



# Rutland County Council

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Minutes of the **MEETING of the PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Thursday, 4th February, 2016 at 7.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Mr J Lammie Mr E Baines  
Mr O Bird Mr G Conde  
Mr W Cross Mr J Dale  
Mr O Hemsley Mr A Mann  
Mr M Oxley

## **OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Mr D Brown Director for Places (Environment, Planning and Transport)  
Mr P Phillipson Director for Places (Development and Economy)  
Miss M Gamston Corporate Support Officer

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A one minute silence was held in memory of Roger Begy OBE

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## **559 RECORD OF MEETING**

- (i) The Record of the Meeting of the Places Scrutiny Panel held on 26 November 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The Record of the Meeting of the Special Places Scrutiny Panel held on 13 January 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **560 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were received in relation to Agenda Item 6, Parking Review 2016.

Mr Oxley Declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in relation to Ref 32 Appendix A as the location referred to was outside his house. If discussed in detail on this particular element Mr Oxley would leave the room.

Mr Dale Declared a Pecuniary interest as he owned a business on Pillings Road.

Mr King Declared a Pecuniary interest as he owned a business off Pillings Road.

Mr Lammie Declared a Non-Pecuniary interest as he worked for a business off Pillings Road.

**561 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

No petitions, deputations or questions had been received.

**562 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS**

No questions with notice had been received from Members.

**563 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS**

No notices of motion had been received from Members.

**564 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION**

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

**565 PARKING REVIEW 2016**

Report No. 31/2016 from the Director Places (Environment, Planning and Transport) was received.

The Portfolio Holder, Mr Mathias, introduced the report the purpose of which was to consider amendment and additions to parking restrictions. Members were asked to consider the changes to the process for considering changes as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the report.

The Chairman, Mr Lammie, informed the Panel that he had received a letter from Karen Mellor, Chair of the Rutland Access Group, in relation to Ref. 5 in Appendix A, seeking clarification on Mill Street and requesting a disabled bay as the adjacent car park was not suitable for a disabled bay; and also Ref. 33 in Appendix A, the possibility of a parking space opposite the Wetherspoon's pub.

The following points were raised during discussion:

- i) That further consultation be considered where parking restrictions are requested outside schools and be brought back to this Panel for reassessment before recommending to Cabinet for decision
- ii) That a balanced commercial approach was required in the approach to residential parking permits. Members were advised that Cabinet had previously approved a bi-annual basic review; permits were still £25. Parking permit charges were included in the annual review of fees and charges.
- iii) All car parks had disabled bays except Brooke Road, Oakham. There were bays on Oakham High Street and parking was permissible on yellow lines.

- iv) The parking policy sets limit from school access at 100m for parking restrictions. Councillor Conde, having advised the Panel how Public Space Protection Orders were enforced, was requested to circulate information to the Panel.
- v) That parking limits at junctions could only be enforced by the police. However, yellow lines could be controlled by the Council.
- vi) That paragraph 3.3 of the report could cause Cabinet some concern as it would be unlikely that there would be 8 assenters for businesses/commercial premises who were parish residents and therefore unable to meet requirement that the assenters were on the electoral roll for the parish where the scheme was being considered. Officers were requested to include additional wording to allow businesses to make requests.

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7.40 Mr King left the meeting and did not return

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## 566 LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Report No. 35/2016 from the Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport) was received.

The Portfolio Holder, Mr Mathias, introduced the report the purpose of which to invite the Places Scrutiny Panel to comment on the contents of the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS).

The following points were raised during discussion:

- i. That under 5.1 of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (*Local Context*) made no reference to the River Gwash which, it was felt undermined the validity of the whole document.
- ii. The River Welland Water Framework Directive Pilot was pushing for the Water Framework Directive, flood risk management and various habitat directives to be co-ordinated therefore Strategy should recognise the relationship between flood defence and habitat.
- iii. That further discussion on water management would take place between the Director for Places, Mr Brown and Mr Baines, the Council's representative on the Welland Pilot.
- iv. The Environment Agency would continue to be the primary agency responsible for managing the risk of flooding from main rivers.
- v. That farmers, landowners and their organisations should be approached to seek their involvement and that the National Farmers Union would welcome an approach for assistance.

### AGREED:

1. That the Director for Places, Mr Brown and Mr Baines, the Council's representative on the Welland Pilot would meet to further discuss the strategy.
2. The offer of assistance from the National Farmers Union was noted.

## **567 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4**

Report No. 36/2016 from the Director for Places (Environment, Planning and Transport) was received.

The Portfolio Holder, Mr Mathias, introduced the report the purpose of which was to outline the reasons for revising the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) and provide a timescale for the work to be carried out.

The following points were raised during discussion:

- i. That in March 2016 a travel survey was to be sent to every household in the county. This was to be funded from the Department for Transport Grant.
- ii. That there was to be a more targeted look at the level crossing closures in Oakham. This information would feed into the Local Plan. It was expected that this work would be completed by March 2017.
- iii. That the LTP was linked to the transport review that would be reporting in summer 2016. The LTP was the overarching plan tying in with the Local Plan.
- iv. Transport modelling would be commissioned to determine the impact of cumulative growth within Local Plan. Mitigation would be funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- v. That the Council's new strategic aims and objectives would be the driver in the direction that this Plan would go.
- vi. Ward Members were requested to encourage constituents to respond to the survey.
- vii. The Chairman would request that regular updates be brought to the Panel.
- viii. LTP4 was due to go to Cabinet in April 2017.

### **AGREED:**

1. That the Panel NOTED the timescale for the production of Local Transport Plan 4.

## **568 SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2015/16 & REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN**

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Quarter 3 Finance and Performance Management Reports.
- Local Plan update
- Speed Limit and Access Restriction Review 2015/16
- Signs Guidance

## **569 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

## **570 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING**

7 April 2016

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**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**

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