

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20th May, 2015

Present:- Councillor Mrs Linda Hailstones – in the Chair

Councillors Walklate, Welsh, Johnson, Cooper, Beech, Hambleton, Matthews, Hambleton, Wemyss, Wilkes, Williams, Williams, Astle, Hailstones, Allport, Eagles, Kearon, Waring, Loades, Holland, Bailey, Cooper, Reddish, Robinson, Shenton, Simpson, Heesom, Sweeney, Tagg, Bates, White, Mancey, Burgess, Eastwood, Baker, Peers, Plant, Stringer, Stubbs, Turner, Winfield, Rout, J Tagg, Harper, Huckfield, Naylor, Northcott, Proctor, Braithwaite, Wallace, Woolley, Dymond, Frankish, Johnson, Parker, Pickup and Wing

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Fear.

2. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th April be agreed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2015/2016

The Mayor requested that the Council place on record appreciation of the service given to by former Councillors who had not sought re-election or had been unsuccessful at the recent elections. Their dedicated service to the Council was very much appreciated.

Councillor Mrs Shenton proposed Councillor Mrs Sandra Hambleton as Mayor for the next municipal year.

Councillor Turner seconded this nomination.

Resolved:

That Cllr Mrs Hambleton is appointed as Mayor for the municipal year 2015 to 2016.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2015/2016

Cllr Miss Reddish proposed Cllr Wilkes as Deputy Mayor; this was seconded by Cllr Wemyss.

Resolved: That Cllr Ian Wilkes be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2015 to 2016.

6. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor made the following appointments:

Consort: Trevor Hambleton
High Constable: Sean Castrey
Chaplain: Ann Taylor
Mace Bearers: Laurence Tagg and Carl Edworthy

7. MAYORAL ADDRESS

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and stated that the following would be her charities for the municipal year:

- Deaf Vibe
- Approach
- Apedale Heritage Centre

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT

Cllr Sweeney proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Consort. Cllr Sweeney stated that it had been an absolute pleasure to work with the retiring Mayor and that both she and the Consort had brought dignity and professionalism to the role whilst continuously promoting the interests of the Borough and the Council.

9. RESPONSE OF THE RETIRING MAYOR AND SUMMARY OF THE MAYORAL YEAR.

Cllr Mrs Hailstones thanks Members and highlighted how the work undertaken had helped to raise the profiles of her charities in the public eye and that over 250 Mayoral engagements had been carried out during the year. Cllr Mrs Hailstones had donated a glass cabinet to the Council within which the Mayoral robes could be displayed for all to see outside the Council Chamber.

Cllr Mrs Hailstones thanked all those who had supported both her and her Consort during the year and said that it had been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Mayor. Cllr Mrs Hailstones wished the Mayor and her Consort every success for the forthcoming year.

10. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Annual Civic Church Service would be held at St Giles' Church on the morning of Sunday 21st June and that those able to attend were invited to join her in the Civic Suite by no later than five past ten. The service would commence at ten thirty.

11. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET

Notice had been received of the resignation of the current Leader of the Council.

The Mayor requested nominations for Leader of the Council.

Cllr Turner proposed Cllr Mrs Shenton;

Cllr Loades proposed Cllr Sweeney.

A named vote was requested by Cllr Holland and this request was confirmed by over 12 other Members in the Chamber.

Vote to appoint Cllr Mrs Shenton as Leader of the Council:

Allport	YES	Heesom	NO	Shenton	YES
Astle	YES	Holland	NO	Simpson	YES
Bailey	YES	Huckfield	NO	Stringer	YES
Baker	YES	Johnson (Mrs)	YES	Stubbs	YES
Bates	YES	Johnson	NO	Sweeney	NO
Beech	YES	Kearon	YES	Tagg (John)	NO
Braithwaite	NO	Loades	NO	Tagg (Simon)	NO
Burgess	YES	Mancey	NO	Turner	YES
Cooper	NO	Matthews	NO	Wallace	YES
Cooper (Miss)	NO	Naylon	YES	Walklate	YES
Dymond	YES	Northcott	NO	Waring	NO
Eagles	YES	Parker	NO	Welsh	YES
Eastwood	YES	Peers	NO	Wemyss	YES
Frankish	NO	Pickup	YES	White	YES
Hailstones (Mrs)	NO	Plant	YES	Wilkes	YES
Hailstones	NO	Proctor	YES	Williams (Mrs)	YES
Hambleton (Mrs)	YES	Reddish	YES	Williams	YES
Hambleton	YES	Robinson	YES	Winfield	YES
Harper	NO	Rout	YES	Wing	NO
				Woolley	NO

