

BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

At the meeting of Boston Borough Council held at the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR, on Monday, 15th May, 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present:

The Mayor (Councillor Stephen Woodliffe), in the Chair
Councillors Barrie Pierpoint, Alison Austin, Richard Austin, Stephen Ball, Peter Bedford, Michael Brookes, David Brown, Michael Cooper, Anton Dani, Maureen Dennis, James Edwards, Ben Evans, Paul Gleeson, Dr Gordon Gregory, Martin Griggs, Jonathan Noble, Felicity Ransome, Sue Ransome, Brian Rush, Claire Rylott, Judith Skinner, Paul Skinner, Aaron Spencer, Yvonne Stevens and Nigel Welton

Officers –

Chief Executive, Strategic Director - Resources, Corporate Director (Monitoring Officer), Communications Manager, Civic & Member Services Officer and Senior Democratic Services Officer

PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with prayers led by the Reverend Steven Holt.

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Yvonne Stevens, seconded by Councillor David Brown and

RESOLVED that Councillor Bernard (Brian) Rush of Bridge Angle Farm, Holmes Road, Kirton Holme, Boston, be elected Mayor of the Borough of Boston to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

The Mayor Elect thereupon made the declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972, took the Chair, and acknowledged the honour that had been conferred on him.

(The Mayor in the Chair.)

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Alison Austin and

RESOLVED that Councillor Barrie Pierpoint be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Boston to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colin Brotherton, Viven Edge, Elizabeth Ransome and Stephen Raven.

4 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Peter Bedford, seconded by Councillor Paul Gleeson and

RESOLVED that the best thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Stephen Woodliffe for the professional way in which he had discharged his duties as Mayor during the past year, and to Mrs Catherine Woodliffe for supporting the Mayor in her role as Mayoress.

The Mayor presented a Borough Plaque and a Past Mayor's Badge to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Woodliffe, who then addressed the meeting.

5 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Stephen Woodliffe, seconded by Councillor Peter Bedford and

RESOLVED that the best thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Maureen Dennis for the admirable manner in which she had discharged her duties as Deputy Mayor during the past year and to Mrs. Helen Staples for supporting the Deputy Mayor in her role as Deputy Mayoress.

The Retiring Mayor presented a Borough Plaque to Councillor Dennis, who then addressed the meeting.

6 MAYOR'S SCOUT AND MAYORESS' GUIDE

- (1) The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Mr. Dax Blackhorse-Hull, the retiring Mayor's Scout, for the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year, and handed the Sash of Office to the new Mayor's Scout, Mr. Mikey Dore.
- (2) The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Miss Jordan Smith, the retiring Mayor's Guide, for the manner in which she had carried out her duties during the past year, and handed the Sash of Office to the new Mayoress' Guide, Miss Jessica Winrow.

7 COMMUNICATIONS

The Chief Executive reported that there were no communications.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

9 DEMOCRATIC ARRANGEMENTS - APPOINTMENTS 2017/18

The Chief Executive introduced a report recommending that, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure, Council consider the programme of

meetings and appointments for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year as now indicated in revised appendices, which were circulated at the meeting.

(A) PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2017/18

The Chief Executive drew attention to the draft programme of ordinary meetings for 2017/18. A revised version of the programme had been circulated and Members are asked to note that the meeting of the Councillor Development Group scheduled for 24 May had been cancelled and the meeting to be held on 19 July brought forward to 21 June to facilitate the Personal Development Plan process. It was noted that in terms of the Council's Constitution, the Council was required to formally approve the programme of ordinary meetings at its AGM.

It was moved by Councillor Michael Cooper, seconded by Councillor Michael Brookes and

RESOLVED that the programme of ordinary meetings for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A be approved.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND CABINET

The Chief Executive referred to Appendix B of the documents before Members, regarding the appointment of the Leader of the Council until May 2019 and Cabinet for 2017/18.

It was moved by Councillor Paul Skinner, seconded by Councillor Claire Rylott and

RESOLVED that Councillor Michael Cooper be appointed Leader of the Council until May 2019 and the appointment of the Cabinet and allocation of portfolios for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix B, be noted.

(C) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2017/18

The Chief Executive referred to the proposed membership of the Committees for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix C of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Michael Cooper, seconded by Councillor Paul Gleeson and

RESOLVED that the membership of Committees for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix C, be approved.

(D) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES 2017/2018

The Chief Executive referred to the list of proposed appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees, as set out in Appendix D of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Michael Cooper, seconded by Councillor Aaron Spencer and

RESOLVED that the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for 2017/18 be approved as set out in Appendix D of the report; such appointees to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the appointment of their successors.

(E) APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Chief Executive referred to the schedule of appointments to external organisations as set out in Appendix E of the report, highlighting that the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board was oversubscribed and would need to be voted on separately.

It was moved by Councillor Michael Cooper and seconded by Councillor Michael Brookes and

RESOLVED

That the Council's appointments to external organisations be approved as set out in Appendix E, with the exception of the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board, which was oversubscribed;

Members to serve on the external organisations indicated in each case; to hold office whilst they remain Members of the Council, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council; or until the appointment of their successors.

Organisation	Representatives Appointed
Age Concern (Boston and South Holland)	Edge
Bicker Trust	Cooper
Boston Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee (2 seats)	Cooper
Boston Municipal Non-Educational Charities (4 seats)	Brotherton Woodliffe Mr. T. Austin (Lay member)
Boston Preservation Trust	
Centrepont Outreach	S. Ransome
Community Lincs (Formerly Community Council of Lincolnshire) 2 seats	

Council for the Protection of Rural England (Lincs Branch)	P. Skinner
Health Overview and Scrutiny (1 seat and 1 substitute – non Cabinet members)	Gleeson Woodliffe (substitute member)
Heritage Lincolnshire	Rylott
Lincolnshire County Council Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee (non Cabinet members)	R. Austin Brotherton (substitute member)
Nacro Services in Lincolnshire	J. Skinner Woodliffe
Rural Services Network (SPARSE Rural, Rural Services Partnership, RSN Community Group)	Cooper Spencer
Sir Thomas Meddlecott and Others Charity Trust (Skirbeck Quarter Charities) (3 Trustees)	A. Austin Woodliffe Mr R Lenton (Lay member)
South Lincolnshire Blind Society (1 Member and 1 substitute)	S Ransome
St. Leonard's Hospital Trust (2 Trustees)	J. Skinner Raven
Swineshead Poor Charity	Brookes
Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Members Group (1 seat and 1 substitute)	Brotherton A. Austin (substitute member)
Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board	R. Austin Bedford Brotherton Cooper Dennis Rylott P. Skinner
Long Term Appointments	
John Butler Charity	Brookes
Welland and Deepings IDB	Cooper
W H and E Harlock Swineshead Almshouses Charity	Brookes

It was moved by Councillor Michael Cooper and seconded by Councillor Aaron Spencer and

RESOLVED

That Councillors Richard Austin, Peter Bedford, Michael Brookes, Colin Brotherton, Michael Cooper, Claire Rylott and Paul Skinner be appointed as the Council's representatives to serve on the Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board; to hold office whilst they remain Members of the

Council, until the next Annual Meeting of the Council; or until the appointment of their successors.

10 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Dr Gordon Gregory, seconded by Councillor Judith Skinner and

RESOLVED that

- 1. The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 20 March 2017 be received.**
- 2. The Code of Corporate Governance as set out in minute 52 be approved.**

(The meeting ended at 7.43 pm)