

**Minutes of the Meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 6.00 pm.**

Present: - Councillors

Tony Blacker	Tim Lockington
Stephen Connelly	Stefan Long
John Cook	Neil MacDonald
Martin Cook	Lynne Mortimer
Kelvin Cracknell	Ruman Muhith
K Elango Elavalakan	Sam Murray
David Ellesmere	Edward Phillips
Rhys Ellis	Shayne Pooley
Ian Fisher	Richard Pope
Steve Flood	Adam Rae
Gary Forster	Lee Reynolds
Cathy Frost	Jane Riley
Peter Gardiner	Alasdair Ross
Julian Gibbs	Bryony Rudkin
Philippa Gordon-Gould	Christine Shaw
Tony Gould	Colin Smart
Tracy Grant	Philip Smart
Oliver Holmes	Jenny Smith
Elizabeth Hughes	Lucy Trenchard
Carole Jones	Nathan Wilson
Colin Kreidewolf	Colin Wright
George Lankester	Erion Xhaferaj
Inga Lockington	

**29. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Sophie Connelly, Downes, and Maguire.

**30. To Confirm the Minutes from the Previous Council Meeting.**

It was **RESOLVED:**

**that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2023 be signed as a true record.**

**31. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business on the Agenda.**

It was **RESOLVED:**

**that the Order of Business be as printed on the Agenda.**

**32. To Receive any Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**33. Mayor's Communications.**

The Mayor highlighted the interesting talk she had recently attended about Ropework and Knots and the Spill Festival's installations on the Cornhill.

**34. Councillors to answer questions asked in accordance with Rules of Procedure 9.**

<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Question put to:</b>	<b>Question Title:</b>
Councillor T Lockington	Councillor MacDonald on behalf of Councillor Sophie Connelly	Reasons for Parking Fines
Councillor I Lockington	Councillor Jones	Footbridge at Henley Gate
Councillor Phillips	Councillor MacDonald on behalf of Councillor Sophie Connelly	Distribution of Angel Models at Christmas Lights Switch On Event
Councillor Pope	Councillor MacDonald on behalf of Councillor Sophie Connelly	Reasons for Parking Fines
Councillor Ellis	Councillor MacDonald	Progress at R&W Paul Silo Site
Councillor Fisher	Councillor M Cook	Progress with ideas from 'Hack-a-thon'
Councillor Gordon-Gould	Councillor MacDonald	Shopping Parade Improvements – Highways
Councillor Murray	Councillor MacDonald	Possibility of Ipswich Buses Discounted Journeys for Christmas Shopping
Councillor Phillips	Councillor MacDonald	All About Ipswich Website
Councillor Pope	Councillor Ross	Forecast Number of Council Homes over next 3 years
Councillor Fisher	Councillor MacDonald	Ipswich Central BID Operating Agreement
Councillor Holmes	Councillor P Smart	Glass Recycling 'Bring Banks'

**35. C/23/08 To Consider a Report from the Leader of the Council on Special Urgency Decisions.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor MacDonald and **SECONDED** by Councillor Rudkin:

**that the report on Special Urgency Decisions be noted.**

**36. C/23/09 To Consider a Report from Councillor Jones on the Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) Article 4 Direction.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor Jones and **SECONDED** by Councillor Lankester:

- a) **that, on the basis of the Notification Statement outlined in Appendix 2 to the report, the made Article 4 Direction requires no further amendment.**
- b) **that the made Article 4 Direction in Appendix 1 to the report be confirmed, and that this be publicised in accordance with Schedule 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 in the manner laid out in paragraph 11.4 of this report, and be enacted on 1 June 2024.**

**37. C/23/10 To Consider a Report from Councillor J Cook on the Extension of the Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor J Cook and **SECONDED** by Councillor Long:

**that Council extends the Public Spaces Protection Order to reduce anti-social behaviour related to the consumption of alcohol in public spaces for a further 3 years in accordance with the draft Order at Appendix 1 to the report.**

**38. C/23/11 To Consider a Report from Councillor J Cook on the Licensing Act 2003: Determination of a Statement of Licensing Policy.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor J Cook and **SECONDED** by Councillor Stephen Connelly:

- a) **that the Statement of Licensing Policy as at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted, to enable its publication.**
- b) **that the Cumulative Impact Policy be separated out from the Statement of Licensing Policy.**

**39. C/23/12 To Consider a Report from Councillor M Cook on the Parental and Carers Leave Task and Finish Group.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by Councillor M Cook and **SECONDED** by Councillor T Lockington:

- a) that the Parental and Carers Leave Policy for Councillors be adopted;
- b) that the Constitution be updated to add the Parental and Carers Leave Policy for Councillors as an appendix to Part 6 – Scheme of Members Allowances.

**40. C/23/13 To Consider a Report from the Monitoring Officer on the Review of the Constitution.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by the Mayor:

that Council adopt the proposed changes to the Constitution as detailed in Appendix 2, effective immediately, save for the changes to the Design and Conservation Panel in Part 3, Section 6, which were to take effect from 17 November 2023.

**41. C/23/14 To Consider a Report from the Chief Executive on the Procedure for Conferring Freeman of the Borough.**

It was **RESOLVED** on a motion **MOVED** by the Mayor:

that Council agree to hold a Special Council meeting to confer Freeman of the Borough on Mr John Norman.

**42. To Consider nominations/changes of Councillors to serve on Committees, Panels, Working Groups and Outside Bodies.**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- a) that Councillors Ellesmere, Hughes and T Lockington replace Councillors Jones, Gardiner and Holmes respectively on the Conservation and Design Panel.
- b) that Councillor J Cook replace Councillor Hughes as a substitute on the Planning and Development Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

**Chair**