

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held Via MS Teams at <https://west-lindsey-public-i.tv/core/portal/home> on 4 May 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor Steve England (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Mrs Jackie Brockway
Councillor Mrs Tracey Coulson	Councillor Michael Devine
Councillor Jane Ellis	Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Mrs Caralyne Grimble	Councillor Cherie Hill
Councillor Mrs Cordelia McCartney	Councillor Giles McNeill
Councillor John McNeill	Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Mrs Judy Rainsforth	Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers
Councillor Jeff Summers	Councillor Robert Waller
Councillor Mrs Anne Welburn	Councillor Mrs Angela White

In Attendance:

Ian Knowles	Chief Executive
James O'Shaughnessy	Head of Policy Strategy and Sustainable Environment / Deputy Monitoring Officer
Emma Redwood	Assistant Director People and Democratic Services
Katie Storr	Democratic Services & Elections Team Manager (Interim)
Ele Snow	Democratic and Civic Officer

Apologies

Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Liz Clews
Councillor David Cotton
Councillor Timothy Davies
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Jim Snee
Councillor Mrs Mandy Snee
Councillor Trevor Young

1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman of Council welcomed Members, Officers and Members of the Public viewing remotely to what marked the 48th Annual Meeting of West Lindsey District Council, the start of the 2021/22 Civic Year, and the last time the Council would be meeting under remote arrangements.

2 REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

The Monitoring Officer was requested to undertake the formal roll-call to confirm all

Members were in attendance.

The roll-call for both Members and Officers was undertaken during which apologies were noted from Councillors M Boles, S Bunney, L Clews*, D Cotton*, T Davies, D Dobbie, J Snee, M Snee, and T Young.

At the request of the Chairman, the Monitoring Officer confirmed the meeting was quorate.

* *Provided apologies in writing prior to the start of the meeting, but which the Clerk did not provide verbally to the meeting.*

3 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

4 OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before commencing the civic proceedings for the evening, the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Steve England took the opportunity to share with Council some of the highlights from and successes achieved during his year in Office.

It had been, to say the least, a very usual and difficult year, with many traditional events cancelled as the world moved on line and remote working the norm. During the brief respite between lockdowns the Chairman had had the pleasure of visiting winners of the community awards at their homes to present their awards, the more personal approach was something the Chairman had welcomed. Despite the difficulties, the Authority had delivered on its plan for a new operational depot with the Chairman attending the turf cutting ceremony. In recent months the Chairman had visited and seen first hand the remarkable work being undertaken at the vaccination centres. It was hoped the roll out would see life restored to a little more like what could be considered normal.

In concluding his outgoing announcements, the Chairman outlined the remembrance services he had been able to attend albeit in a different format to what was usually expected. He also expressed his sadness, like so many others, at not having been able to pay final respects to colleagues lost during the year, serving Councillor, Councillor Lewis Strange and former Councillor and a former Chairman of the Council, Malcolm Parish.

5 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE 21/22 CIVIC YEAR

Nominations for the position of Chairman of the Council were sought.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Steve England be appointed the Chairman of Council for the civic year 2021/22.

With no further nominations made, on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED that Councillor Steve England be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2021/22 civic year.

With no requirement to present the Chain of Officer to his predecessor, Councillor England made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and remained in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor England thanked the Council for his appointment and advised it was an honour to have been re-elected Chairman for the coming year. He looked forward to meeting many people from the District, from throughout Lincolnshire and beyond, and indicated he would do all he could to uphold the good name of West Lindsey in all the duties she carried out.

The Chairman, light heartedly suggested that a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for his services to the Council was not required this year, however the Leader, took the opportunity to thank Councillor England for his previous years work and congratulated him on his re-appointment.

6 TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR

Nominations for the position of Vice- Chairman of the Council were sought.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Angela Lawrence be appointed the Chairman of Council for the civic year 2021/22.

With no further nominations made, on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED that Councillor Angela Lawrence be elected Chairman of the Council for the 2021/22 civic year.

Councillor England as Chairman of Council, was the first to congratulate Councillor Lawrence on her re-appointment to Office of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Lawrence made the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and resumed the Vice-Chairmanship for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Lawrence thanked the Council for her appointment and advised it was an honour to have been re-elected Vice- Chairman for the coming year. She looked forward to supporting the Chairman in every way possible during the coming year and would strive at all times to promote and uphold the good name of West Lindsey.

The Chairman advised Council that both himself and Councillor Lawrence would be attending the Office to physically sign the acceptance of Office in the coming days.

7 CLOSING REMARKS

The Chief Executive congratulated both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on their re-appointment and confirmed to the meeting that arrangements were being made for the

physical signing of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman thanked all Members of the Democratic and Civic Team for their support and guidance throughout his Chairmanship and looked forward to working with them again through the new Civic Year.

Bringing the meeting to a close, the Chairman looked forward to the next meeting of Full Council, which would see the Council brought together in person for the first time since March 2020.

The meeting concluded at 7.26 pm.

Chairman