

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

**ANNUAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Annual Council held on  
Thursday, 18th May, 2023 at 4.30 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday  
Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor L Bambridge  
Councillors B Anota, B Ayres, Barclay, Bartrum, P Beal, Beales, Bearshaw, J Bhondi,  
Bland, R Blunt, F Bone, A Bubb, A Bullen, Coates, Colwell, C J Crofts, S Dark,  
M de Whalley, de Winton, Devulapalli, A Dickinson, Everett, Heneghan, Hodson,  
H Humphrey, Jamieson, B Jones, C Joyce, A Kemp, P Kunes, A Lawrence, Lintern,  
B Long, J Lowe, C Morley, S Nash, Osborne, T Parish, J Ratcliffe, Ring, C Rose, J Rust,  
A Ryves, S Sandell, Sayers, S Squire, M Storey, D Tyler, Ware and M Wilkinson

Honorary Aldermen P Brandon, Dr P R Richards, C Walters and L V Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J Collingham, S Collop,  
J Moriarty and Mrs V Spikings and Honorary Alderman N J Daubney.

**C:1 THE LATE FORMER COUNCILLOR DAVID WHITBY**

Council held a minutes silence in memory of the late former councillor David Whitby, who had sadly passed away.

**C:2 PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Rev Canon Ling

**C:3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**C:4 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**C:5 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

**C:6 ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO HOLD OFFICE AS MAYOR OF THE  
BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK AND TO BE CHAIR  
OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024**

Councillor Dark proposed Councillor Margaret Wilkinson for the for the position of Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the 2023/2024 Municipal year. This was seconded by Councillor Ben Jones.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Margaret Wilkinson be appointed as Mayor and Chairman for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

C:7 **ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO HOLD OFFICE AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK AND TO BE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24**

Councillor Parish proposed Councillor Paul Bland as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 2023/24. Councillor Jones seconded the proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Paul Bland be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2023/23 municipal year

C:8 **ADMINISTER OATH TO THE MAYOR**

Councillor Wilkinson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then, in addressing Members, thanked them for her election and informed the Council that Amani Habaibeh and Dawn Leigh would be her Consorts.

Councillor Wilkinson informed Council that the Mayor's Chaplain for the year would be Rev Canon Adrian Ling.

The Mayor also informed the Council that she would continue to appoint Mayor's Cadets and those for this year would be:

Sea Cadets: Ordinary Cadet Jonathan Pick  
 Army Cadets: LCpl Millie-Rose Chapman  
 Air Cadets: Cadet Cpl Oakley Took  
 Police Cadets: Cadet Jessica Marshall  
 Fire Cadets: Cadet Danny Prime

Mayors Cadets badges were bestowed on the Cadets.

The Mayor's charities would be The Pandora Project and Norfolk and Waveney Mind.

C:9 **ADMINISTER OATH TO THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Bland read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then, in addressing Members, thanked them for his election and informed the Council that his wife, Marion Bland would be his Deputy Mayoress.

C:10 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORTS**

Councillor Dark proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor Leslie Bambridge. This was seconded by Councillor Parish.

C:11 **TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORTS AND RECEIVE RESPONSES**

Council was informed that gifts and flowers for the outgoing Mayor and Consorts were placed at the front of the stage.

C:12 **TO AGREE THE CHAIR OF CABINET AND LEADER FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR YEARS AND NOTE CABINET MEMBERS**

Councillor Joyce proposed Councillor Parish as Leader of the Council for the forthcoming four years. This was seconded by Councillor Jones.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Terry Parish be appointed Leader for the forthcoming four years.

**RESOLVED:** That the following Membership of Cabinet be noted:

Deputy Leader – J Moriarty  
 B Anota  
 A Beales  
 A Kemp  
 C Morley  
 S Ring  
 S Squire  
 M de Whalley

C:13 **PROPORTIONAL ALLOCATION OF SEATS**

**RESOLVED:** 1) That the proportional allocation of seats with regard to Council Bodies in the Constitution be agreed in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (as amended by subsequent legislation), and in accordance with Section 16 of that Act.

2) That Members be appointed to the proportional Council Bodies as follows :

**APPOINTMENTS BOARD/INVESTIGATING AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

(9 Members – 4 Ind, 3 Con, 2 Lab)

A Bullen (I)  
 B Jones (L)  
 C Joyce (L)  
 A Kemp (I)  
 S Nash (I)  
 S Ring (I)

To be confirmed (C) x 3

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

(9 Members – 4 Ind, 3 Con, 2 Lab)

R Blunt (C)  
S Dark (C)  
S Everett (L)  
B Jones (L)  
S Ring (I)  
J Rust (I)  
T Ryves (I)  
D Sayers (I)  
T de Winton (C)

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

(7 Members: 3 Ind, 3 Con, 1 Lab)  
(2 Parish, 1 Ind person)

B Ayres (C)  
S Nash (I)  
S Ring (I)  
S Sandell (C)  
S Squire (I)  
D Tyler (C)  
A Ware (L)

(Independent Person – A Orchard, & Parish Reps - Non voting)

**LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD**

(All other Licensing and Appeals matters)  
(15 Members - 6 Ind, 6 Con, 3 Lab)

B Ayres (C)  
J Bhondi (I)  
T Bubb (C)  
R Coates (C)  
C Crofts (C)  
B Jones (L)  
C Joyce (L)  
A Kemp (I)  
J Kirk (C)  
S Nash (I)  
T Parish (I)  
C Rose (I)  
S Squire (I)  
D Tyler (C)  
M Wilkinson (L)

