

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
12 November 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr P Byrne (Chairman), Cllr O Curtis, Cllr A Fernley, Cllr H Howell, Cllr R Levell and Cllr L Wilkes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Tucker, Clerk (Minutes)

FC90.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Beattie, Cllr B Cross and Cllr M Levell.

FC91.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.

None received.

FC92.24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

FC93.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM.

Cllr L Wilkes declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item FC98.24, in his capacity as Chairman of North Northamptonshire Council Planning South Committee.

FC94.24 Council Minutes: To confirm the minutes of the following Council meetings:

- [Full Council](#) meeting held on Tuesday 8 October 2024.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 October 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

FC95.24 Committee Minutes: To receive the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- [Personnel Committee](#) held on Monday 14 October 2024

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RESOLVED that:

- (i) Recommendations PEC20.24 and PEC21.24 be approved; and
- (ii) The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 14 October 2024 be noted.

- [Events Committee](#) held on Tuesday 5 November 2024.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) Recommendation EC39.24(ii), as amended, be approved; and
- (ii) The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 5 November 2024 be noted.

FC96.24 Mayor's Report: To receive the Mayor's report.

RESOLVED that the digest of Mayoral activities for October 2024 be noted.

FC97.24 Unitary Councillors Report: To receive reports from Unitary Councillors.

The attention of members was drawn to the latest edition of the [Leader's Update](#).

It was noted that an update report following a visit by the Planning Advisory Service had identified significant improvements across the authority's planning department, in particular following the move to two Committees and an updated scheme of delegation.

RESOLVED that the Unitary Councillor reports be noted.

FC98.24 Planning Applications Received for Consideration:

Cllr L Wilkes left the Chamber for the duration of the item and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon.

NE/24/01004/FUL | Proposal: Full Planning Permission. Erection of a detached dwelling including access and amenity space | Location: 56 Stanwick Road Raunds Wellingborough NN9 6DG

RESOLVED that Raunds Town Council has reviewed the proposals and, whilst there is no overall objection to the application, there is concern regarding the impact on amenity space. Specifically, the construction of a detached dwelling on the proposed site reduces the outdoor amenity area available to the existing property for current and future occupants.

FC99.24 *The press and public will be excluded from the following agenda items due to the confidential nature of the business under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960*

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

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FC100.24 Town Hall Office Rental: To consider a confidential report from the Clerk regarding the rental of Town Hall office space.

The Clerk presented the confidential report.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (i) **Vacant Town Hall offices be advertised at a reduced introductory rent for a period of twelve months, with progress on occupancy rates to be reviewed at the end of this period; and**
- (ii) **Rents for existing tenants be held at the current rate during 2025.**

FC101.24 Establishment Report: To consider a confidential report from the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the confidential report.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (i) **The appointment to the Administrative Assistant post be approved, subject to a six-month probationary period; and**
- (ii) **The 2024/25 local government services pay agreement be noted.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Approved: (Town Mayor)

Meeting date.....10 December 2024.....(Council)

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