

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ON WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2023**

Present: Councillor Humphreys in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Bates, Bell, Chapman, Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, Farrow, Fowler, Gosling, Hayfield, Hobley, Jarvis, Jenns, Melia, Osborne, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Ririe, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Stuart, Symonds, Taylor, Turley, Watson and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jackson, Whapples and A Wright.

11 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

12 Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 17 May 2023

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Gosling that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, subject to the addition of the Warwickshire Climate Group on the list of Outside Bodies and Councillor Fowler being appointed as the Council's representative, and the amendments to the Labour Group's appointments to Boards/Committees, as circulated at the meeting.

13 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor had recently attended the Veterans Day at Ruby's Yard in Atherstone and the Birmingham Reserve Forces Annual General Meeting.

14 Questions Pursuant to Standing Order No 7

The following question was received pursuant to Standing Order No 7:-

Elinor Parsons:

"This month Warwickshire County Council will decide whether to become full members of the West Midlands Combined Authority. This decision will apparently be made without consulting the district councils - despite its likely impact. It should have been openly debated across the districts and this council should have been given the opportunity to collect and submit comments from councillors. Will this council write to WCC to share its frustration with the lack of consultation and to request an urgent delay to the decision-making process in order to allow time for an open debate on the implications of joining the Combined Authority?"

The response from Councillor David Wright, Leader of the Council was:-

“My understanding is that Warwickshire County Council will consider this matter at its Cabinet meeting on 15th July and then at a meeting of the full Council at a later date. I was not advised of this development until last week and it’s fair to say that not all the relevant information is available yet to partners such as this Council nor is it clear whether all the detail has yet been confirmed.

I share the questioner’s disappointment that this important matter is being considered at such short notice and without any of the consultation that you would normally expect to see. I am currently not confident that Warwickshire County Council has all the information it needs to make a decision, including the views of the other constituent and non-constituent Councils that make up the Combined Authority. I am happy therefore to write to the County Council setting out this view and asking that a decision is not made until all the information has been provided and consulted upon.”

15 Minutes of Planning and Development Board – 22 May and 12 June 2023

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

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and Development Board held on 22 May and 12 June be approved and adopted.

16 Minutes of Community and Environment Board – 5 June 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Singh and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Board held on 5 June 2023 be approved and adopted.

17 Minutes of Resources Board held on 19 June 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds, seconded by Councillor Jarvis and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Board held on 19 June 2023 be approved and adopted.

18 **Minutes of Executive Board – 20 June 2023**

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Symonds and

Resolved:

- a **That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 20 June 2023 be approved and adopted; and**
- b **The Serious Violence Duty**
 - (i) **That the Serious Violence Strategy be adopted and included in the Council’s Constitution in the list of Council Plans and Strategies; and**
 - (ii) **That the Terms of Reference for the Safer Communities Sub-Committee be amended to include a specific reference to scrutiny of crime and disorder and serious violence duties.**

19 **Minutes of Special Sub-Group – 26 June 2023**

It was proposed by Councillor Clews, seconded by Councillor Fowler and

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 26 June 2023 be approved and adopted.

20 **Notice of Motion under Standing Order No 10**

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Ridley and seconded by Councillor Melia:

“That the Council

Supports an immediate review of the Local Plan once the Government’s revised guidelines are issued”.

Upon being put to the meeting the Mayor declared the Motion to be carried.

21 **Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor Clews and seconded by Councillor D Wright and

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any Orders, Deeds and Documents as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, including any passed during part

of the meeting which is held in private, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

22 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act.

23 Exempt Extract of Executive Board – 20 June 2023

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Singh and

Resolved:

That the exempt extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 20 June 2023 be approved and adopted.

24 Exempt Extract of the Minutes of Special Sub-Group – 26 June 2023

It was proposed by Councillor Clews, seconded by Councillor Jarvis

Resolved:

That the exempt extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Special Sub-Group held on 26 June 2023 be approved and adopted.

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