

	<i>Meeting (No)</i>	Full Council Meeting (5)
	<i>Time & Date</i>	16th November 2021 at 6.00pm
	<i>Location</i>	Neston Town Hall
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Present: Cllrs Wastell (Mayor), Flockhart, Griffiths, Hinks, Hudspeth, Jackson, Jones, Kynaston, Marple, Samuel (following item 54), Smith, Townsend and Mrs A Kunaj (Council Manager).

Present: One member of the public.

PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public

50 Apologies for absence

Resolved to approve apologies from Cllrs Davies (personal), Warner (business) and Willis (personal).

51 Questions and comments from residents: The applicant for the Neston ward vacancy spoke to tell members that he knew nothing about local politics and this is why he has made his application.

52 Minutes of the meetings

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held 22nd June, 28th September and 26th October 2021 as true and correct records. The Mayor signed the minutes.

53 Declarations of Interest: None.

54 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report was received.

The Mayor announced that he had accepted the resignation of Cllr Bolderson.

The Mayor along with Cllr Kynaston confirmed that they would be attending the Neston Business forum meeting and would report back to the next Resources and Policy committee meeting. It was noted that this was an open invitation for all councillors where discussions but no decisions on behalf of the council would take place.

Cllr Samuels arrived

55 Council Manager's report

The Council Manager's report was received.

56 Councillor Vacancies and Co-option of members

a Members noted the casual vacancy for Neston Ward. An election had not been called in order to fill the vacancy.

b Council suspended the meeting to allow Mr Dawson to speak.

Mr Dawson said that he knew nothing about how local councils were run or about local councils in general, he had been surprised that he had been the only applicant for the vacancy.

Mayor's initial and date

	The meeting was re-convened.
	Members considered the formal application made by Mr Dawson for the co-option to the Council for Neston Ward. Resolved to co-opt Mr A F Dawson to the position of ward councillor and councillor representative for Neston Ward.
Mr Dawson left the meeting.	
57	Committee Membership
a	Members noted the current committee membership for the remainder of the Council year.
b	No request for withdrawal of membership from any standing committees was made.
c	Cllr W Smith was nominated to join the Community and Environment committee. No other nominations of members to standing committees were made.
58	Finance
a	Resolved to approve expenditure of 27,147.11 net from the Council's current account authorised by the RFO from 01.09.21 to 30.09.21, and Equals card payments of £41.64 net from 01.09.21 to 30.09.21. The Mayor initialled and dated the figures.
b	Members noted the current account income of £2,877.40 net from 01.09.21 to 30.09.21. The Mayor initialled and dated the income sheet.
c	Resolved that the reconciliations of the Council's three bank accounts to 30.09.21 balanced. The Mayor dated and signed the balancing figures.
59	Year End 2020/21 report
	The Council's year-end report provided by the Finance Manager was considered. It was noted that the precept task and finish group would be meeting with the Finance Manager in the next two weeks. No questions or comments were raised about the end of year figures.
60	Committee Recommendations
	<i>Human Resources Committee 16th November item 40; Caretaker Role.</i> Resolved that an offer of employment and addendum to contract for an additional two hours thirty minutes be made to the newly employed Market Officer in order to undertake caretaker tasks as outlined in spreadsheet HR5/40a within the time limits provided, to 31 st March 2022. The 'Kickstart' programme via a local business is to be investigated.
61	To note the minutes of the committee meetings
	The minutes for the Community and Environment committee and the Resources and Policy Committee as listed below in items a & b were noted.
a	<i>Community and Environment 15th June, 20th and 29th July, 9th September, 12th and 21st October 2021.</i>
Mayors' initial	

b	<i>Resources and Policy 27th July, 14th September and 19th October 2021</i>
62	Next meeting date
	<p>The date of the next scheduled meeting was confirmed as 25th January 2022.</p> <p>Members agreed that an additional scheduled meeting for the 4th January 2022 for a one item agenda, the budget, be called to discuss the budget prior to the budget meeting.</p>
63	Any other Items
	<p>It was noted that a discussion took place at the HR committee meeting about staff workloads and the Council's existing objectives and priorities. The view was that the Council would like to be more outward facing than it currently is and that this would require a fundamental review of the Council's objectives and plans. Any change to the Council's objectives and focus would then feed into staff objectives.</p> <p>A request was made for an item to be placed on the full council agenda for 25th January's meeting for approval of the employment of an external contractor and quotations to engage an external, independent facilitator to help the Council to conduct a thorough and structured review of its objectives and plans.</p>

Meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed _____ Dated _____