

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: Councillor Johnston in the Chair.

Councillors Bowden, Butcher, Davis, Forwood, Fowler, Freer, Gordon, Hayfield, Lea, Lewis, May, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smitten, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Swann, Sweet, Welby, Winter and Wykes.

Mr Stan Orton, Chairman of the Standards Committee, was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Fox, Jenkins, Phillips, Smith and Zgraja

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Ian Kennedy, Priest in Charge, St Nicholas's Church, Corley and Fillongley Parish Churches, led the Council in Prayer.

35 Declarations of Interest

Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Hayfield, Lea, May, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Sherratt (Coleshill), Smitten (Polesworth), M Stanley (Polesworth) and Y Stanley (Polesworth) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

36 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

37 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that

- the Annual Dinner Dance was to be held on Friday 4 March 2011;
- a Ladies Luncheon was to be held at Abbey Farm on Wednesday 23 March 2011; and
- the Charity Golf day was to be held at the Belfry on Friday 14 April 2011.

38 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No. 7

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order No 7.

39 **Minutes of Boards/Committees**

a) **Resources Board** – 10 January and 1 February 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Bowden, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of Resources Board held on 10 January and 1 February 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

b) **Area Forum (East)** – 11 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Freer and

Resolved:

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Pickard in the list of those present, the minutes of the meeting of the Area Forum (East) held on 11 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

c) **Area Forum (North)** – 13 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Winter and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (North) held on 13 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

d) **Planning and Development Board** – 17 January and 14 February 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 17 January and 14 February 2011, together with the recommendation contained therein, be approved and adopted.

e) **Area Forum (South)** – 20 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Gordon and

Resolved:

That, subject to the deletion of Councillor Fox from the list of apologies for absence, the minutes of the meeting of Area

Forum (South) held on 20 January 2011 be approved and adopted.

f) Community and Environment Board – 24 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 24 January 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

g) Area Forum (West) – 27 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Swann and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Area Forum (West) held on 27 January 2011, be approved and adopted.

h) Licensing Committee – 31 January 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Sherratt, seconded by Councillor Lewis and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 31 January 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein, be approved and adopted.

i) Executive Board – 7 February 2011

i) Minute No 60 – General Fund Revenue Estimates 2011 – 2012 and Setting the Council Tax 2011 – 2012

Councillor Hayfield in introducing the minutes proposed the following alteration to the budget resolution as printed in the Executive Board minutes pursuant to Standing Order No 14(3)

“That the £50k of planned growth identified be used instead to reduce the Council Tax from the 0% proposed to a figure of -1%.”

The alteration was seconded by Councillor Simpson.

It was then proposed by Councillor Sweet and seconded by Councillor Winter by way of amendment

“That the estimates for Members’ allowances are reduced by £10,000 to be achieved by a review of the current Members Allowances Scheme and

that the savings accrued be spent on an increased level of member training particularly in regard to induction, planning and Overview and Scrutiny.”

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the amendment to be lost. Councillor Hayfield did however agree to refer to the relevant Service Boards the issues raised in respect of Members allowances and expenditure, HS2, industrial premises and neighbourhood wardens.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and

Resolved:

“That Minute No 60 be altered by the substitution of the original recommendation by the recommendation set out in Appendix 1 hereto.”

It was then proposed by Councillor Hayfield, seconded by Councillor May and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 7 February 2011, together with the recommendations contained therein as amended at i) above, be approved and adopted.

j) Scrutiny Board – 15 February 2011

It was proposed by Councillor Swann and seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Board held on 15 February 2011, be approved and adopted.

40 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order No. 10

There were no Notices of Motion received under Standing Order No. 10.

41 The Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any document as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council