In Favour: 35
Against: 23
Absent: 2

The Leader then confirmed the following appointments:

Deputy Leader: Cllr Turner

Other Cabinet Members (portfolios to be confirmed):

Councillor Mrs Rout
Councillor Williams
Councillor Mrs Beech
Councillor Kearon
Councillor Proctor

Resolved: That Cllrs Mrs Shenton be appointed as Leader of the Council for the next four years.

12. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS 2015/2016

Resolved:

That the following appointments to committees be agreed:

		LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIB DEM	UKIP	NEWCASTLE INDEPENDENT GROUP	GREEN	IND
Audit & Risk	7	4	2	0	1	0	0	0
		Sarah Pickup	Paul Waring		Ken Owen			
		Sylvia Dymond	David Loades					
		Sylvia Burgess						
		Trevor Hambleton						
Substitutes		4	2	0	1	0	0	0
			Stephen Sweeney		David Harper			
			Mark Holland					
Independent Member				PHILL BUTTERS		Until end 2017/18		
Employees Consultative	7	4	2	0	0	1	0	0
		Elizabeth Shenton	Stephen Sweeney			Derek Huckfield		
		Sandra Hambleton	John Cooper					
		Bert Proctor						
		Ann Beech						
Substitutes		4	2	0	0	1	0	0
			David Loades			N/A		
			Trevor Johnson					
Staffing Committee	11	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Sylvia Dymond	Mark Holland	Marion Reddish		Dave Woolley		
		Amelia Rout	Stephen Sweeney					
		Ann	John Cooper					

		Beech						
		Rob Wallace	Avril Frankish					
		Gill Williams						
Substitutes	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Tony Kearon	David Loades	June Walklate		Eileen Braithwaite		
			Chloe Mancey					
Grants Assessment	9	4	3	1	0	0	1	0
		Joan Winfield	Julie Cooper	June Walklate			Wenslie Naylor	
		Sophia Baker	Andrew parker					
		Rob Wallace	Lucinda Wing					
		Sylvia Burgess						
Substitutes	9	4	3	1	0	0	1	0
		Hilda Johnson	David Loades	Andrew Wemyss				
		Colin Eastwood	Gill Heesom					
		Dave Stringer						
Licensing	1 5	7	5	1	1	0	0	
		Trevor Hambleton	Simon Tagg	Andrew Wemyss	David Harper			Simon White
		Sandra Simpson	Chloe Mancey					
		Billy Welsh	Avril Frankish					
		Colin Eastwood	Trevor Johnson					
		Gill Williams	Andrew Parker					
		Joan Winfield						
		Reg Bailey						
Substitutes	1 5	7	5	1	1	0	0	1

		Tony Kearon	David Loades	Marion Reddish	Ken Owen			
		Dave Stringer	Stephen Sweeney					
		Rob Wallace	Paul Northcott					
			John Cooper					
Member Development	9	4	3	1	0	0	0	1
		Rob Wallace	Tracey Peers	Ian Wilkes				Simon White
		Bert Proctor	Trevor Johnson					
		Joan Winfield	Paul Waring					
		Trevor Hambleton						
Substitutes	9	4	3	1	0	0	0	1
			Mark Holland	Andrew Wemyss				
			Ian Matthews					
			Gill Heesom					
Conservation Advisory	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
		Sandra Simpson	Julie Cooper				Wenslie Naylor	
		Dave Allport	Trevor Johnson					
Substitutes	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	0
		Kyle Robinson	Stephen Sweeney					
		Sylvia Burgess						
Planning	16	8	5	1	1	1	0	0
		Sophia Baker	Paul Northcott	Marion Reddish	Ken Owen	Eileen Braithwaite		
		Dave Stringer	Andrew Fear					
		Bert Proctor	Chloe Mancey					
		Sandra Hambleton	Gill Heesom					

