



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICHESTER HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, NORTH STREET, CHICHESTER
ON WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 6.00PM**

- PRESENT : The Mayor (Councillor P Budge)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor P Evans)
Councillors Apel, Bell, P M Budge, Dempster, Dignum, M Evans, T French,
Galloway, Keyworth, Kilby, Macey, Sharp and Tupper
- APOLOGIES : Councillors J French, Holman, Joy, Plowman and Scicluna
- ABSENT : Councillor
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Administration Manager, Planning Adviser, Mayor's Chaplain
and Macebearer

23 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 June 2016, the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings held on 29 June and 13 July 2016, having been printed and circulated be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

Councillor Apel requested an update on Council Minute 11(c) (meeting held on 22 June 2016) in connection with holding a Public Meeting on the closure of Chichester Law Courts.

The Town Clerk advised that a date of 8 September 2016 had been booked for such a meeting but it had since transpired that this date was not convenient to a member of the legal profession and another date of 27 September had been suggested. However, with the recent government announcement that the courts will close advice was still awaited from the legal representatives as to whether the meeting should go ahead. This matter would be discussed further at the Community Affairs Committee meeting on Monday 12 September 2016.

24 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said that there had not been many Mayoral engagements during August but he had attended a Goodwood Horse Race Meeting at the end of August to present the Chichester City Stakes Plate.

The Mayor commented that it was unfortunate that it appeared that the Freedom Ceremony for Chichester born Astronaut, Tim Peake, would not be taking place this year but the Officers were in contact with the European Space Agency on this matter.

25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following question had been received by Linda Boize, a resident of the City.

"Can you tell me that the response that this Council makes to Highways England will make it clear that the impact of additional road building, property demolition, noise and vehicle engine pollution both during construction and afterwards on the well-being of people and communities living close to the A27, especially at the Stockbridge and Whyke junctions, is fully understood. And that it explains how this impact has influenced the response."

The Mayor thanked Ms Boize for her question and advised that this matter would be discussed in more detail later in the meeting. However the Mayor invited Councillor Kilby as Chairman of the Planning & Conservation Committee to give a brief response. Councillor Kilby explained that the Committee felt that there was no ideal option being presented by Highways England for improving the A27 but choosing 'no option' was not an option. The Committee had been aware of the implications involved with the all options on such matters as demolition and environment and these had been taken into consideration.

Ms Boize asked a supplementary question about public meetings being held by other parish councils to discuss the A27 options; the Mayor advised that all City Councillors had received representations from residents in the area that would be affected by the A27 improvements.

26 PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES

The Mayor presented Grant cheques to the following organisations and a photograph was taken of the Mayor with the recipients.

- 5th Chichester Scout Group
- Chichester Baptist Church
- Chichester Rugby Football Club
- Chichester Stroke Club
- Home-start Chichester District
- Options Pregnancy Crisis Centre
- Relate North & South West Sussex
- Sammy Community Transport
- Sussex Otters Swimming Club
- West Sussex Mediation Service

The representative from Parents & Carers Support Organisation (PACSO) was unable to attend the meeting and the Grant cheque would be posted.

27 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Mayor welcomed Mr Philip Coleman of Chichester District Council who gave a brief presentation on the Local Government Boundary Commission of England's (LGBCE) draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Chichester District Council which would also change the electoral arrangements for Chichester City Council. Any comments on the draft recommendations had to be submitted to LGBCE) no later than 10 October 2016.

Councillor Apel left the meeting.

It was noted that the LGBCE had published the West Sussex County Council Boundary Review.

There was a consensus that the electorate would be confused if the City, District and County Councils ward boundaries were not the same and the current City parish wards should remain as they are currently.

Mr Coleman advised the recommendation of the District Council's Boundary Review Panel earlier in the day, with regard to City Wards with which as far as points (3), (4) and (5) were concerned the City Council were in agreement, namely :

“That the Council informs the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) that it supports the Commission's draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Chichester District Council, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Its proposal to include the parish of Elsted & Treyford in Midhurst Ward. Instead this parish should be included in Harting Ward, as in the Council's original submission, on the grounds that in this case the criteria of community identity and effective and convenient local government should outweigh the fairly marginal electoral inequality.*
- (2) its proposals for the proposed Bosham & Donnington and North Mundham & Tangmere wards are accepted, but the wards should be named respectively Harbour and Tangmere Wards.*
- (3) Its proposal to transfer Velyn Avenue from Chichester South Ward to Chichester Central Ward; the flats on the western side of Velyn Avenue, with Peter Weston Close should be so transferred but the eastern and southern sides of Velyn Avenue should remain with the rest of Whyke in Chichester South Ward.*
- (4) Its proposal to transfer the Pound Farm area from Chichester South Ward to Chichester East Ward, thus creating a very small and unviable city council ward. Under the Commission's proposal, electors in this area will be in Chichester South for County Council elections, Chichester East for District Council elections, and Chichester Pound Farm for City Council elections. This will be confusing for electors, and is not conducive to convenient and effective local government.*
- (5) The name of its proposed Chichester Portfield Ward; Chichester Arundel Park Ward is preferred.”*

Councillor Dignum proposed and was duly seconded that the draft Recommendations in the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Draft Recommendations for Chichester District Council be accepted initially in accordance with the criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 but clarification was required on the powers given to Chichester District Council under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

Mr Coleman agreed to contact District Council's Chief Executive and the LGBCE on this matter and write to the Town Clerk with the information obtained.

