

**NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2013**

PRESENT: Cllr S Robinson (Town Mayor)  
Cllr P Carter  
Cllr N Dart  
Cllr JL Duckworth  
Cllr A Elliott  
Cllr N I Kay  
Cllr M J Kelly  
Cllr S M Reed  
Cllr M P Robinson  
Cllr S E Thorpe  
APOLOGIES: Cllr M M Rahman  
IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Kim Bedford Chief Officer GAPTC

**2012/269 RE-STRUCTURING OF COUNCIL PROCEDURES**

The Mayor welcomed Ms Bedford to the meeting and invited her to present a report she had produced to support the Council's deliberations on the possible restructuring of Council procedures, previously circulated to all members. A paper produced by Cllr Carter was also circulated at the meeting.

Ms Bedford briefly presented key points of her report and answered various questions. Discussion ensued as the best way forward and in order to progress matters Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Thorpe, proposed that Ms Bedford's recommendations be adopted.

A wide ranging discussion ensued, with some councillors expressing the view that it would not be appropriate to proceed with discussion as there had been no time for some councillors to digest the contents of Cllr Carter's paper.

Cllr Duckworth, seconded by Cllr Elliott proposed that discussion be adjourned to a future meeting, and this was **agreed**.

After further discussion the following was **agreed**:

1. The original proposals produced by Cllr Duckworth were withdrawn, except for the section containing 10 reasons for change (page 9)
2. The Clerk would number the remaining papers as follows and re-circulate them to all members and to Ms Bedford via email:
  - Paper 1: By Cllrs Thorpe and Reed (previously circulated)
  - Paper 2: By Cllr Carter (circulated at the meeting)
  - Paper 3: By Ms Bedford (previously circulated)
3. Ms Bedford would provide a graphical synopsis of points of agreement and divergence between the 3 papers for presentation at the next meeting.

Councillors noted that Ms Bedford's services would be charged at £25 per hour.

A special Council meeting was arranged for Thursday 13 June at 7 pm to continue the discussion on restructuring in the light of Ms Bedford's report.

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Town Mayor

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Date