

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021**

**ADDITIONAL PAPERS - QUESTIONS FROM  
COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL PROCEDURE  
RULES**

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## COUNCIL – 23 FEBRUARY 2021

### QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

#### QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J CLARKE TO COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN

“There is an inordinate amount of road side litter on the rural roads in the district. I am happy to pick litter in my own village but I will not collect litter on roads where there is no pavement, for safety reasons. Could the Council assist Parish Councils in litter collection on the rural roads by providing extra litter pickers, plastic bags and bag rings but more importantly an escort vehicle to protect volunteer litter pickers from traffic. In addition could the Council launch a drive against those who litter and encourage fast food establishments too high light the anti-social behaviour of those who dispose of their rubbish on the roadside?”

#### REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN TO COUNCILLOR J CLARKE

“The council currently supports over 300 volunteer litter pickers across the district and this will be enhanced by the addition of a £15k budget that is being considered at this Full Council meeting which will provide much needed equipment to our army of volunteers. This equipment will be available for voluntary groups and parish/town councils to help organise litter picks and target areas of concern.

For insurance and health and safety reasons we are not able to supply escort vehicles to our volunteers, they are only advised to keep areas tidy that are easily accessible when out and about (footpath verges, community parks, hedgerows etc.).

The litter they collect should only be what is typically dropped irresponsibly by others (cans, plastic bottles, crisp packets etc.).

They are also advised to avoid large items and unidentified cans or canisters, poisons, insecticides, clinical waste, other hazardous substances, broken glass, syringes, etc.

This year, Keep Britain Tidy ‘**The Big Spring Clean**’ will be held 28 May to 13 June. North West Leicestershire District Council will be supporting this by organising our own event where we will be asking people to ‘Pick Their Own Street’. In previous years the event has been around the Coalville and Ashby Town centres however, this year we will be offering the event to the wider district and encouraging people to pick on the road in which they reside or work. (subject to any Covid restrictions in place at the time).

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#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR S SHEAHAN TO COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN**

“2021 has seen an increase in dog fouling on public footpaths and litter in grass verges & laybys, whilst fly tipping shows no signs of abating. How does the Council plan to respond?”

#### **REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN TO COUNCILLOR S SHEAHAN**

“A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was adopted in 2018 replacing the old dog control orders. This will be extended in March 2021 by Cabinet for a further 3 years and will give enforcement officers continued powers to deal with offences relating to dogs such as:- fouling, having a means to pick up, exclusion in children’s play areas and on marked sports pitches and leads by order. The Environmental Protection Team are also looking to revamp the current ‘Dog Watch’ campaign with new signage for 2021 to raise awareness around picking up after your dog and correctly disposing of the waste. There has been an increase in bagged dog waste being discarded into trees and bushes and this will be highlighted in the new campaign combining the two offences of littering and dog fouling. The team have also introduced a new impact assessment which will form the initial part of any investigation into dog fouling. This will give clear data into the seriousness of problem areas and will enable appropriate action to be taken, the public can also assist with this by giving precise details when reporting issues to council.

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The local authority has been under immense pressure with regard to fly tipping which was heightened at the start of the pandemic when the local tips were closed. There has been a steady decrease since the waste disposal sites reopened and we have seen this right across the district which is encouraging.

From an enforcement point, fly tipping investigations rely wholly on gathering intelligence and the use of technology to apprehend those responsible and I’m pleased to inform you that the council’s 2021/2 budget is proposing a new fund of £15k for cameras which have been specifically designed with fly tipping in mind. It is important when possible to stop a problem at source and our campaign ‘Your Waste, You responsibility’ is an ideal example of how the council is trying to deal with and educate those people who use rogue waste carriers to take their rubbish away. This campaign was taken into the three main DIY outlets in the district and the team has already started to see signs of this education working.

Monitoring of social media sites has seen an increase in people advising others against giving their waste to unregistered waste carriers highlighting that the message is getting through which will hopefully see less people using illegal carriers in the future”

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## **Council Procedure Rules – Motions and Amendments**

### **What members can do**

- When seconding a motion, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate (rule 14.3).
- Members may only speak once on a motion or amendment whilst it is being debated (rule 14.5, 14.5(a)).
- Members may also move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke (rule 14.5(b)).
- Members can exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation during debate (rule 14.5(d), (e) and (f)).
- Members can speak on the main issues if their first speech was on an amendment (rule 14.5(c)).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on the motion, before it is put to the vote (rule 14.9.1).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on any amendment (rule 14.9.2).

### **What members can't do**

- Members cannot make a speech until a motion has been seconded (rule 14.1).
- Members cannot speak again whilst a motion is being debated, except to exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation (rule 14.5, 14.5(a) to (f)).
- Members cannot speak for more than 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman (rule 14.4).
- The mover of a motion may not speak on an amendment, other than to exercise his right of reply (rule 14.9.2).
- The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the close of debate (rule 14.9.3).

## Motions and Amendments – Flowchart

