



<i>Meeting (No)</i>	Extraordinary Full Council Meeting (8)
<i>Time & Date</i>	24th April 2024 at 5pm
<i>Location</i>	Neston Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs: Wastell (Mayor), Braithwaite, Davies, Edwards, Griffiths, Hudspeth, Jones and Marple.

In attendance: Z. Dean (Locum Chief Officer)

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

94 Apologies for Absence

It was RESOLVED: To accept the following apologies for absence:

- Cllr Hardcastle – Holiday
- Cllr Kynaston – Personal reasons
- Cllr Townsend – Work commitment
- Cllr Warner – Work commitment
- Cllr Doughty was absent

95 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received from members.

96 Questions and Comments from Residents

No members of the public were present.

97 Recommendations from Community & Environment Committee 09/04/24

- a) Members discussed the viability of taking ownership of the phone box in Little Neston, at the Royal Oak, should it be decommissioned by BT. Members noted that the phone box was an important asset to the village.
A recorded vote was requested:
For: 7 Against: 1 (Cllr Edwards)
It was RESOLVED: To apply to take ownership of the phone box at the Royal Oak, Little Neston.
The application is to be submitted ahead of the May 3rd deadline.
- b) Members discussed the viability of taking ownership of the phone box on Landseer Avenue and Raeburn Avenue, should it be decommissioned by BT. It was suggested that the phone box could be used to house a defibrillator.
A named vote was requested:
For: 4, Cllrs: Davies, Hudspeth, Jones, Wastell.
Against: 3, Cllrs: Braithwaite, Edwards, Marple
Abstention: 1, Cllr Griffiths
It was RESOLVED: To apply to take ownership of the phone box on Landseer Avenue/Raeburn Avenue.
The application is to be submitted ahead of the May 3rd deadline.

98 Employee Handbook

The Locum Chief Officer explained that new legislation expanding rights for employees had come into effect on 6th April 2024, covering: flexible working,

	<p>paternity leave, shared parental leave, and protection from redundancy during parental leave. An additional section had been included for Carers' Leave. The updated wording had been added to the Employee Handbook.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED: To accept the updates to the Employee Handbook, which the Chief Officer would distribute to staff accordingly.</p>
99	Date of the Next Meeting
	The date of the next meeting will be 21 st May 2024 for the Annual Meeting of the Council.
100	Exclusion of the Public and Press
	<p>It was RESOLVED: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.</p>
PART 2: Items considered in the absence of the Press and Public	
	There was no confidential business

Meeting closed at 17:30.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____