NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

13th July 2022

The meeting of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council was held on Wednesday, 13th July 2022 which was recorded and live streamed.

Present

The Mayor (Councillor J. Clarke) The Deputy Mayor (Councillor M. Walsh)

Councillors D. Brown, B. Beetham, C. Cape, T. Cooper, J. Coventry-Moreton, S. Croft, L. Cvetkovic, L. Downs, K. Evans, C. Golby, M. Green, J. Gutteridge, B. Hammersley, S. Harbison, J. Hartshorn, J. Kennaugh, K. Kondakor, G. Moreton, B. Pandher, R. Baxter-Payne, J. Sheppard, E. Shiers, J. Singh, R. Smith, M. Tromans, R. Tromans, C. Watkins, K. Wilson and M. Wright

Apologies were received for Councillors N. Phillips and T. Sheppard

CL11 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 18th May 2022, were confirmed, and signed by the Mayor.

CL12 **Declarations of Interests**

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interests for this meeting are as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes. In addition, the following was declared:

Councillor C. Golby declared that her job role had recently changed but was still employed by the same company.

Councillor K. Evans declared that he had received a payment of £155 in consultancy fees from the Local Government Association (LGA) in addition to a ticket to the LGA conference and three nights of accommodation for the conference

CL13 Announcements

The Mayor made the following announcements:

 Honorary Freeman Om Gurung has organised a charity event to be held on 24th July in aid of the Air Ambulance at Chilvers Coton Liberal Club at 6.30pm. The Leader of the Council announced that the following Cabinet Support Members were as follows:

- Councillor K. Evans for Public Services
- Councillor R. Baxter-Payne for Planning and Regulation
- Councillor J. Hartshorn for Health and Environment

Councillor R. Smith announced that local charity Volunteer Friends (based in Bulkington) has received a Queens Award for Voluntary Service equivalent to an MBE. Councillor Smith wished to place on record the Council's congratulations and support for this amazing achievement providing vital services to people in need across our communities.

CL14 Public Participation

<u>Question 1</u> - Mr Sam Margrave asked the following question to the Leader of the Council

After successfully changing Roanne Ringway to Jubilee way in Nuneaton; Can the Leader of the Council please update the public on progress about plans in Bedworth to change part of Rye Piece Ringway where the Saluting Dais is located to Frank Parsons Parade or to give Sgt Simon Valentine a street names after him, and let us know if this will be completed in time for Armistice Day 2022?

The Leader of the Council, Councillor K. Wilson, responded as follows:

I have always been clear that if anything in the Borough is to be named or renamed after a person, then the consent of the family – especially if they have unfortunately passed – is paramount before we consider proceeding. At the last meeting of the Civic Honours Sub-Committee, we resolved that the families or representatives of both Frank Parsons and Sgt Valentine should be contacted to see firstly, whether they support the idea and, secondly, if they have any ideas about what should be renamed.

Now we have the Jubilee celebrations out of the way, officers will be liaising with their families, and we will proceed according to their wishes.

<u>Question 2</u> - Mr Brian Walmsley asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities

This council have purchased property or properties at 196-198 Church Road Nuneaton for what may appear to be twice the market value. It may also currently be running at 150% of the original planned conversion costs (a current overspend of approx £150,000.00 over budget) to convert into a home of multiple occupancy. Can the council please send me a copy of the original business plan for purchase and conversion, to include current anticipated overspend and include the current Estimate At Completion cost?

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:

The answer is no, I will not be sending anything out to Mr Walmsley. We have got commercial elements that we need to maintain as confidential and that is what I will be doing. I would also query that these statements that are made in here are not actually factually correct, so if you are asking for a business case how can you possibly be putting all these numbers in here if you have not got the business case. It is two properties, for a start, we are looking at creating 14 individual properties out of the two properties that we have contain, that we have purchased, and it is not a House Multiple Occupation (HMO). An HMO is rooms and shared facilities. It is not that it is individual units with individual facilities to better service the needs of our homeless families, because you do not want kids being brought up in an HMO. Unfortunately, we have families who have children who are homeless, so this is a better way of servicing their needs. But overall, no, the answer to the question is no I will not be sending out a business case.

<u>Question 3</u> - Mr Alan Baxter asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment:

My question relates to the main Parks in Stockingford:

In February 2021 Nuneaton News published a news article covering the Borough Councils announcement that Whittleford Park was going to be transformed into a "destination park" as part of the Boroughs leisure funding programme.

The article stated that a Public Consultation was planned and that Section 106 funding was available from housing development schemes in the parks Wards (Galley Common, Barpool, Kingswood and Camp Hill).

To date none of this has been delivered.

Could the Council tell us when to expect the Public Consultation and where the Section 106 money is for Whittleford Park?

With Stockingford Recreation Ground there was a "master plan" in place. The recent installation of play equipment does not conform to what was published in the master plan - the equipment is not in the position indicated by the plan. Could the Council confirm whether this master plan is still in effect or whether it has been put into the rubbish bin and cancelled?

Councillor J. Gutteridge, Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment, responded as follows:

I thank Mr. Baxter for the question.

The Council are currently working on a draft concept plan with our consultants for Whittleford Park which we hope to be able to consult with the public on later in the year. This will then inform future developments within the site as funding opportunities as funding opportunities become available. Section 106 funding is being currently sought from local developers where applicable. Although it must be noted that such sums are specifically for addressing the further demand on existing sites, as a result of that additional development and that triggers the receipt of such sums is determined by the pace at which these developments are constructed. As certain other funding opportunities have become available, i.e. BPAH, LUF, Towns fund etc. with finite resources we are focused on taking up and securing these immediate funding opportunities for the benefit of our borough residents and developing the necessity detail of those. Whilst there has led to a pause in progressing the Whittleford Park, it has always been our intention to pick this up again once the details have been prepared. The master plan you referred to was originally drafted in 2008, 14 years ago, and was never formally adopted by the Council at that time. As you are aware we are currently developing a new green space strategy alongside a new revised play, allotment, and tree strategies. As I have previously stated we are going to underpin that in the terms of developing concept plans, initially for destination facilities; Riversley Park and the Transforming Nuneaton Project and the Miners Welfare, are now published and we are currently working with the consultants on the draft plan for Whittleford Park and then rolling out that to community parks for such that as Buttermere Park as example.

<u>Question 4</u> - Miss Katrina Slomczynski asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder of Health and Environment:

My question relates to the Clay Pool in Whittleford Park and the recent Algae Bloom there caused by the hot weather.

The local fishermen on the Whittleford Pool have noticed that the pool has a blue/green algae bloom developing.

The bloom may be toxic to the pool wildlife and may also cause heath issues in humans.

My question is what is going to be done to help prevent the algae bloom and to protect the pools wildlife?

The fish are likely to die due to low Oxygen levels in the water; just like what happened at Stubbs Pool in Camp Hill in the past.

Also, what is going to be done during the hot weather as more and more people are open water swimming in the Boroughs open water spaces like the Clay Pool and Ensors Pool; which has resulted in deaths in the past.

Councillor J. Gutteridge, Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment, responded as follows:

I thank the lady for the question.

Algae blooms are a natural occurrence featured particularly during periods of weather such as we are currently experiencing. In such cases and necessary we will inform the environment agency. And in addition to our existing signage concerning water bodies, provide further temporary signage warning members how to report, of the public to keep themselves and their pets out of the water. More details of how to support findings can be found at the link below consult-environment-agency.gov.uk

In respects of the oxygen levels in water bodies, as we have previously indicated where necessary we will be making arrangements to reduce fish stocks where overstocking has occurred when appropriate to do so. In respect of the open water swimming our advice remains as we outlined in our recent press release: stay safe, avoid open water swimming, don't swim in open water. Nuneaton and Bedworth Council alongside the partner Warwickshire Police are advising people against swimming in open body waters, and we also notified the schools. Lakes, pools, rivers, canals and quarries are all an example of bodies of open water which can carry many dangers for swimmers which can be fatal. The risk is especially high if you are swimming alone and have no one there to assist you, to get into difficulties. There is also a risk to others who can lose their lives if attempted to rescue.

Mr Mayor: Can you confirm that that information is also on our website and the link that you talked about please?

Councillor J. Gutteridge: Yes Mr Mayor. Also, we have just released a press release again in the last couple of hours about open water swimming and the hot weather.

<u>Question 5</u> - Mr John Ison asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder of Health and Environment:

Can I ask why the council have got The Nook on a 110 year lease and they have had it for 20 years now why haven't they walked the stream and check for overhanging trees and branches, also the inlet into The nook is overgrown with reeds and has caused a blockage and with the sheer volume of water what comes down the water is over flowing the bank and flooding a grass area and it has found a new way in but it is a very narrow entrance? These need sorting urgently my ward councillor is aware of this And when are we meeting with the management plan for the site

Councillor J. Gutteridge, Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment, responded as follows:

I thank Mr Ison for his question.

The terms of the lease in respect of the Nook is a matter of public record which reflects the arrangements negotiated between the Council and the landowner at the time it was entered into. The site, which is a local wildlife site, within Environment Agency floodplain zones two and three as such would expect during times of inclement weather to see the water on the surrounding surfaces, which reflects its primary function as a nature reserve. The Council has recently developed as revised management plan with our ecology colleagues at Warwickshire County Council alongside this with the new action plan a memorandum of understanding for working with local voluntary groups. And we will be working will all members of the Friends of the Nook to deliver this plan. We have asked twice for the Friends of the Nook to come into the Council House and sit down with officers to discuss the memorandum of understanding and the management plan. We have had no responses. I will instruct officers when they return from vacation to opt to send the Friends of the Nook a third offer of a visit which I am prepared to Chair myself in the Council Chamber with the officers, but we will only meet in the Council Chamber or the Council meeting rooms because we have all the documents here that we might need to talk about. Also, I would like to invite the ward colleagues to come and all the Friends of the Nook so that we can sit around the table and let's sort this plan out once and for all and know where we're going.

CL15 Member Questions

<u>Question 1</u> - Councillor Mandy Tromans asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment:

I am sure we all recognise that access to suitable outside space and play areas is essential for the wellbeing of young people across the Borough. This is certainly a priority for residents, brought very much into focus postpandemic and I understand that the portfolio holder shares this view. Can the portfolio holder please update us on actions being taken to address this and what residents might expect to see, particularly in my own ward – Galley Common, where, despite significant increase in housing numbers and families moving into the area, they currently have very little?

Councillor J. Gutteridge, Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment, responded as follows:

We wholeheartedly agree that access to suitable public open space and play provision is essential for the health and wellbeing of children of all ages and indeed adults across the borough. With this in mind, we are in the process of putting together a new Green Space and Play strategy for the borough, the last one ran out in 2016. This will include an audit of play spaces in terms of quality, accessibility and play value, resulting in a plan to tackle any underperforming play spaces across the borough on a priority basis. Work on the strategy should be completed in 2023.

Centrally the plan will be the utilisation of 106 sums from developments in each area when received. Galley Common has 9 equipped play areas in the ward with 7 of the 9 having been updated in the past 12 years and only 2 of them over 15 years old. For information, the typical lifespan of a play area is

15 plus years. I must deviate now and say Buttermere Park is over 30 years old.

A number of housing developments in the Galley Common ward are providing equipment spaces within their developments, for residents to use. Above that we have negotiated on site-by-site basis, additional funds to improve nearby play areas. The sums will be used within the strategy and refurbished play accordingly.

<u>Question 2</u> - Councillor Damon Brown asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

The new mountain bike track in the Miner's Welfare Park, Bedworth is a huge asset to the park, the town and the Borough. It provides a much needed, high-quality facility to allow kids of all ages to benefit from healthy exercise, which is one of the key aims of the Council. Can the Portfolio Holder provide an update about the success of the track, including details of the numbers of people using it.

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Thanks for your question, Councillor Brown. The Mountain Bike Trails within Bedworth Miners' Welfare Park have now been open for five months. The usage over these initial months have been significant with just under 26,000 rides tracked on the trails between February and May. With the summer holidays approaching we envisage the usage to increase and spike significantly. The breakdown of riders per month are as follows:

Feb 2022 - 7421 Mar 2022 - 6040 Apr 2022 - 7010 May 2022 - 5450

Everyone Active are doing work within the community to support and encourage cycling uptake within the Borough.

Councillor D. Brown asked the following supplementary question:

Based on what we have just heard then Councillor, will you agree with me that the success of the bike track is in mark contrast to the climbing wall that was championed by the previous administration of this Council and actually represents much better value to the Council taxpayer?

Councillor S. Markham responded as follows:

Absolutely, I agree the mountain bike trail came in just below budget and is clearly regularly used by the public, so a good use of the funding, unlike the climbing wall which is overbudget and rarely used.

<u>Question 3</u> - Councillor Bhagwant Pandher asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

Can the Portfolio holder for Public Services inform me if the Council has data on the number of people who visited the recent Sanctuary Event and has the Council considered the great economic benefit this event brought to the Town.

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

Thanks for your question, Councillor Pandher.

On the recent Sanctuary event held in Bedworth Miners' Welfare Park I can indeed inform the member that we had around 17,000 people visit the event over the delivery week, and 9,560 people registered tickets for the actual burn itself. We are working with the event organisers Imagineer and Artichoke to have an end of project report to update the Council on a range of outcomes that were achieved. This will include the economic value brought to the town and wider impact this had for the Borough. And as I am sure members will have already seen Bedworth was reported in local, regional and national media regarding the Sanctuary event, and there was a personal visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury. I would like to thank all those involved in helping to organise this event in Bedworth and we look forward to working with partners in the future for other opportunities.

<u>Question 4</u> - Councillor B. Hammersley asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Public Services:

Could I ask the Portfolio Holder to bring us up to date with the BPAH (Bedworth Physical Activity Hub) and have the plans now been passed and what the expected date for the construction to commence please?

Councillor S. Markham, Portfolio Holder for Public Services, responded as follows:

I thank Councillor Hammersley for raising the question concerning the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub and can confirm that plans are indeed in place. The Council's Project Management team, provided a comprehensive update report to Cabinet on 22nd June, confirming that the "hubs" Planning Application has now been approved and that RIBA Stages 4a is complete and the team are well under way with RIBA Stage 4b.

The overall facility mix and design plans for the facility are approved and have been signed off by Sport England, who have been working with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council since its submission of its Strategic Outcome Planning Guidance. This took into consideration at that time Borough wide Public Consultation, leisure facility data and was part of our submission for financial support to Sport England, providing evidence of the need for increasing leisure facility provision at the Bedworth site. Following a comprehensive procurement exercise BAM have been appointed as the construction company and they are now working hard with the project management team to review designs and plans and consider their costs and will be submitting this to the team over coming months for the project management team to consider.

As I am sure we all appreciate there are significant increases in construction costs and inflation that will have an impact on the overall costs and something that we will have to work to our agreed budget. The successful applications for the Levelling Up Fund and Sport England's capital investment will go a long way in supporting the overall project delivery.

At this time our draft project timeline will be to be on site in the Miners' Welfare Park site in October or November of this year. Just so people do not get too excited we're actually commencing some site investigations later on this month, so if you see activity we haven't started yet, we're not starting until October/November.

<u>Question 5</u> – Councillor Joy Coventry-Moreton submitted the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

I know from meetings with local Police, data and feedback from the local community that there is a definite rise in anti-social behaviour and intimidation in Bedworth town centre and surrounding area.

I could quote examples, but I won't tonight.

Anti-social behaviour and intimidation is taking place by groups of local youths, some riding bikes and some often wearing full face coverings. There have been a number of serious ugly assaults on adults and young people in both Bedworth and Nuneaton.

I have witnessed myself some of this behaviour just walking through the town and park.

My question is, are we sure NBBC are contributing as much as they can to the reduction of crime and disorder in our towns by use of CCTV and its monitoring.

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities responded as follows:

Firstly, I would just like to point out that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council are not the police and we have got no powers to replace the police in any way shape or form, and any assaults or incidents like the ones that have been described should be reported to the police, not the Council. We do work alongside the police and yes, I am confident that under this leadership we are doing everything we can with the resources and tools we have got available to try and clamp down on crime and disorder in our towns. I will actually be giving a more rounded answer later on as I've got several questions that are all along broadly the same theme, so I will fill out this speech should we say in the process of doing that.

However, I am interested in the fact that the police are talking in this manner as I have quite open dialogue with my police officer counterparts and colleagues, and I will actually be taking these comments up with them directly as I have done with so many other things recently.

<u>Question 6</u> – Councillor Graham Moreton asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities:

Building on Cllr Coventry's question I am also keen to ensure we maximise our opportunities to reduce antisocial behaviour. What uses are we putting Public Space Prevention Orders to in the Borough and have we had any successes?

What is the scope to use these powers to assist the police in dealing with the issues Cllr Coventry described in the Town Centres. Could the creative use of these powers also be used in other problem areas, for example with nuisance and illegal use of motorcycles in my ward?

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:

Currently we've got Public Space Protection Orders which are intended to deal with particular nuisances or problem in particular areas, that we recognise as being detrimental to the local community and their quality of life.

These impose conditions on the use of that area, which apply to everybody and ensure that the law-abiding majority of our residents actually get to enjoy quality time in the public spaces, without fear or favour. One of these issues that we have got is anti-social behaviour, don't deny it, but what I would also say is a PSPO doesn't actually abdicate anybody from their parenting responsibilities. And where do parents think their children are? Because you have already said these are youths, so where are the parents? What are the parents doing? If I'd have been brought home by the police at any point in my adolescence, I would have really known about it, I was more worried about my mum than I was about the police, and I think possibly we might need to get back to some of those values.

We do have PSPOs in place that help address issues from the consumption of alcohol, psychoactive substances and begging that leads to ASB. The begging one has been very effective in the town centres, there is no doubt about that, you can see that with your own eyes when you walk through the town centre. As far as motorbikes are concerned, what we have to do is balance how enforceable these PSPOs are, and again we are not the police, we are the Council. So, we wouldn't really realistically be able to enforce any sort of PSPO against illegal use of motorbikes. So, what I would suggest again, is if there is anybody that is witnessing illegal use of anything, including motorbikes, ring 101, ring 999 if there's a danger to life, or log it on the Warwickshire police website. Because that is what the police are there to do. We as a Council are not here to police the town, the police are here to police the town, and we are here to facilitate that as best as we can, which I believe we are doing with the PSPOs we have got.

<u>Question 7</u> – Councillor Martin Walsh submitted the following question to the Leader of the Council:

I would like to ask the Leader of this Council, Cllr Wilson a straightforward question. Can he please confirm that the controversial pieces of artwork in Bedworth and Nuneaton were NOT commissioned by or paid for by NBBC, so as to quash all the false comments on social media and the gossip mungers.

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

I would like to thank Councillor Walsh for the opportunity to correct the record. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council neither commissioned nor paid for the installations.

<u>Question 8</u> – Councillor Brett Beetham asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities

Although it is within the remit of the police can the portfolio holder for Housing and Communities, please inform us of what actions the Council has taken with regards to the incidents of serious crime from late June and early July, as I have had many residents contact me highlighting their fear of crime.

Councillor C. Golby, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, responded as follows:

The recent spate of serious and violent crime in Nuneaton is totally out of the ordinary. Again, I've said it to a lot of people that I've spoken to about this, it is not usual behaviour to have all of those serious crimes in such a short space of time. For quite a lot of places, not just Nuneaton and Bedworth, but quite a lot of places, you expect to see that in a big city but not in a town like ours. Kids having machete fights outside of Asda at 5pm on a Friday afternoon is not normal behaviour. And again, "kids" – what are the parents doing? Where are the parents?

So, working with NABSCOP, which is Nuneaton and Bedworth Safer Communities Partnership, working with our partners through that we are addressing the issues that we find. I am the Chair of NABSCOP and you can be sure that nobody leaves that meeting without getting a piece of my mind on what is going on in our town, and our borough and our wider Warwickshire, particularly in the north, I think they all feed into each other. So, I am very clear on my expectations of outcomes when we go into these meetings and people should be very clear on what they are when we leave them.

On a personal note I've spent a significant amount of time in contact with my counterparts in Warwickshire police, most notably Dave Williams. I was up at the Justice Centre for several hours last week with him, just talking through everything that is going on, what's coming out of intelligence that they have, what intelligence we can put in. I was talking to the SNT teams, both Marcus Jones MP and I have been very very vocal with our police contacts, and we have, both Marcus and I have got a meeting with the Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police in I think it is two weeks, not next week, the week after, where we are going to be again expressing our views. Now the conversations we have been having from our side of things, also linking in with stuff that has been going on internally within the police themselves, has led to Operation Panoor which is currently going on, which is Operation Panoor is targeting those areas and communities which are being most impacted. And this also includes a significant increase in police presence within the Borough as well. Nuneaton and Bedworth will be supporting the engagement activity on the ground in key target locations. I am not going to say which locations they are because you don't want to give them the heads up.

We will be using the nomad cameras and the mobile CCTV units. And I want to ensure communities feel safe, because that is part of the thing that we are looking at. We've got the PSPOs that I've already mentioned to address ASB and I've also called in the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for a meeting with myself and the leader to find out better ways that they can be included in this whole process.

Outside of all of that stuff going on we are working with schools, we're ensuring strong engagement with community contacts and other third party organisations in key areas and through the Housing and Communities team we've got communities engagement work being planned throughout the summer where we'll be ensuring community safety and cost of living information is freely available for anybody to come and have a discussion about it that will be our priority. We have got a programme of works which has been undertaken surrounding the escalation of ASB and violence in the Borough, this has included in the last few months working with secondary schools, community organisations, programmes to engage and advise young people. There is continuing targeted programmes in Nuneaton and Bedworth in a wider context. After discussions with local residents' places of significant trouble or to identify places of significant trouble. We did some work in May 2022 which was to upgrade the cameras in Pillbank rec and in April just before that we installed barriers in the Pool Bank rec car park so it can be locked up in the evening, because that is identified as a place of significant interest of criminal activity, it has been for quite some time but woefully nothing was really done about it, so I'm doing something about it.

Last week every Councillor will have had an email explaining the completed restructure of the Housing teams with a greater focus on tenancy and

neighbourhood management, which includes specifically dealing with antisocial behaviour. As part of this new approach, we have also got the community pay back team doing work around the Borough, which is something that I particularly wanted to do. I am very serious when I say that I want people who take out of our community to put something back in, and that is one of the ways that we are looking at doing that. And I am also very serious when I say we are taking a zero tolerance to ASB within our housing stock, because I understand that it contributes to wider issues in the Borough, not necessarily in our housing stock, however it does contribute. I have said it repeatedly and I have said it in the papers the other day, there is an expectation of minimum standards of behaviour for our tenants, if it's not the case we will take action, and on this note, one of the individuals involved with some of the recent activity recent ASBs was identified as a Council tenant and as a result we have started eviction proceedings. Again, you are not owed anything by this Council, and if you do not stick to the rules like everybody else there will be consequences.

I would like to reassure residents of our Borough, as I said on the BBC Midlands news last week, that we cannot do this without their involvement. We need help to crack down on these people. People out there, our residents, know who these people are, they know what they are doing, they know where they are, they need to tell us. And it can all be done in complete confidence, and I would put a call out to people that just let us know, we can deal with it confidentially, we can deal with it between our partners, and we can actually try and stop what's going on, so that's my plea to our local residents.

<u>Question 9</u> – Councillor K. Kondakor asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation

As expected, that the population projection for Coventry used to justify the crazy sub-regional housing targets was out by some 38,500 people at the date of last year's 2021 census. We now have a temporary new housing minister, Mr Jones, who is also one of our local MPs. Is the cabinet member willing to write to the new minister asking for the 4,000-housing overflow from Coventry to be temporarily removed from our housing targets while we revise our local plan?

Councillor R. Smith, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulation, responded as follows:

I thank Councillor Kondakor for his question. And I was personally extremely pleased to see census figures supported the view of this administration, that Coventry's population numbers were over-inflated by almost forty thousand, which in turn created an inflated sub-regional housing requirement. This news totally supports this administration's action to immediately withdraw from the devastating memorandum of understanding of taking control of this Council last May. That agreement, signed by the previous Labour administration, added 4000 Coventry overflow houses to their third-rate Borough Plan, which we are now reviewing at pace. The power to grant a moratorium on large-scale housing developments rests with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, and this administration has written to the two previous Secretaries of State to request a moratorium on large-scale development whilst we review this Borough Plan. The results of which will map out our housing requirements up to 2039, and this new Borough Plan will not include any precious green belt or 4000 overflow houses from Coventry.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Right Honourable Marcus Jones MP on his recent promotion to Minister of State for Levelling Up Housing and Communities. And I look forward to meeting him in the future to discuss local issues as part of my portfolio. However, his new position does not give him the power to grant moratoriums on development, that power rests with the Secretary of State, and in any case the fact that Mr Jones lives in the Borough would negate him from making any such decision anyway. As I've previously stated we've already written to the last two Secretaries of State with no success, regardless of the full support of all three of our MPs. Given the temporary position of the current Secretary of State pending a new leadership in government, it is unlikely that we will get any response from another letter at this time. I will however keep an eye open mind and reassess the situation as necessary and in the meantime carry on with the Borough Plan review at pace, which if we continue to stick to our ambitious timetable is now just six or seven months away from possible submission to the Inspectorate.

Councillor K. Kondakor asked a supplementary question as follows:

Thank you for your long answer, but I think circumstances have changed compared to when the last two letter was written, so I will ask you do consider writing a letter because at least it outs it in the in-tray of the permanent ministers when we have a new PM, whoever that may be.

Councillor R. Smith did not wish to respond.

<u>Question 10</u> – Councillor Emma Shiers asked the following question to the Leader of the Council

All the years of conservative government cuts to services have harmed families and youth services in Nuneaton & Bedworth and has directly resulted in the current increases in Anti-Social Behaviour. Combined with this, there is a lack of parks which are accessible to families with children who have additional need's, which is prevalent in the most deprived areas of our borough (where ASB is at its highest). As such I would like the leader of the council to explain just what is this Council's young person's strategy (which should also include accessibility)?

Councillor K. Wilson, Leader of the Council, responded as follows:

We have unfortunately seen a spike in anti-social behaviour in our Borough over the past few weeks, Councillor Golby has already given a full and extensive reply to the activities that we have been undertaking and her in particular.

However, Councillor Shiers has made the wrong diagnosis to the problem. Let me be absolutely clear that the only people to blame for the current behaviour are those who are committing the crimes themselves.

Responsibility for the criminal activity for these youngsters lies firmly and squarely at home. Parents ultimately have responsibility for their children, no one else. We need to move away from this culture that the fault lies with an institution. It is the job of parents to parent, I know it's a revolutionary concept Mr Mayor. The great shame of all this is that the great majority of our youngsters are actually honest, law abiding and decent people who do not deserve to be tarred with the same brush as the minority who perpetrate these crimes.

Councillor Shiers is also incorrect about our parks. We have almost 60 areas of play and open spaces across our Borough. Labour was in charge for 45 out of 47 years. If she wants to look at where the blame lies for the accessibility of our parks and the strategies of this Council, then she should look around her side of the Chamber as depleted as it is, because the failure lies with her colleagues on the Labour benches. And it is this Conservative administration that is fixing the problems that we inherited from Labour. The Play and Open Space Strategy which should set out our plan for our parks and their accessibility expired in 2016, that was six years ago, under the last Labour administration of which two of the three Councillors there tonight were Cabinet members of. When we took control, we discovered that Labour failed to put any proper strategic thinking in place, and we have immediately begun work on fixing their failures. A new Play and Open Space Strategy has been commissioned and work is underway being ably led by Councillor Gutteridge and his team.

Finally, Mr Mayor, I am pleased to report that as part of the refurbishment of Buttermere park accessibility is at the forefront of the designs and it will incorporate fully accessibly features so that all of our community can enjoy the new park. And I would highlight Mr Mayor that the reason Buttermere park is being done is because St Nicolas and Weddington was foisted with almost 6000 new houses and so they deserve some reward for all the pain they have endured over all these years thanks to the last Labour administration. And as we refurbish more parks across our Borough accessibility will be incorporated where we can. Yet again, we are faced with a record of failure under Labour, it is us as a new Conservative administration that is building a record of action and dealing with the real issues that face out Borough today.

Councillor Shiers asked a supplementary question as follows:

There's a couple of things, really the end of my question was 'what is the Council's young person strategy?' so that would be great to know of what that is and not just concentrating on parks, that was kind of part of it but the end part of that was 'what is the Council's young person strategy which should include accessibility?' and young person strategy you don't need any further information on that. And with regard when talking about anti-social behaviour, when it comes to cuts in public services, and links have been proven by organisations such as the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Professor Marmot, that there is a clear link between reduced access to the services and anti-social behaviour, whether that's in deprived areas or other areas or in other areas, and I'm more than happy to get Professor Marmot's Healthy Lives Healthy Societies to you. But if you could answer, what is the Council's young person strategy?

Councillor K. Wilson responded as follows:

Well her question did focus more on parks than anything else so I addressed the parks question. In regard to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation I think all of us know it is a rather left-leaning organisation and has its own political bent, so I won't be taking any lessons from them. But in terms of a youth strategy Councillor Golby mentioned a number of activities that is already ongoing and underway with the young people of our Borough. We have fantastic museums, fantastic play and open spaces that people can use, indeed if you look at the Miners' Welfare Park it is a beacon in the whole of Warwickshire if not the wider West Midlands, in terms of what we actually have for young people and the wider community, which we saw fantastically over the Platinum Jubilee celebrations Mr Mayor, which we were out night and day it felt like, when it came to that.

But ultimately, I think Councillor Shiers is directing her question at the wrong area if she should be aware that the Borough Council does not have responsibility for children and youth services, it is responsibility of the County Council, so she could direct her question to them, but actually I think we do an awful lot for children in our area. And also we should not forget the tremendous work which is done by the third sector as well which actually supports people and young adults in our community, they are actually the people who can get more deeper rooted into the community and do more work with them than a Council ever could and that is not to say that our Council is useless, far from it, but we have different strengths which mean that we can get into different areas of different communities, and people that are from those communities are far better at keeping their children under control and looked after. But ultimately Mr Mayor I do not resign from a single word I said, ultimately it is parents who should be controlling their children, no one else is responsible for them, they should be making sure they behave. When I was 12, I knew the difference between right and wrong, I'm sure that they can too.

<u>Question 11</u> – Councillor Mike Wright asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate

The deadline for signing off the audited 2020/21 council accounts was extended to September 2021. Whilst few councils actually met this deadline, it is nevertheless concerning that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council seems still not to have done so nearly a year later. Can the cabinet member give us the latest guess as to when those accounts will be signed off, and how late the 2021/22 accounts are likely to be?

Councillor S. Croft, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate, responded as follows:

I'd like to thank Councillor Wright for his question.

He is quite right to point out that the FY20-21 accounts have been delayed, and because it is his first question and for the benefit of members, I shall give him some context as to why we are where we are.

This has been the toughest period for local government in living memory with the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic affecting service delivery across all areas of the country. As he quite rightly concedes in his question, we are not alone in delays to audits and accounts. That is the broad picture. Specifically, at NBBC we have faced our own pressures related to staffing and systems, having replaced our Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer over the last 12 months, and lost key members of the Finance team this year. This not has not only caused staff shortages Mr Mayor in that area, in an area that was already overstretched, but the loss of institutional memory after a very long time in post has been hugely disruptive.

Now we know that this council has had recruitment and retention problems for some time, in my first meeting as Portfolio holder I was informed that we had just filled a vacancy we had had open for 5 years.

Now this fact, combined with the current tightness of the labour market, especially in qualified posts in local government, has meant that recruiting to the vacancies has been a protracted and a difficult process. That's the staffing side, and I do just want to say parenthetically given where the question has come from that Councillor Wright may wish to talk to his party colleague about creating a welcoming environment for staff and staff overstretch given that the Council are concerned has been publicly censured in this Chamber for workplace related complaints, and just a few weeks ago Mr Mayor, he decided to call in every item on the planning weekly list in a deliberate attempt to waste officer time and gum up the whole process. So, we can hardly have complaints from that quarter about delays in processes.

Now, more disturbingly Mr Mayor, as we have reviewed our Finance systems and processes this year, we have discovered significant flaws in systems and archiving policies going back many years, which has contributed to the delays. Every year the auditor's report warned that too much weight was placed on singular officers who held key knowledge which was not sufficiently shared. Previous management administrations did not heed these warnings. Our current situation proves they should have. And this is the record of failure that Councillor Wilson spoke of a moment ago, under the previous administration. All of this goes to show the urgent need for the Transformation programme we are going to introduce in this Council. If we do not change, we are done for.

We know we need to change our policies and processes to be more efficient and more competitive as an employer. We know that we can never again have single points of failure in our teams across this council.

Our motto must be, as I have said, "Reform with no sacred areas". We will bring forward analysis and reform proposals relating to these problems of efficiency, cost, recruitment, and productivity as soon as possible.

In the immediate term, we have also agreed the recruitment of interim resource for the Finance Department, we have our new Finance Director, we have just hired an interim Head of Finance to start very shortly, and we have approved the cost for the recruitment of interim business partners which will ease the pressure.

So, to return to the question directly, I can assure Councillor Wright that a road map is now in place for the FY2020-21 audit to be concluded and the final accounts to be presented to the Audit and Standards committee in September of this year, with the final FY2021-22 accounts to be sent to committee and approved by the end of this year.

So, finally, I do want to pay tribute to the Finance team for working exceptionally hard under exceptionally tough circumstances, particularly to our new Section 151 officer has risen to the challenge magnificently in these past two months. It has been something of a slog, but she is well qualified for the task, and we will continue to rely on her and the team as we govern this Borough in very difficult times. So that answers the Councillor's questions, he has got to cut his teeth somewhere and the annual accounts might as well be where he starts, but we will take no lectures from that particular party in terms of good governance and the way to treat staff.

<u>Question 12</u> – Councillor Kyle Evans asked the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment:

To ask the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment if he can a) outline the Council's responsibilities with respect to the maintenance of reeds within Local Wildlife Sites; b) has the Parks Department conducted reed removal works within the last twelve months and c) does the Parks Department have plans to carry out reed removal works within the next twelve months?

Councillor J. Gutteridge, Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment, responded as follows:

Thank you, Councillor Evans for the question. The Council seeks to manage waterbodies on sites in its ownership in accordance with both our Water Safety Policy (currently under review,) and the emerging PSPO for water bodies, being developed by colleagues in Community Safety.

There is no current council policy or specific statutory requirement (to the best of my knowledge) for us to manage reeds on our water bodies. However, from an ecology perspective it is in some circumstances desirable to manage reeds. Reeds manage is most commonly desired in small water bodies, in the form of reed removal and via succession management (removal of trees and bushes) in the reed beds of both smaller and larger lakes. Small ponds can dry out when reed growth spreads across the entire water body, followed by tree/bushes and other vegetative growth. Large lakes can lose some of the reed bed expanse as the ground dries out via tree/ bush/grass growth.

Our volunteer groups rotationally maintain the following water bodies in our wildlife sites: Black Bank Windmill Hill Thornhill Pond Bedworth Sloughs Barnacle Lane The Black Track, Galley Common

It is not always safe, desirable, or financially viable to do this on all ponds/waterbodies. Larger and silt deep ponds/lakes are often unsafe for voluntary management.

All ponds and waterbodies are on contract for litter picking (around the edges and water's edge) and grill and blockage removal, this is scheduled to take place 4 times a year. Last year our volunteers managed the reeds on the following ponds Windmill Hill Thornhill Pond Barnacle Lane pond

This year we are due to maintain – to a smaller degree as part of wider work Thornhill Pond Barnacle Land Pond

Next year we will likely go to Black Bank and Bedworth Sloughs (not to remove reeds here, but to manage willow succession within the reed beds – it is not safe to go in the water on this lake due to silt).

Councillor K. Evans asked a supplementary question

I thank the Cabinet member for his response, and I think the Council would absolutely agree that this chap has managed to solve Labour's grass cutting crisis. And I do think that the issue on the horizon for the Parks department is the lack of reed removal works, due to a lack of historic maintenance, that is no fault of his or this administration's. Now, when I was a child, you could see from one end of the Slough to the other, and you can't now because of the lack of maintenance. So, will the Cabinet member consider conducting a feasibility study on completing reed removal works at the Sidings Pool in Bedworth Heath to prevent flooding, and will he meet with me to see the issue directly?

Councillor J. Gutteridge responded as follows:

Thank you, Councillor Evans. I would begin my reply by referring Councillor Evans to my reply to the previous question in terms of conducting a feasibility study. In principle yes, and we could subject to existing work programmes and the availability of resources.

CL16 Special Urgency Decisions None

CL17 Cabinet

The Leader of the Council submitted his report on behalf of Cabinet. The report highlighted matters considered at the Cabinet meetings held on 25th May and 22nd June and details of reports from the West Midlands Combined Authority Board, which has a direct impact on NBBC.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CL18 NABCEL Shareholder Committee

Following the Annual Council meeting in May 2022, where the committee membership was agreed, it was then necessary to remove Councillor C. Watkins from the committee due to him being a member of the NABCEL Board and replace with Councillor J. Sheppard.

RESOLVED that Councillor C. Watkins be removed, and Councillor J. Sheppard be added to the NABCEL Shareholder Committee

CL19 Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees

i) Member Call-in Procedure

At the Planning Applications Committee held on the 24th May 2022 a report was submitted to amend the Member Call-in Procedure. The recommendation was then put forward for Council approval. Councillor R. Smith proposed the recommendation to approve the revised Member Callin Procedure at Appendix A of the report. This was seconded by Councillor L. Cvetkovic. Councillor K. Kondakor moved the following amendment:

'that two councillors can call in major planning applications rather than three'

This was seconded by Councillor M. Wright

A vote was taken on the amendment

The amendment was lost.

A vote was then taken on the substantive recommendation.

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the revised Member Call in procedure as at Appendix A of the report be approved

ii) Arbury Design Code

At Cabinets meeting held on 25th May 2022, it was recommended to Council that the Arbury Design Code be adopted. Councillor R. Smith proposed the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor C. Golby.

RESOLVED that the Arbury Design Code be adopted.

Mayor

Council - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2022/2023

Name Counci		Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
General dispensati granted to members s.33 of the Localism A 2011	all under e			 Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: Housing matters Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 An allowance, payment given to members An indemnity given to members Any ceremonial honour given to members Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Planning and Licensing matters Anlotments Local Enterprise Partnership
R. Baxter- Payne		Manager Brinklow Quarry Ltd, Brinklow; County Councillor - WCC	Spouse: Self-employed childminder	·
B. Beetha	m	Employed at The George Eliot Hospital; Warwickshire County Council – Camp Hill	 Member of the following Outside Bodies: Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
D. Brown		Employed by H.M Land Registry	 Regional Coordinator, Ragdoll Rescue Charity. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Exhall Education Foundation; Warwickshire Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee; NBBC Biodiversity Champion 	
C. Cape		Director of Capability Coaching and Consultancy Ltd.		
J. Clarke		Employed by Marcus Jones MP	County Councillor W.C.C. Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman	
T. Cooper		None	Member on the following Outside Bodies:	

	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		 Camp Hill Urban Village: Pride in Camp Hill Board Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground 	
	School Receptionist – St Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Bedworth	Share in rental dwelling at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresilian Road, Bedworth.	
ť	Employed at Holland & Barrett Retail Ltd	 Treasurer of the Conservative Association Member of the following Outside Bodies: Champion for Safeguarding (Children and Adults) Local Government Superannuation Scheme Consultative Board West Midlands Employers 	
kovic	Head of Geography (Teacher), Sidney Stringer Academy, Coventry	The Bulkington Volunteers (Founder); Bulkington Sports and Social Club (Trustee) Member on the following Outside Bodies: • Building Control Partnership Steering Group	
ns	River Bars Limited; Coventry Plus Beyond the Plane	NBBC representative on the Armed Forces Covenant Meeting Member on the following Outside Body: • Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity	
ns	Employed by UK Parliament	Sponsorship: Election Expenses – North Warwickshire Conservative Association Membership of Other Bodies: West Midlands Combined Authority Audit Committee. Executive Officer – North Warwickshire Conservative Association;	
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C. Golby		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
		 Member of the following Outside Bodies: Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley and Bosworth Joint Committee District Leaders Local Enterprise Partnership Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) Nuneaton and Bedworth Home Improvement Agency NBBC representative on the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust – Public/User Board NBBC representative on George Eliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors 	
M. Green	Employed by Horiba Mira – Calibration Technician	Chair of Education Standards Committee – St Thomas More School Executive Member – Nuneaton Conservatives. Secretary – St Vincent De Paul Society at Our Lady of the Angels Church. Our Lady of the Angels Church.	
J. Gutteridge		 Representative on the following Outside Bodies: Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board Age UK (Warwickshire Branch) 	
		Member of NABCEL	
B. Hammersley	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member on the following Outside Bodies: Hammersley, Smith and Orton Charity	
S. Harbison	Employed by Meridian c/o Hello Fresh, 1 St Georges Way, Nuneaton	Member on the following Outside Bodies: Poor's Piece Charity Astley Charity	
J. Hartshorn	Employed by	Member of Nuneaton	

Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	Nuneaton Library – Digital Inclusion – WCC (Senior Customer Service Assistant) COVID Community Testing – WCC – Team Leader (Casual)	Conservatives	
J. Kennaugh	County Councillor W.C.C. Employed by UK Flooring Direct Ltd.	Member of the W.C.C. Regulatory Committee Member of the Conservative Party Member of UNITE the Union Nuneaton and Bedworth representative for the Equality and Inclusion Partnership NBBC Representative on Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership	
K.A. Kondakor	Electronic Design Engineer (self- employed semi- retired); Statistical data analyst and expert witness (self employed)	Unpaid director of 100PERCENTRENEWABLEUK LTD	
S. Markham	County Councillor – W.C.C.	 Member of the following Outside Bodies: Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch Governor at Ash Green School Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee; Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum; Warwickshire Direct Partnership; Warwickshire Waste Partnership; 	
G. Moreton	Member of School Appeals Panels at Warwickshire County Council	Share in rental dwellings at Sealand Drive, Bedworth and Tresillian Road, Exhall.	
B. Pandher		Member of Warwickshire County Council	
		Treasurer & Trustee of Nanaksar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple; Coordinator of Council of Sikh Temples in Coventry; Secretary of Coventry Indian Community; Trustee of Sikh Monument Trust Vice Chair Exhall Multicultural	

Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
		Group	
		 Member of the following Outside Bodies: Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	
N. Phillips	Employee of DWP	 Member of: Nuneaton Labour CLP The Fabian Society The George Eliot Society The PCS Union Central Credit Union Stockingford Sports and Allotment Club Haunchwood Sports and Social Club 	
J. Sheppard		Partnership member of the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local.	Dispensation to speak and vote on any matters of Borough Plan that relate to the Directorship of Wembrook Community Centre
		Director of Wembrook Community Centre.	
		Member of the Management Committee at the Mental Health Drop in.	
T. Sheppard	Employee of Dairy Crest		
E. Shiers	Employed by and Director of Cannon Enterprise Ltd. Director of The Fresh Dessert Company	The Labour Party Coventry East Credit Union	
J. Singh			
R. Smith		Chairman of Volunteer Friends, Bulkington; Trustee of Bulkington Sports and Social Club;	
		 Member of the following Outside Bodies: A5 Member Partnership; Patrol (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside of London) Joint Committee; Building Control Partnership Steering Group Bulkington Village Community and Conference Centre 	

	ne of ncillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
			 Representative on the Nuneaton and Bedworth Older Peoples Forum Digital Infrastructure Board 	
M. Tron	nans	RTC Ltd, Nuneaton; WCC, Warwick	Nuneaton Acorns WI	
R. Trom	nans	RTC, Nuneaton AFL, Wellingborough	 W.C.C. Warwick Member of the following Outside Bodies: Nuneaton Neighbourhood Watch Committee Nuneaton Festival of Arts 	
M. Wals	sh	Employed by MacInnes Tooling Ltd. – UK Sales Manager		
C.M. W	atkins	Employee of Nutri Pack	 Representative on the following outside bodies: Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd. (NABCEL) 	
K.D. Wi	ilson	Acting Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	Nuneaton Conservative Association Corporate Tenancies: properties are leased by NBBC to Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd, of which I am a Council appointed Director. Representative on the following: • Director of Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Ltd (NABCEL) • Coventry, Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth Joint Committee • District Council Network • Local Government Association • Director of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Ltd (CWLEP) • West Midlands Combined Authority • Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association	

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		 District Council Network Local Government Association 	
M. Wright			