

COUNCIL

14 May 2008

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor

(Councillor D Clarke) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Bannister, James MacKenzie	Maskery, Philip
Barber, Christian Stephen	Matthews, Ian John
Becket, David William	Maxfield, Mrs Mary Cynthia
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Morrey, Mrs Tina
Bishop, Mrs Elizabeth Ellen	Morris, Mrs Helen Mary
Blake, Mrs Elaine Elizabeth	Moss, Mrs Mary, MBE
Braithwaite, Mrs Eileen	Myatt, Miss Sarah Louise
Burgess, Mrs Silvia	Naylon, Mrs Wenslie
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Nixon, David Ernest
Cooley, Andrew Robin	Reddish, Miss Marion Lynne
Cooper, John	Richards, Dennis John
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Cornes, Mrs Catherine Dylis, JP	Simpson, William Thomas
Daniels, David Ephraim	Slater, Raymond André
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Studd, Robin
Foy, Michael	Sweeney, Stephen John McLean
Gorton, Richard Lloyd, CC	Tagg, John Henry
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Hailstones, Peter James, JP	Taylor, Mrs Tracy Ann Belinda
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra, CC	Tomkins, Brian Ronald
Hambleton, Trevor	Walklate, Miss June
Heames, Mrs Ann	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Huckfield, Derrick	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Johnson, Mrs Hilda	Williams Mrs Gill
Jones, William Nigel	Williams, John
Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary	

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Heesom, Holland, MacMillan, Mrs Myatt, Mrs Salt, Mrs Shenton and Whieldon.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

On the proposition of Councillor S Tagg and seconded by Councillor Studd, Councillor John Cooper was elected Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

*The new Mayor, Councillor John Cooper in the Chair
The Mayor then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office*

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

On the proposition of Councillor Studd, seconded by Councillor S Tagg, Councillor Miss Marion Reddish was elected Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2008 be approved as a correct record.

5. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayoress - Angela Cooper
High Constable - David Boote
Chaplain - Reverend David Malham
Mace Bearers - Lawrence Tagg and Albert Edward Vincent Whittaker

6. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked Members for the honour that they had conferred upon him and outlined his hopes and aspirations for the forthcoming year.

7. COUNCILLOR MRS FREDA MYATT

The Leader referred to the recent accident suffered by Councillor Mrs Myatt and stated that she was making steady progress.

Resolved:- That Members' best wishes be sent wishing her a speedy recovery.

8. RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Members paid tribute to the efficient and effective manner in which Councillor David and Mrs Mandy Clarke had carried out the duties of Mayor and Mayoress during the past Municipal Year.

The Mayor then presented Councillor David and Mrs Mandy Clarke with Ex-Mayor's and Ex-Mayoresses' Badges.

The Ex-Mayor then thanked Members for their comments and stated how much he and his Mayoress had enjoyed their term of office and the many people they had met. The Ex-Mayor then presented a set of antiquarian maps of Staffordshire for display.

9. CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS

Resolved:- That the Council's Constitution, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Terms of Reference of Committees and Scheme of Delegations and Duties, be adopted for the next Municipal Year.

10. CABINET PORTFOLIOS

Consideration was given to a report on the Cabinet Portfolios and proposals that had been submitted.

Resolved:- That the following six portfolios be held by Cabinet Members for the forthcoming Municipal Year:

- (i) Culture and Active Communities
- (ii) Customer Service and Transformation
- (iii) Environment and Recycling
- (iv) Neighbourhoods and Regeneration
- (v) Resources and Efficiency
- (vi) Safer and Stronger Communities

11. **MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

Resolved:- (a) That the Cabinet consist of six Members.