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		Gill Williams	John Cooper					
		John Williams						
		Billy Welsh						
		Terry Turner						
Substitutes	1 6	8	5	1	1	1	0	0
			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
			N/A					
			N/A					
			N/A					
			N/A					
Public Protection	1 3	6	4	1	1	1	0	0
		Kyle Robinson	Ian Matthews	Andrew Wemyss	David Harper	Eileen Braithwaite		
		Sylvia Dymond	Peter Hailstones					
		Gill Williams	Linda Hailstones					
		Dave Allport	John Tagg					
		Joan Winfield						
		Tony Kearon						
Substitutes	1 3	6	4	1	1	1	0	0
			Trevor Johnson	June Walklate	Ken Owen	N/A		
			Gill Heesom					
			Lucinda Wing					
			Paul Waring					
Standards Committee	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
		Sandra Hambleton	Chloe Mancey	Andrew Wemyss				
		Joan Winfield	Gill Heesom					
		Tony Eagles	Trevor Johnson					

		Reg Bailey						
Substitutes	8	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
			John Cooper	Ian Wilkes				
			Stephen Sweeney					
			Paul Northcott					
Health & Well Being Scrutiny	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Colin Eastwood	David Loades	June Walklate		Dave Woolley		
		Hilda Johnson	Paul Northcott					
		Reginald Bailey	Linda Hailstones					
		David Allport	Avril Frankish					
		Joan Winfield						
Substitutes	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
			Stephen Sweeney	Marion Reddish		N/A		
			Mark Holland					
Active & Cohesive Scrutiny	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Gill Williams	Julie Cooper	June Walklate		Dave Woolley		
		Glyn Plant	Gill Heesom					
		Joan Winfield	John Tagg					
		Colin Eastwood	Andrew Parker					
		Trevor Hambleton						
Substitutes	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
			Lucinda Wing	Ian Wilkes		N/A		
			Avril Frankish					
			Paul Waring					
Economic	1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0

Development Scrutiny Committee	1							
		Dave Stringer	Mark Holland	Ian Wilkes		Derek Huckfield		
		Gill Williams	David Loades					
		Mike Stubbs	Ian Matthews					
		Sylvia Burgess	Paul Northcott					
		Trevor Hambleton						
Substitutes	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Sophia Baker	Stephen Sweeney	Andrew Wemyss		N/A		
			Andrew Fear					
			Avril Frankish					
			Lucinda Wing					
Cleaner, Greener & Safer Scrutiny Committee	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Dave Allport	Chloe Mancey	Marion Reddish		Eileen Braithwaite		
		Billy Welsh	Simon Tagg					
		Sylvia Dymond	Peter Hailstones					
		Joan Winfield	Lucinda Wing					
		Kyle Robinson						
Substitutes	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
			Julie Cooper	Andrew Wemyss		N/A		
			David Loades					
			Trevor Johnson					
Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
		Mike Stubbs	Stephen Sweeney	Ian Wilkes		Derek Huckfield		
		Rob Wallace	David Loades					

		Sarah Pickup	Andrew Fear					
		Dave Stringer	Paul Waring					
		Gill Williams						
Substitutes	1 1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
			Mark Holland	Marion Reddish		N/A		
			Avril Frankish					
			Paul Northcott					
			Ian Matthews					
Governance Review Sub Committee	5	2	2	1				
		Elizabeth Shenton	Mark Holland	Ian Wilkes				
		Terry Turner	Simon Tagg					

Resolved:

That the following Chairs and Vice Chairs be appointed:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE-CHAIR
Audit & Risk	SARAH PICKUP	SYLVIA DYMOND
Conservation Advisory	WENSLIE NAYLON	DAVE ALLPORT
Employees Consultative	ELIZABETH SHENTON	NO NOMINATION REQUIRED
Grants Assessment	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	NO NOMINATION REQUIRED
Licensing	TREVOR HAMBLETON	SIMON WHITE
Member Development	ROB WALLACE	NO NOMINATION REQUIRED
Planning	SOPHIA BAKER	MARION REDDISH
Public Protection	KYLE ROBINSON	ANDREW WEMYSS
Staffing Committee	SYLVIA DYMOND	NO NOMINATION REQUIRED
Standards Committee	SANDRA HAMBLETON	JOAN WINFIELD

