

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**COUNCIL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on
Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at 4.30 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall,
Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

PRESENT: Councillor Miss L Bambridge (Chair)
Councillors B Ayres, J Bhondi, R Blunt, F Bone, C Bower, A Bubb, A Bullen,
Mrs J Collingham, S Collop, C J Crofts, S Dark, M de Whalley, I Devereux,
A Dickinson, P Gidney, G Hipperson, A Holmes, M Howland, G Howman,
C Hudson, H Humphrey, B Jones, C Joyce, A Kemp, J Kirk, P Kunes,
A Lawrence, B Lawton, B Long, J Lowe, C Manning, G Middleton, J Moriarty,
C Morley, S Nash, E Nockolds, T Parish, C Rose, J Rust, A Ryves, C Sampson,
S Sandell, S Squire, A Tyler, D Tyler, D Whitby and M Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Beal, S Patel,
J Ratcliffe and Mrs V Spikings

C:61 **PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Rev Canon Ling

C:62 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022
were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C:63 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor R Blunt declared a non pecuniary interest in CAB109
Parkway as a Director of West Norfolk Housing Co and West Norfolk
Property Ltd. He confirmed he would be speaking and voting as a
Borough Councillor.

Councillor A Lawrence declared a non pecuniary interest in CAB109
Parkway as a Director of West Norfolk Property Ltd. He confirmed he
would be speaking and voting as a Borough Councillor.

Councillor J Collingham declared a non pecuniary interest in Notice of
Motion 1/23.

Councillor I Devereux declared a non pecuniary interest in Notice of
Motion 1/23 and confirmed no contractual link.

C:64 **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

C:65 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

C:66 **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

C:67 **REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY**

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Councillor Dark, seconded by Councillor Middleton, proposed the recommendations to changes in proportionality.

It was confirmed that the Labour Group had 9 members.

RESOLVED: That proportionality be amended by the change of seats as follows:

- That the Conservative Group lose 1 seat from the Licensing and Appeals Board to the Labour Group
- The Group of Independents lose 1 seat from the Licensing Committee to the Labour Group

C:68 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i **Cabinet: 17 January 2023**

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Councillor Dark, with Councillor Middleton seconding, proposed the recommendations from the Cabinet meeting on 17 January 2023:

CAB104: West Winch Growth Area Masterplan

Council debated the recommendations with comments made on the lack of infrastructure being provided prior to any development being built, issues around transport, drainage and the deferral of the recommendations until the current Local Plan Examination had re-convened.

Council's attention was drawn to the fact that the West Winch proposals had been dealt with at the previous Local Plan Examination and were not affected by the current one.

Councillor Moriarty proposed an amendment: that the final decision on the West Winch Supplementary Planning Document be deferred until

after the Local Plan Examination was reconvened. This was seconded by Councillor Kemp.

Councillor Dark did not accept the amendment.

Members debated the amendment, and on being put to the vote the amendment was lost 23 For, 24 Against and 1 Abstention.

Council then debated the substantive motion. At the request of the required number of members a recorded vote was taken on the substantive motion.

For	Against	Abstain
Ayres	Bhondi	Morley
Bambridge	Bone	
Blunt	Bullen	
Bower	Collop	
Bubb	Holmes	
Collingham	Howland	
Crofts	Howman	
Dark	Hudson	
Devereux	Jones	
Dickinson	Joyce	
Gidney	Kemp	
Hipperson	Lawton	
Humphrey	Lowe	
Kirk	Moriarty	
Kunes	Nash	
Lawrence	Parish	
Long	Rust	
Manning	Ryves	
Middleton	Squire	
Nockolds	A Tyler	
Rose	Ware	
Sampson	De Whalley	
Sandell	Wilkinson	
D Tyler		
24	23	1

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Council considered **CAB105: Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24 (Including Nom 11/22)**. Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Hudson proposed the amendment that the Council Tax support Scheme for 2023-24 be set at 100%.

Councillor Dark did not accept the amendment.

Council debated the amendment, which Councillor Jones recommended be paid for from savings in grass cutting on behalf of the

County Council and changes to where money was invested.

Council debated the amendment, and with the required number of members a recorded vote was taken.

For	Against	Abstain
Bhondi	Ayres	
Bone	Bambridge	
Bullen	Blunt	
Collop	Bower	
Holmes	Bubb	
Howland	Collingham	
Howman	Crofts	
Howland	Dark	
Hudson	Devereux	
Jones	Dickinson	
Joyce	Gidney	
Kemp	Hipperson	
Lawton	Humphrey	
Lowe	Kirk	
Moriarty	Kunes	
Morley	Lawrence	
Nash	Long	
Parish	Manning	
Rust	Middleton	
Ryves	Nockolds	
Squire	Rose	
A Tyler	Sampson	
De Whalley	Sandell	
Wilkinson	D Tyler	
	Whitby	
23	25	0

Council then debated the substantive motion which was put to the vote and approved 29 for, 14 against, 2 abstain.

At 18.12, Council adjourned to 18.22.

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Council debated **CAB107: Parkway Development Update**, commenting on the risks of the scheme, its costs, the question of the benefit to the community, air quality. The large numbers on the housing lists were highlighted, along with the green elements to the construction of the properties.

Councillor Squire proposed an amendment that recommendation 4 be replaced with: “the future management arrangements for the proposed wildlife and environment site to the east of the development be referred to the Environment and Community Panel for full discussion.” The

amendment was seconded by Councillor Moriarty.

Councillor Dark did not accept the amendment. On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost 20 For, 25 Against 2 Abstain.

Council then debated the substantive motion with points raised that more affordable housing was needed, flood risk on the site, and the earlier history to the site and support received for the reduction in its size in 2021 and its green credentials with the wildlife site next to the site.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was carried: 27 For, 15 Against, 4 Abstain.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations from the 17 January 2023 Cabinet meeting be approved.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

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The Mayor consented to the request by Councillor Parish for a change in order of business in order to take Notice of Motion 2/23 first in the list of Motions on the agenda.

Councillor T Parish proposed the following Notice of Motion (2/23), seconded by Councillor Squire:

‘This Council receives a full briefing on the County ‘devolution’ Deal currently being considered by NCC and, in particular, the impact and ramifications it is likely to have on this Borough Council and its’ inhabitants. The briefing to be shared with officers and employees of the authority.’

In proposing the Motion Councillor Parish spoke in favour of the motion, questioned the need for an elected Leader and the benefits of such to the electorate. He considered the deal to be poor and that there was insufficient information for councillors. He also drew attention to the action being taken by some of the other Districts in Norfolk.

Councillor Kemp spoke in favour of the motion and against the devolution proposal and any effect it would have on the Borough’s powers.

Councillor Dark spoke against the motion stating the proposals would not have any effect on the Borough’s powers. He offered to distribute a letter from DLUP which confirmed that sovereignty would not change. He confirmed the undertaking he had given in December that he would ask for an all councillor briefing on the matter which had been provided the previous evening.

Councillor Moriarty requested hearing from the Borough's officers on whether to agree a protocol with the county council on such things as housing.

Councillor Rust suggested that the west would not get much of the additional funding, and also supported a Borough officer briefing on it.

Councillor Long addressed council reminding members it was not a proposal for a combined authority as had previously been the case. He reminded Members that the County Council already built homes. He suggested that the deal for the county council was that some of Government's powers would be devolved to the County Council.

As the 3 hour time limit of the meeting was approaching, at 19.40 Councillor Parish proposed that the Council continue to sit for 1 hour, this was seconded by Councillor de Whalley. On being put to the vote the proposal was lost and the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm