

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - Extract

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at The Curve, William Street, Slough, SL1 1XY on Tuesday, 27th November, 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Sohal), in the chair; Councillors Anderson, B Bains, R Bains, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain (until 8.46pm), Kelly, Mann, Matloob, Nazir, Pantelic, D Parmar, S Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rasib, Sabah, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Wright.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Ali, Minhas, Rana and Usmani.

38. Declarations of Interest

Agenda Item 6: Community Governance Review

- Councillor Smith declared he was a Parish Councillor on Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council
- Councillors Anderson and Carter declared that they were Parish Councillors on Britwell Parish Council.
- Councillor Sohal declared that he was a Parish Councillor on Wexham Parish Council.

43. Community Governance Review of Parish Council Arrangements within the Borough of Slough

The Mayor advised that since the publication of the agenda, additional information had been received from Britwell Parish Council, Wexham Court Parish Council and Berkshire Association of Local Councils, which had been tabled for Members consideration.

Mr Isernia speaking on behalf of Britwell Parish Council, Councillor Fayyaz and Mr Jabble representing Wexham Court Parish Council were given an opportunity to address the meeting for a maximum of five minutes each.

It was moved by Councillor Hussain,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“Britwell Parish Council

1. That the results of the advisory postal poll, the representations made by Britwell Parish Council and the written responses received during the

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consultation be noted.

2. That in light of the response to the consultation and findings of the Review as set out at paragraph 5.14 of this report, an extraordinary meeting of the Council be called on 18th December, 2018 to determine the abolition of Britwell Parish Council with effect from 1st April, 2019.
3. That, in the event recommendations 1 and 2 above are approved, the Director of Finance and Resources be requested to prepare:
 - a report to include how the facilities and services provided or supported by Britwell Parish Council will be supported and developed in the event of their abolition;
 - a draft order for the abolition of the Britwell Parish Council and the Civil Parish to take effect on 1st April, 2019, and
 - a timetable of consequential actions.

Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

1. That the written responses received in relation to Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council be noted.
2. That the results of the advisory postal poll on whether the parish council is effective and engages effectively with local people be noted.
3. That the parish council be urged to give consideration to the views expressed via the poll and improve its engagement with local people with an emphasis on the Westfield/Brands Hill area (PD CPA), where the poll demonstrated lower levels of public support.
4. That the borough council will review the parish's performance again toward the end of its next term of office and reserves the right to test public opinion in a further advisory postal poll if it is not satisfied that it is engaging widely with local people.

Wexham Court Parish Council

1. That the results of the advisory postal poll, the written responses received during the consultation and the audit report of the governance arrangements of the Parish be noted.
2. That in light of the response to the consultation and findings of the Review as set out at paragraph 5.31 of this report, an extraordinary meeting of the Council be called on 18th December, 2018 to determine the abolition of Wexham Court Parish Council with effect from 1st April, 2019.
3. That, in the event recommendations 1 and 2 above are approved, the Director of Finance and Resources be requested to prepare:
 - a report to include how the facilities and services provided or supported by Wexham Court Parish Council will be supported and developed in the event of their abolition;
 - a draft order for the abolition of the Wexham Court Parish Council and the Civil Parish to take effect on 1st April, 2019, and

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- a timetable of consequential actions.”

Britwell Parish Council

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried by 29 votes for, 4 votes against and 2 abstentions.

Resolved -

1. That the results of the advisory postal poll, the representations made by Britwell Parish Council and the written responses received during the consultation be noted.
2. That in light of the response to the consultation and findings of the Review as set out at paragraph 5.14 of this report, an extraordinary meeting of the Council be called on 18th December, 2018 to determine the abolition of Britwell Parish Council with effect from 1st April, 2019.
3. That the Director of Finance and Resources be requested to prepare:
 - a report to include how the facilities and services provided or supported by Britwell Parish Council will be supported and developed in the event of their abolition;
 - a draft order for the abolition of the Britwell Parish Council and the Civil Parish to take effect on 1st April, 2019, and
 - a timetable of consequential actions.

Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried by 30 votes for and 5 abstentions.

Resolved –

1. That the written responses received in relation to Colnbrook with Poyle Parish Council be noted.
2. That the results of the advisory postal poll on whether the parish council is effective and engages effectively with local people be noted.
3. That the parish council be urged to give consideration to the views expressed via the poll and improve its engagement with local people with an emphasis on the Westfield/Brands Hill area (PD CPA), where the poll demonstrated lower levels of public support.
4. That the borough council will review the parish's performance again toward the end of its next term of office and reserves the right to test public opinion in a further advisory postal poll if it is not satisfied that it is engaging widely with local people.

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The recommendations were put to the vote and carried by 30 votes for, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

Resolved –

1. That the results of the advisory postal poll, the written responses received during the consultation and the audit report of the governance arrangements of the Parish be noted.
2. That in light of the response to the consultation and findings of the Review as set out at paragraph 5.31 of this report, an extraordinary meeting of the Council be called on 18th December, 2018 to determine the abolition of Wexham Court Parish Council with effect from 1st April, 2019.
3. That the Director of Finance and Resources be requested to prepare:
 - a report to include how the facilities and services provided or supported by Wexham Court Parish Council will be supported and developed in the event of their abolition;
 - a draft order for the abolition of the Wexham Court Parish Council and the Civil Parish to take effect on 1st April, 2019, and
 - a timetable of consequential actions.