Councillor Bell left the meeting.

28 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(a) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2016 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2016 be approved and adopted.

(b) Special Community Affairs Committee

It was moved by Councillor Galloway, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Galloway, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016 be approved and adopted.

(c) Finance Committee

It was moved by Councillor Dignum, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2016 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Dignum commented on Minute 23 Chichester Vision, and advised that the consultation period had been delayed and when the draft Chichester Vision document was produced it will be open to public consultation and this will be the appropriate time for the City Council to comment on Chichester Vision.

Councillor Galloway commented on Minute 28 Market Cross, and was pleased to see the work had begun. The Town Clerk advised that the works were required to be completed by mid-November before the Rotary Christmas Tree is erected and other Christmas events take place. The Town Clerk also advised that a meeting with Historic England was to be held next week to ensure the works being undertaken are approved by Historic England.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Dignum, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2016 be approved and adopted.

(d) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2016 be approved and adopted.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2016 be approved and adopted.

(e) Planning & Conservation Committee

It was moved by Councillor Kilby, as Chairman of the Committee, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 2016 be approved and adopted, excluding the Recommendation in Minute 32 which would be dealt with separately.

It was RESOLVED that the original motion put by Councillor Kilby, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 2016, excluding the Recommendation in Minute 32, be approved and adopted.

Councillor Kilby drew the Council's attention to the following Recommendation :

Minute 32 - A27 Chichester-by-Pass Improvement Scheme Consultation - Overview

It was Resolved to RECOMMEND to Full Council on 7 September 2016 that the preferred option was Option 1A subject to the following:

- (i) A new southern link road from Fishbourne roundabout to the A286 near the Apuldram Lane junction.
- (ii) Improvements to the Stockbridge and Whyke roundabouts

- (iii) Retention of the Oving Lights at the Oving Road/A27 junction.
- (iv) Provision of a replacement footbridge over Stockbridge roundabout over the A27 to make it more user-friendly.

Councillors discussed the options that had been put forward by the Highways Agency and agreed that none of the options were ideal. Members were aware of the impact any of improvements would have on the environment and to residents. Other comments included improvements to the roads in the City, the introduction of a speed limit on the A27, safe segregation of users, eg. cycleways and walkways.

Members agreed that the preferred option was Option 1A but agreed the resolution from the Planning & Conservation Committee needed amending and it was agreed that the new southern link road from Fishbourne Roundabout to the A286 near the Apuldram Lane be deleted.

It was therefore proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that :

Chichester City Council's preferred option for the improvements to the A27 Chichester Bypass Improvement Scheme was Option 1A subject to the following :

- (i) Improvements to the Stockbridge and Whyke Roundabouts to include traffic lights
- (ii) Retention of the Oving Lights at the Oving Road/A27 junctions
- (iii) Provision of a replacement footbridge over Stockbridge Roundabout over the A27 to make it more user-friendly
- (iv) The introduction of a 50mph speed limit on the A27
- (v) Segregation at junctions to be funded by Highways England Designated Funds to provide safe walkways and cycleways for pedestrians and cyclists
- (vi) Public exhibitions are held in Whyke and Donnington when the preferred option is determined by Highways England

29 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Deputy Mayor, as the City Council's representative on BID, advised that BID's were seeking renewal for a second-term and voting by the businesses would be taking place during October/November.

Councillor T French, as the City Council's representative on Chichester District Car Parking Forum, said that there were no planned increases for car parking fees and that he had spoke against evening charging at Northgate and New Park Centre car parks.

30 WARD REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor, as a North Ward member, advised that he was now the Chairman of the Chichester North Ward Neighbourhood Management Panel.

Councillor Sharp, as a South Ward member, commented that anti-social behaviour had been reported on the Roman Amphitheatre but unfortunately resources were not currently available from the appropriate agencies to deal with this matter. This matter would be raised at the Community Affairs Committee Meeting on Monday 12 September 2016.

Councillors T French and Kilby, as East Ward members, spoke on the successful project between City, District and County Councils to have the land at Pound Farm Road resurfaced and now in the ownership of Chichester District Council.

31 REPORTS FROM CHICHESTER DISTRICT AND WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S WARD MEMBERS

Councillor Dignum, as Leader of Chichester District Council, spoke on the success of the new weekly Wednesday Market in the City Centre, the Southern Gateway Development, car parking charges which would not increase for 2 years but season tickets for the Avenue de Chartres car park would decrease and other season tickets increase.

Councillor Simon Oakley, as a West Sussex County Councillor, spoke on the successful project of resurfacing Pound Farm Road, the campaign by the County Council to retain the Fire & Rescue Service and that the A27 improvements would be discussed by the County Council at their Environmental Services Select Committee on 15 September 2016.

32 NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATIONS 2016

The Town Clerk advised that the New Homes Bonus Application from the Chichester Boys Club for the installation of solar panels had been varied due to advice given by Chichester District Council.

Chichester District Council had advised that a review of Priory Park would be undertaken shortly and that this may have an effect on determining the Chichester Bowls Club New Homes Bonus Application.

Chichester District Council's Grants and Concessions Panel would meet on 22 September 2016 to determine all 2016 New Homes Bonus Applications.

33 QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the Council pursuant to Standing Order 24.

34 COMMON SEAL

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to any documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.