



**MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL  
THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015**

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

**PRESENT:**

Councillor R Hetherington - Mayor  
Councillor F A Purdue-Horan – Deputy Mayor

Councillors R A Adair, K P Beardsall, N A Brown, M Buckle, B Buschman, R L Butler, H A Chewings, J N Clarke, T Combellack, L B Cooper, J E Cottee, G Davidson, A M Dickinson, M J Edwards, A J Edyvean, J E Greenwood, S J Hull, R A Inglis, Mrs C E M Jeffreys, R M Jones, K A Khan, N C Lawrence, E J Lungley, A MacInnes, Mrs M M Males, G R Mallender, S E Mallender, D J Mason, S C Matthews, G S Moore, A L R A Pell, A Phillips, E A Plant, S J Robinson, Mrs J A Smith, J A Stockwood, J E Thurman, R G Upton, D G Wheeler, J G A Wheeler

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
A Graham	Chief Executive
K Marriott	Executive Manager - Transformation
D Mitchell	Executive Manager - Communities
V Nightingale	Senior Member Support Officer
K Powell	Chief Information Officer
P Steed	Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial
D Swaine	Executive Manager - Operations and Corporate Governance

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors J Donoghue and M W Suthers

**OPENING PRAYER**

The Meeting was led in prayer by the Mayor's Chaplain

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2015 were received as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **3. Address of the Retiring Mayor**

Councillor Hetherington welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the newly elected Councillors. He updated Members on the number of engagements that he had attended during his year of office. He stated that his last, or 132<sup>nd</sup>, event had been the official opening of the first artificial clay court in Nottinghamshire. He stated that Rushcliffe had some great sporting facilities and venues.

As Mayor he, and the Mayoress had attended a wide variety of events during the year, especially as the year coincided with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War 1. He said that the funniest event had been the Gang Show by the Nottinghamshire Scouts and Guides. Whilst the most thought provoking had been a visit to the National Holocaust Museum on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian army entering Auschwitz. The event that was most profitable for his charity, The Friary, was a musical evening at the Beckett School. He informed Members that the band had waived their fee and that Morrisons had kindly donated the refreshments.

With regard to his charity he thanked all Councillors who had either arranged /supported events. He was pleased to announce that he had raised in excess of £9,000.

Finally, he thanked his wife who had supported him not only as the Mayoress but also his chaplain. He also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Purdue-Horan, for all his support during the year.

### **4. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor**

Councillor Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Hetherington for his successful year in office as the Mayor. He said that Councillor Hetherington had performed his duties with enthusiasm, commitment and good humour. Referring to the official photo album he highlighted some of the many engagements carried out by the Mayor, including the royal garden party, Proms in the Park, the turf cutting for the new hospital adjacent to Tollerton Airport and visiting The Friary and Ann Bremner MBE, who successfully ran the project. He also thanked Mrs Hetherington for all her support at these occasions and for divine intervention. Finally, he stated that Councillor Hetherington had chaired the Council meetings with fairness and efficiency.

Councillor Clarke then presented Councillor Hetherington with his Past Mayor's Badge, an album of photographs from his year, and a photographic portrait.

Councillors MacInnes, Davidson, Jones and S Mallender endorsed the remarks of Councillor Clarke, and thanked the retiring Mayor for his great work and enthusiasm during his term of office and his fairness at Council meetings. Members felt that The Friary had been an excellent choice as charity and that the money raised would be very beneficial to the disadvantaged, homeless and vulnerable people of the area.

**RESOLVED that:**

A vote of thanks be accorded to Councillor Hetherington and Mrs Hetherington for the excellent manner in which they had carried out their duties during Councillor Hetherington's year of office as Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe.

**5. Election of Mayor 2015/16**

Nominations were invited for the election of Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2015/16 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Lawrence and seconded by Councillor Mrs Males that Councillor Purdue-Horan be nominated for the Office of Mayor of the Borough for the year 2015/16.

**RESOLVED that:**

Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan be elected Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Councillor Purdue-Horan read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, took the Chair and was invested with the Chain of Office by the Retiring Mayor. The Mayor announced his chosen charity for the year, The Stroke Association. He stated that the work of this charity .

**6. Election of Deputy Mayor 2015/16**

Nominations were invited for the election of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2015/16 municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Hull that Councillor Davidson be nominated for the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the year 2015/16.

On being put to the vote Councillor Davidson was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

**RESOLVED that:**

Councillor George Davidson be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Rushcliffe for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Councillor Davidson read and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and after thanking his proposer, seconder and Members, was invested with his Chain of Office by the Mayor.

**7. Appointment of Leader of the Council 2015 - 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Mason that Councillor Clarke be appointed to the office of Leader of the Council for the period 2015 - 2019.

## **RESOLVED that –**

Councillor J N Clarke be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2015 – 2019.

Following his appointment as Leader, Councillor Clarke reported that his Cabinet would be as set out below:

Councillor J N Clarke	Leader, Portfolio Holder for Strategic Direction
Councillor S J Robinson	Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Economy
Councillor R L Butler	Portfolio Holder for Sustainability
Councillor J E Cottee	Portfolio Holder for Community Services
Councillor N C Lawrence	Portfolio Holder for Environment
Councillor D J Mason	Portfolio Holder for Safety and Well Being

### **8. Appointment of Committees and Member Groups 2015/16**

It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Robinson that the Membership of the following Committees, Member Groups and Working Groups with Chairmen and Vice Chairmen as set out in the Appendix be appointed for 2015/16.

Councillor Clarke stated that, following discussions, Councillor Khan would be nominated to the Strategic Growth Board instead of Councillor Davidson.

- Community Development Group
- Corporate Governance Group
- Partnership Delivery Group
- Performance Management Board
- Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee
- Development Control Committee
- Employment Appeals Committee
- Interviewing Committee
- Licensing Committee
- Standards Committee
- Local Development Framework Group
- Member Development Group
- Strategic Growth Board
- Civic Hospitality Panel

## **RESOLVED that:**

the nominations as set out in the Appendix to the report be approved.

### **9. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies 2015/16**

Members were informed that there were three contested appointments, the Grantham Canal Partnership – Council of Management, the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Rail Action Committee and the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group. It was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Robinson that the representatives be

appointed to the Outside Bodies as set out in the Appendix to the report, excluding the contested appointment which would be put to the vote.

**RESOLVED that:**

- a) the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2015/16, excluding the contested appointments, as indicated in the appendix to the report, be approved, and
- b) for the contested appointments
  - i. Councillor R L Butler be appointed as the Council's representative to the Grantham Canal Partnership – Council of Management
  - ii. Councillors N C Lawrence and G R Mallender be appointed as the Council's representatives to the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Rail Action Committee
  - iii. Councillor N C Lawrence be appointed as the Council's representative to the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

MAYOR