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

(Licensing Act 2003 & Gambling Act)

(15 Members - 6 Ind, 6 Con, 3 Lab)

B Anota (I)  
 B Ayres (C)  
 M Bartrum (L)  
 J Bhondi (I)  
 A Bubb (C)  
 R Coates (C)  
 C Crofts (C)  
 D Henegan (L)  
 J Kirk (C)  
 J Moriarty (I)  
 S Ring (I)  
 J Rust (I)  
 S Squire (I)  
 D Tyler (C)  
 M Wilkinson (L)

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

(18 members– 7 Ind, 7 Con, 4 Lab)

B Anota (I)  
 F Bone (L)  
 R Blunt (C)  
 A Bubb (C)  
 P Devulapalli (I)  
 S Everett (L)  
 S Lintern (I)  
 B Long (C)  
 S Ring (I)  
 C Rose (I)  
 J Rust (I)  
 V Spikings (C)  
 M Storey (C)  
 D Tyler (C)  
 M de Whalley (I)  
 T de Winton (C)  
 (L)  
 (L)

**CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL**

(12 Members – 5 Ind, 5 Con, 2 Lab)

R Blunt (C)  
 S Dark (C)  
 P Devulapalli (I)  
 A Dickinson (C)  
 B Jones (L)  
 A Lawrence (C)  
 S Lintern (I)  
 B Long (C)

S Nash (I)  
 J Osborne (L)  
 D Sayers (I)  
 C Rose (I)

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL**

(12 Members – 5 Ind, 4 Con, 3 Lab)

T Barclay (C)  
 M Bartrum (L)  
 J Bhondi (I)  
 P Bland (I)  
 A Bullen (I)  
 S Collop (L)  
 P Devulapalli (I)  
 H Humphrey (C)  
 P Kunes (C)  
 J Ratcliffe (I)  
 S Sandell (C)  
 A Ware (L)

**REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

(12 Members – 5 Ind, 5 Con, 2 Lab)

S Bearshaw  
 F Bone (L)  
 R Blunt (C)  
 A Bubb (C) –  
 J Collingham (C)  
 R Colwell (I)  
 C Crofts (C)  
 A Dickinson (C)  
 D Henegan (L)  
 C Rose (I)  
 J Rust (I)  
 T Ryves (I)

C:14

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs be appointed as below, noting that the Vice Chairs of the Scrutiny and Overview Panels and Audit Committee will be appointed at their first meetings of the Municipal year:

**i) APPOINTMENTS BOARD /IDC**

At the request of the required number of members, a recorded vote was held on the Chair of the Appointments Boars/IDC.

Councillors S Nash and A Dickinson had been nominated to the position.

Vote for Councillor Nash

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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Anota	Ayres	Ware
Bartrum	Barclay	
Beal	Blunt	
Beales	Bubb	
Bearshaw	Coates	
Bhondi	Crofts	
Bland	Dark	
Bone	Dickinson	
Bullen	Hodson	
Colwell	Humphrey	
Devulapalli	Jamieson	
Everett	Kunes	
Heneghan	Lawrence	
Jones	Long	
Joyce	Sandell	
Kemp	Storey	
Lintern	Tyler	
Lowe	De Winton	
Morley		
Nash		
Osborne		
Parish		
Ratcliffe		
Ring		
Rose		
Rust		
Ryves		
Sayers		
Squire		
De Whalley		
Wilkinson		
31	18	1

## Vote for Councillor Dickinson

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Ayres	Anota	Rose
Barclay	Bartrum	
Blunt	Beal	
Bubb	Beales	
Coates	Bearshaw	
Crofts	Bhondi	
Dark	Bland	
Dickinson	Bone	
Hodson	Bullen	
Humphrey	Colwell	
Jamieson	Devulapalli	
Kunes	Everett	
Lawrence	Heneghan	
Long	Jones	
Ryves	Joyce	
Sandell	Kemp	
Storey	Lintern	
Tyler	Lowe	

De Winton	Morley	
	Nash	
	Osborne	
	Parish	
	Ratcliffe	
	Ring	
	Rust	
	Sayers	
	Squire	
	Ware	
	de Whalley	
	Wilkinson	
19	30	1

Chair – S Nash (I)  
Vice-Chair – none nominated

**ii) PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Chair – J Rust (L)  
Vice-Chair – V Spikings (C)

**iii) LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Chair – J Bhondi (I)  
Vice-Chair – M Bartrum (L)

**iv) LICENSING AND APPEALS BOARD**

Chair – B Jones (L)  
Vice-Chair – C Rose (I)

**v) STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Chair – A Ware (L)  
Vice Chair – S Sandell (C)

**vi) CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PANEL**

Chair: S Dark (C)

**vii) ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL**

Chair: S Collop (L)

**viii) REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

Chair: S Bearshaw (I)

**ix) AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Chair: T Ryves (I)



C:15 **POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY OF TASK GROUPS**

**RESOLVED:** That the following be agreed:

Task Groups with 9 Members – 4 Independent P’ship, 3 Conservative,  
2 Labour

Task Groups with 7 Members – 3 Independent P’ship, 3 Conservative,  
1 Labour

Task Groups with 5 Members – 2 Independent P’ship, 2 Conservative,  
1 Labour

**The meeting closed at 5.42 pm**