holder personally commit to delivering a suitable plan which recognises the needs of residents and businesses particularly in New Waltham and provide a timetable for doing so?"

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, responded that the timetable was still at draft stage but he was happy to ask officers to provide Councillor Harness with a copy.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Harness enquired whether the portfolio holder was aware that officers had attended a recent meeting of New Waltham Parish Council and had given an undertaking to give notice of any works but the parish council was then given no such notice of tree removal that had taken place.

Councillor Patrick responded that he would expect officers to give proper notice of such works as requested.

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

"At the full council meeting on Thursday the 21st February during the Budget debate Councillor Patrick stated that provision had been included to assist In Bloom groups. Could Councillor Patrick tell me what provision has been given to Immingham in Bloom?"

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, responded that he had not referred to any provision to the In Bloom groups during the budget debate. Upon being further questioned on this, Councillor Patrick read from his budget speech in which he referenced support for communities including partners such as In Bloom.

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

"In an open letter to residents, Labour members of Freshney ward have publicly confirmed residents' concerns regarding Friday collections missed and not emptied until the following Monday or Tuesday. Could I ask the portfolio holder what measures are being undertaken to ensure these missed collections are not a reoccurring problem?"

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, responded that as a short term measure, more staff had been employed on temporary contracts to cover for absence. He noted the significant increase in the amount of recycling being presented and referred to the pilot scheme that was currently underway to help improve recycling collections. The pilot scheme had been warmly welcomed, particularly the wheelie bins. In addition, collection rounds were being reviewed and the council was responding to the government's recent Waste Strategy.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Procter asked the portfolio holder if he felt that the missed collections were unacceptable.

Councillor Patrick agreed that this was unacceptable but he felt that the measures being undertaken would reassure residents that improvements were being made.

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

"On the 13th of December 2018 this Council resolved: That the resurfacing of the section of Fieldhouse Road between the shopping precinct and Midfield Road be referred to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Transport Energy for re-prioritisation for delivery as part of the 2018/19 highways maintenance programme. Could the Portfolio Holder please explain why this stretch of road to be resurfaced is not scheduled in the 2018/21 Local Transport Plan capital programme in accordance with the wish of full council date 13th December 2018."

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, responded that Council has no jurisdiction over the portfolio holder on this matter. He had reconsidered this at his meeting on 25th February, 2019 but as no new material considerations had been presented, he reaffirmed his original decision on the highways maintenance programme.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty enquired whether the portfolio holder would be willing to meet with residents and parish council representatives on site within the next three weeks to look at the problem.

Councillor Patrick responded by asking Councillor Fenty if he was willing to meet residents on, for example, Brereton Avenue in Cleethorpes, who would lose out if the Fieldhouse Road resurfacing was brought forward.

NEL.153

MINUTES OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

There being no questions on the minutes, the Council received en bloc the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet and Committees of the Council held in November and December 2018 and January and February 2019.

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

Cabinet	28th November, 2018
	12 th December, 2018
	19 th December, 2018
	16 th January, 2019
	13 th February, 2019
Portfolio Holder – Environment, Transport and Energy	7 th January, 2019
Portfolio Holder – Finance, Governance and Resources	7 th February, 2019
Portfolio Holder – Health Well Being and Adult Social Care	12 th February, 2019
Portfolio Holder – Safer and Stronger Communities	7 th January, 2019
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	19 th December, 2018
	30 th January, 2019
Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning	29 th November, 2018
	24 th January, 2019
Scrutiny Panel –Communities	13 th December, 2018
	7 th February, 2019
Scrutiny Panel – Economy	8 th January, 2019
	12 th February, 2019
Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care	21 st November, 2018
	16 th January, 2019
Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy	6 th December, 2018
	31 st January, 2019
Joint Scrutiny Panel – Economy and Tourism and Visitor Economy	4 th February, 2019
Select Committee – Adult Social Care	11 th and 12 th December, 2018
Health and Well Being Board	3 rd December, 2018
Audit and Governance Committee	17 th January, 2019
Planning Committee	5 th December, 2018
	9 th January, 2019
	6 th February, 2019
Licensing and Community Protection Committee	
	20th February, 2019
Standards Referrals Panel	29 th November, 2018
Appointments Committee	7 th January, 2019
	18 th February, 2019

NEL.154

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

The Council received the minutes of the meetings of the Humberside Fire Authority held on 26th October, 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the Humberside Fire Authority held on 26th October, 2018 be noted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.58 a.m.