

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON MONDAY 18 JULY 2011**

Present: Councillor Butcher in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Davis, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, Lewis, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Simpson, Smith, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley, Winter and Wykes.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ferro, May, Pickard, Sherratt and Watkins.

Before the commencement of business the Mayor led the Council in Prayer.

**18 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of 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, Fox, Hayfield, Lea, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Barber (Ansley), Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Fox (Shustoke), Freer (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), Morson (Dordon), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), M Stanley (Polesworth), Y Stanley (Polesworth) and Winter (Dordon) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

Councillors Barber, Davis, Fowler, Fox, Freer, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, Payne, Simpson, Smith and Wykes declared a personal interest in Minute No 19 by reason of the Conservative headquarters at the Coleshill Manor development being affected by the proposed route.

**19 HS2 (High Speed Rail Route) Consultation**

At this point in the meeting it was proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

**Resolved:**

**That Standing Orders be suspended to allow officers and**

**members of the public present at the meeting to speak on this issue.**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council presented a revised response to the consultation on the preferred route for HS2 which was circulated at the meeting. In addition to observations from a number of Councillors, representations were also heard from Ian Waddell, Middleton Action Group and David Henry, Water Orton Action Group.

At this point in the meeting it was then proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

**Resolved:**

**That Standing Orders be re-instated.**

It was then proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Hayfield and

**Resolved:**

- a That the context section of the Borough Council's proposed response be re-drafted, strengthened and made more punchy;**
- b That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, in consultation with the HS2 Spokesperson and Opposition Spokesperson and the Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson on the Planning and Development Board, to send the Borough Council's response to the Government's consultation for the preferred route of HS2 and endorse the 51M submission in response to the consultation; and**
- c That Councillors and members of the local action groups be invited to write to the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council with any further observations before the due deadline.**

**Chairman of the next ensuing meeting of the Council**