

## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 2.20 pm

### **Present:**

Councillor Mark Lygo – in the Chair

Councillors:

Ted Fenton (Vice-Chair)	Andrew Gant	Emma Markham
Thomas Ashby	Emma Garnett	Gavin McLauchlan
Brad Baines	Sean Gaul	Lesley McLean
James Barlow	Laura Gordon	Ian Middleton
Ron Batstone	Andy Graham	Toyah Overton
Tim Bearder	Tom Greenaway	Glynis Phillips
Will Boucher-Giles	Kate Gregory	James Plumb
Chris Brant	Jane Hanna OBE	Leigh Rawlins
Liz Brighthouse OBE	Jenny Hannaby	Judy Roberts
Mark Cherry	David Henwood	James Robertshaw
Andrew Coles	Georgina Heritage	Paul Austin Sargent
Izzy Creed	Ben Higgins	Geoff Saul
Andrew Crichton	David Hingley	John Shiri
Hao Du	Johnny Hope-Smith	Roz Smith
Imade Edosomwan	Robin Jones	Ian Snowdon
Judith Edwards	Liz Leffman	Peter Stevens
Gareth Epps	Dan Levy	Bethia Thomas
Lee Evans	Dr Nathan Ley	Liam Walker
Neil Fawcett	Diana Lugova	Tony Worgan
Rebekah Fletcher	Saj Malik	
James Fry	Kieron Mallon	

*The Council considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.*

### **40/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

(Agenda Item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillors Cotter, Filipova-Rivers, Gawrysiak, Kerr, Pressel and Webb.

### **41/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - SEE GUIDANCE NOTE**

(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

**42/25 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN**

(Agenda Item 3)

The Council had before it a report, setting out Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 which allowed Councils` to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors who had, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent service to the Council as past members of the Council.

Council noted a correction to the report on Honorary Aldermen. Bob Johnston was first elected in 1993 and returned successfully three times until losing out in 2009. He was re-elected in 2013 and held the seat until this year – a total of 28 years as councillor. Michael Waine was first elected 2005 and so was a councillor for 20 years.

On the recommendation of the Group Leaders, Council was invited to confer the title of Honorary Alderman in recognition of their significant contribution to the Council in particular, and for their public service to Mr Bob Johnston and Mr Michael Waine.

The Group Leaders and others paid warm tribute to Michael Waine and his years of service on the Council.

As Bob Johnston was unable to be present for this meeting, it was agreed to defer tributes to the July Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: to confer the title of Honorary Alderman, under section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, in recognition of their significant contribution to the Council in particular and public service in general to: Mr Bob Johnston and Mr Michael Waine.**

..... in the Chair

Date of signing .....