

BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 12th November 2019 at Worksop Town Hall

Present:	Councillor D Merryweather (Chairman)	
Councillors	J R Anderson	J W Ogle
	J P Bowker	J Potts
	G Clarkson	M W Quigley MBE
	A K Coultate	A Rhodes
	K Dukes	H M Richards
	C Entwistle	M Richardson
	J Evans	N J Sanders
	G Freeman	J M Sanger MBE
	K M Greaves	S E Shaw
	S A Greaves	J C Shephard
	G Jones	C Tindle
	J A Leigh	J White
	J W Naish	

Officers in attendance: K Childs, C Hopkinson, N Taylor, R Theakstone and S Wormald.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm.)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, read out the fire alarm/evacuation procedure, and also enquired as to whether anyone wanted to film/record the meeting in accordance with legislation; however, there were no members of the public present.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman asked all present to stand for a minute's silence in remembrance of Alderman Edward (Ted) Mitchell who passed away on 18th October. Ted was a Bassetlaw District Councillor from 7th June 1973 until 7th May 1987. He was Vice-Chairman of the Council in 1978/79 and Chairman in 1979/80, and served on several committees. He was made an Honorary Alderman on 18 December 1996.

(A minute's silence was observed)

41. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Boeuf, H M Brand, R B Carrington-Wilde, D Challinor, M R Charlesworth, T P Eaton, S Fielding, P Nicholls, G A N Oxby, D G Pidwell, J C Plevin, D R Pressley, B L Schuller, S Scotthorne, B Sofflet, H L Tamblyn-Saville, C Troop and M Watson.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) **Members**

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) **Officers**

N Taylor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item No. 3(a), Corporate Salary Benchmarking Review, he left the meeting during the Item.

43. REPORT(S) OF THE HR SERVICE MANAGER

(a) Corporate Salary Benchmarking Review

Members were presented with the outcomes of a corporate salary benchmarking review conducted by the Local Government Association. In light of the findings of the Review, the report sought approval for a change to the pay associated with the role of the Chief Executive.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report and appendix be noted and the remuneration arrangements of the Chief Executive set out in paragraphs 6.8 and 6.9 of the report be approved.

44. REPORT(S) OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

(a) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Members were presented with a report, which outlined the outcomes of the recent Polling District and Places Review and sought approval for the recommendations arising from the Review.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Returning Officer's proposals as set out in Appendix 1 of the Report, be approved i.e. changes to the following polling places:
 - FA5 – East Retford East - Trial the Elms Hotel as a polling station at the next election.
 - HA2 – East Retford South - Site a mobile unit on the Clumber Inn Car Park.
 - IA3 – East Retford West - Trial the Elms Hotel as a polling station at the next election.
 - KA1, KA2 and KA5 – Harworth and Bircotes - Two polling stations to be used at Devonshire Road Community Centre for Parliamentary elections.
 - RA9 –The Beeches, Birch Court, Tuxford to be used as the polling station.
 - VA4 - Worksop North-East – Use St Joseph's Parish Hall, Wingfield Avenue as the polling station.
 - VA5 – Worksop North-East – use Norbridge Academy as the polling station.
2. The changes to polling districts as follows be approved with effect from 1st December 2019, unless an election is called before then in which case the changes would be made after the date of the election:
 - Amend IA4 Polling District to move 60 to 93 Thrumpton Lane to IA3.
 - Amend VA4 Polling District to move Park Cottage and Fairway House, Blyth Road, to VA1 (St Joseph's Parish Hall).
 - Amend VA4 Polling District to move South Lodge and North Lodge to VA3 (Thievesdale Lane Community Centre).
 - VA5 Polling District be amended to move Blyth Road down to The Baulk, Hillside Crescent, Inglemere Close, Lindrick Close and Westfield Drive to VA1 Polling District.
 - Amend the YA2 Polling District (Manton Sports) to move Lincoln View, Clinton Street, Lincoln Street and Yeoman Close to YA1 (The Centre Place).

45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 6.38pm.)