

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH
HELD AT SWANSPOOL HOUSE, WELLINGBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor P Bell and Councillors Abram, Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Gough, Graves, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, Henley, G Lawman, L Lawman, Lloyd, Maguire, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scanlon, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Stevenson, Walia, Ward, M Waters, V Waters and Watts.

Officers present: Mrs B Gamble and Miss J Thomas (Directors) Miss S Lyons, (Solicitor/Monitoring Officer, District Law), Mr G Betts, (Mayor's Sergeant) and Mrs C A Mundy, (Democratic Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beirne, Bone and York.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the council's code of conduct and the council's constitution, the following declarations were made.

Name of councillor	Item	Interest
Aslam	Planning 31/5/17 WP/17/0018/FUL	Other – is a director on Wellingborough Homes Board
Ekins	Planning 31/5/17 WP/17/0018/FUL	Other – is a council representative on Wellingborough Homes Board
G Lawman	Planning 31/5/17 WP/17/0018/FUL	As above
Lloyd	Planning 31/5/17 WP/17/0018/FUL	As above

3. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 APRIL 2017

The minutes of the council meeting held on 11 April 2017 were received.

RESOLVED that minutes of the council meeting, held on 11 April 2017, be confirmed and signed.

4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 23 MAY 2017

The minutes of the annual council meeting held on 23 May 2017 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the annual council meeting, held on 23 May 2017, be confirmed and signed.

5. QUESTIONS/PETITIONS/REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

RESOLVED to note that no requests to speak had been received.

6. MINUTES TO NOTE

The minutes of the following meetings were received to note:

Planning Committee	5 April 2017
Planning Committee	10 May 2017
Planning Committee	31 May 2017
Licensing Committee	20 April 2017
Licensing Sub-Committee	20 April 2017
Licensing Sub-Committee	28 April 2017
Licensing Sub-Committee	7 June 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meetings be noted.

7. SERVICES COMMITTEE - 4 APRIL 2017

The minutes of the services committee of 4 April 2017 were received.

Reference was made to minute 4, Food Safety and Health and Safety Enforcement Service Plan, and the recommendation to adopt such plan, which was agreed.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) approval be given to the adoption of the Food Safety Enforcement Service Plan 2017-18;
- (ii) the minutes, of the services committee of 4 April 2017, be adopted.

8. AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2017

The minutes of the audit committee of 19 June 2017 were received.

The chairman thanked the section 151 officer and her team for the efficient way in which they had carried out their duties to ensure that the accounts were concluded before the deadline date.

RESOLVED that the minutes, of the audit committee of 19 June 2017, be adopted.

9. RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 JUNE 2017

The minutes of the resources committee of 28 June 2017 were received.

Reference was made to minute 8, requesting authorisation for an officer to represent the council at the magistrates' court, which was agreed.

Reference was also made to minute 15, Redhill Farm road adoptions budget and the request that £260,000 of capital reserves be allocated thereto; this was also agreed.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) approval be given to Sophie Greenham being duly authorised to represent the Borough Council of Wellingborough in proceedings before a magistrates' court;
- (ii) approval be given to £260,000 of capital reserves being allocated to the Redhill Farm road adoptions, capital budget (JO37), to cover the commuted sums required by Northamptonshire County Council;
- (iii) the minutes of the resources committee, of 28 June 2017, be adopted.

(Cllr Scarborough abstained from voting on (i) above.)

10. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP TO INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The annexed circulated report of the managing director was received to seek approval to the appointment of Ged Dempsey, Stephen Leach, Andrew Page and Martin Wheatley to the council's independent remuneration panel, as required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003.

RESOLVED that Ged Dempsey, Stephen Leach, Andrew Page and Martin Wheatley, be appointed as members of the council's independent remuneration panel for a period of five years, with effect from 12 July 2017.

11. APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MONITORING OFFICER

(Miss Thomas left the room and did not return during discussion on this item.)

The annexed circulated report of the managing director and head of paid service was received in relation to the appointment of Julie Thomas as the council's monitoring officer with effect from 1 September 2017.

At the council meeting in April agreement had been reached that Miss Thomas would take over the role of monitoring officer following a period of training. The current monitoring officer, Miss Lyons, would be leaving the authority on 1 September and it was recommended that Miss Thomas take on the role with effect from that date.

Members expressed their thanks and appreciation for the help and guidance that Miss Lyons had given during her time as monitoring officer and wished her well for the future.

RESOLVED that Julie Thomas be appointed as the Borough Council of Wellingborough's monitoring officer with effect from 1 September 2017.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the mayor closed the meeting.

Mayor

The meeting closed at 7.20pm