Health & Well Being Scrutiny	COLIN EASTWOOD	HILDA JOHNSON
Active & Cohesive Communities SC	GILL WILLIAMS	GLYNN PLANT
Cleaner, Greener & Safer Communities SC	DAVE ALLPORT	BILLY WELSH
Economic Development & Enterprise SC	DAVE STRINGER	GILL WILLIAMS
Finance, Resources and Partnerships SC	MIKE STUBBS	ROB WALLACE

13. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/2016.

Resolved:

That the following Members be appointed to Outside Bodies:

Outside Bodies – Community Groups					
	Organisation/Partnership	Number of places	Status of Body	Current Representatives	Nominations 2014/15
	Community Centres Management Committees: Audley Butt Lane Chesterton Clayton Crackley Harriet Higgins Holly Road Knutton Marsh Hall Red Street Silverdale, Park Road Silverdale, Social Centre Whitfield Wye Road	3 on each	Community		Ward members automatically become the Council's nominated representatives for community centres situated within their wards for the period of their office, negating the need to make specific nominations each year
	Bradwell Lodge Centre Management Committee Limited <i>(constitution only permits one councillor to sit on the board)</i>	1	Community	SANDRA HAMBLETON	SANDRA HAMBLETON

Outside Bodies – Third Sector					
	Organisation/Partnership	Number of places	Status of Body	Current Representatives	Nominations 2014/15
	Community Council for Staffordshire	1	Third Sector	DAVID LOADES	SIMON WHITE
	Newcastle Chamber of Trade – Executive Board	1	Third Sector		PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC REGENERATION, BUSINESS & TOWN CENTRES
	Newcastle-under-Lyme Almshouses Charity Trustees	3	Third Sector	Mrs Williams Mr Williams Mrs Winfield	Mrs Williams Mr Williams Mrs Winfield
	North Staffs Victim Support	1	Third Sector		PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES
	Sir John Offley Almshouses Trust	1	Third Sector	BILLY WELSH	BILLY WELSH
	Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire Theatre Trust Limited (New Victoria Theatre)	1	Third Sector		LEADER
	The United Charities Trust	4	Third Sector	Mrs Walklate Mrs Williams Vacancy Mrs Winfield	Terms of office expire November 2016
	Aspire Board	1	Local Body	MRS HAMBLETON	SANDRA HAMBLETON
	Aspire Housing Board	1	Local Body	COLIN EASTWOOD	COLIN EASTWOOD
	Campaign to Protect Rural England	1	Regional Body	DAVID LOADES	WENSLIE NAYLON

	The Industrial Communities Alliance (formerly the Coalfield Communities Campaign)	1	National Body		PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION, BUSINESS AND TOWN CENTRES
	Local Government Association – General Assembly	1	National Body		LEADER
	Local Government Association – Rural Commission	1	National Body		LEADER
	Local Government Association – Urban Commission	1	National Body		PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION, BUSINESS AND TOWN CENTRES
	Locality Action Partnerships: Audley Butt Lane Betley, Keele and Madeley Clayton Poolfields, Thistleberry and Town East Newcastle Greater Chesterton Kidsgrove Newcastle Rural Partnership of Western Communities	N/A	Local body		The LAP constitutions state that membership is open to “Any County or District Councillor representing any part of the area” - this negates the need to make specific nominations annually.
	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	1	Local Body		PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR REGENERATION, BUSINESS AND TOWN CENTRES
	Newcastle-under-Lyme Partnership (Local Strategic Partnership) (Strategic Board)	1 + sub	Local Body		Leader (substitute Deputy Leader)

	Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee	1	Local body		CHAIR OF HEALTH SCRUTINY
	Staffordshire LGA – Staffs Connects	1	Local Body		LEADER
	Staffordshire LGA – Waste Board	1	Local Body		PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT & RECYCLING
	Staffordshire Planning Forum	2 + sub	Local Body		Chair of Planning and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Town Centres (substitute Vice-Chair of Planning)
	Staffordshire Playing Fields Association	1	Local Body	TREVOR HAMBLETON	TREVOR HAMBLETON
	Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel	1+ sub	Local Body		Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities
	Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Strategic Partnership	1	Local Body		LEADER
	West Midland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	1	Regional Body	MIKE STUBBS	MIKE STUBBS IAN WILKES
	West Midlands Employers	1 + sub	Regional Body		LEADER (SUBSTITUTE - PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES)
	West Midlands Leaders Board	1	Regional Body		LEADER
	District Councils Network	1	National Body		LEADER

14. REPORT - PLANNING SCHEME OF DELEGATION

A report was submitted requesting Council to update the current Planning Scheme of Delegation to reflect recommendations arising following the recent Planning Peer Review. The report was introduced by the Chair of the Planning Committee where consideration had previously been given to the matter.

Some Members expressed concern regarding the proposed changes to the call in procedure as it appeared that Officers would have less time to deal with planning applications and opportunities for elected members and the public to be involved in the planning process.

The Chair of the Planning Committee stated that in fact the cycle length for Planning Committee meetings had been lengthened from 3 to 4 weeks thus allowing more time for members to contribute. The call in time had increased from 10 to 15 days with a proviso that members had to speak to officers first which would alleviate the current problem where a call in was submitted and then withdrawn due to a lack of communication with officers.

A proposal was made that the report be taken back to the Planning Committee and more consideration given to the implications for the public and due to the fact that there was still confusion in relation to the planning peer review; this was seconded and voted on as follows:

In Favour: 28
Against: 29

The recommendation fell and Members voted on the recommendations as listed in the report:

In Favour: 29
Against: 29

The Mayor used her casting vote which resulted in 30 in favour of the recommendations.

Resolved:

That the revised Planning Scheme of Delegation set out in the Appendix to the report be adopted by the Council

15. REPORT - MEMBER ALLOWANCES

A report was submitted requesting Council to confirm that the current scheme of allowances as set out in Appendix 1 be retained for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 the Council must before the beginning of each year, agree a scheme which provides for the payment of an allowance to each member of an authority. The amount of such an allowance must be the same for each

member (basic allowance). Such a scheme may also provide for a Special Responsibility allowance to such members of the authority and these must also be specified in the scheme.

Resolved: That the current scheme of allowances as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be retained for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

16. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2015/2016

A report was submitted requesting Council to agree the Calendar of Meetings for 2015 - 2016

Resolved:

That Council agree to the dates and times of the meetings as listed at appendix A to the report.

17. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

Mr Nigel Jones presented a petition to the Council requesting that the Butts, Thistleberry Parkway and Howard Place Green be placed in the Green Space Strategy as areas protected from building development.

There was a proposal that the content of the petition be submitted to an all party working group for consideration. This proposal was seconded.

A second proposal was put forward that such a working group should consider all sites as well as those mentioned specifically in the petition. This was seconded.

The Council Leader highlighted the fact that the Green Space Strategy would be coming before members for consideration in due course and that the petition before the Council only requested consideration of certain areas of land. The Leader proposed that she, the Deputy Leader and the relevant Portfolio Holder meet with the petition organiser to discuss the concerns in detail before taking a report forward to the appropriate body. This proposal was seconded.

A vote was taken on whether there should be a cross party working group with the remit to consider all affected green spaces:

In Favour:	26
Against:	28

The recommendation fell.

A vote was taken on whether there should be a cross party working group to only consider the areas mentioned in the petition:

In Favour: 24 voted in favour and the rest abstained.

The vote was carried.

The Leader stated that a meeting would be set up with the petition organised and the Liberal Democrat Leader would be invited to attend this meeting.

Resolved:

That a cross party working group be set up to consider the areas of land highlighted in the petition.

18. STANDING ORDER 18 - URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

CLLR SANDRA HAMBLETON
Chair