(b) That the following Members be appointed to the Cabinet:-

Council Leader and Chair	- Councillor S Tagg
Council Deputy Leader and Vice Chair	- Councillor Studd

Portfolio Holders:-

Culture and Active Communities	- Councillor Mrs Maxfield
Customer Service and Transformation	- Councillor S Tagg
Environment and Recycling	- Councillor Becket
Neighbourhoods and Regeneration	- Councillor Studd
Resources and Efficiency	- Councillor Mrs Morris
Safer and Stronger Communities	- Councillor Maskery

12. **CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES ETC**

Resolved:- That the following Members be on Standing Committees and Sub-Committees:-

(a) Standards Committee (9)

Mrs Burgess, Mrs Burke, Clarke, Mrs Hailstones, Mrs Hambleton, Tagg J, Ms Taylor, Wemyss and Mrs Williams.

(b) Public Protection (12)

Barber, Mrs Braithwaite, Cooley, Daniels, Foy, Hailstones, Matthews, Miss Myatt, Richards, Ms Taylor, Miss Walklate and Williams.

(c) Licensing (15)

Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Cornes, Hambleton, Mrs Heames, Heesom, Jones, Mrs Lewis, Maskery, Mrs Myatt, Miss Reddish, Mrs Simpson, Simpson, Slater, Sweeney and Tagg J

(d) Planning (24)

Mrs Beech, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Burke, Cooley, Miss Cooper, Daniels, Fear, Foy, Hambleton, Mrs Heames, Huckfield, MacMillan, Maskery, Mrs Maxfield,

Mrs Morrey, Mrs Morris, Mrs Moss, Miss Reddish, Mrs Salt, Mrs Shenton, Studd, Tagg S, Tomkins and Williams

(e) Audit and Risk (12)

Bannister, Mrs Beech, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Hailstones, Hailstones, Holland, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Mrs Shenton, Sweeney and Wilkes.

(f) Conservation Advisory (5)

Miss Cooper, Holland, Mrs Naylor, Richards, and Mrs Williams.

(g) Health Scrutiny Sub (6)

Mrs Burgess, Miss Cooper, Mrs Johnson, Maskery, Mrs Morrey and Whieldon.

(h) Employees Consultative (7)

Bannister, Becket, Mrs Hambleton, MacMillan, Mrs Morris, Mrs Shenton and Whieldon.

(i) Appeals Committee (5 from 12)

Becket, Mrs Blake, Clarke, Huckfield, Mrs Morris, Mrs Moss, Mrs Myatt, Mrs Salt, Mrs Simpson, Slater, Tagg S, and Wemyss.

(j) ICT Advisory (7)

Mrs Bishop, Hambleton, Matthews, Mrs Morrey, Mrs Naylor, Nixon and Sweeney

(k) Grants Panel (8)

Bannister, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Cornes, Fear, Gorton, Mrs Johnson, Nixon and Miss Walklate.

(l) Chief Officers' Appointments Committee (7)

Becket, Huckfield, Maskery, Mrs Morris, Tagg S, Studd and Williams.

(m) Joint Parking (4)

Mrs Hailstones, Maskery, Studd and Williams.

(n) Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating (14)

Barber, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Burke, Cooley, Fear, Gorton, Mrs Heames, Heesom, Richards, Tomkins, Whieldon, Wilkes and Williams

(o) Overview and Scrutiny Cleaner, Greener & Safer (13)

Mrs Burgess, Foy, Mrs Lewis, Matthews, Mrs Myatt, Miss Reddish, Mrs Simpson, Slater, Ms Taylor, Tomkins, Wemyss, Whieldon and Mrs Williams.

(p) Overview and Scrutiny Economic Development & Enterprise (13)

Bannister, Mrs Beech, Clarke, Daniels, Hailstones, Heesom, Holland, Huckfield, Jones, Richards, Mrs Salt, Simpson and Williams.

(q) Overview and Scrutiny Active & Cohesive (13)

Barber, Mrs Blake, Cooley, Miss Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Gorton, Mrs Moss, Mrs Naylor, Nixon, Tagg J, Tomkins, Miss Walklate and Mrs Williams.

(r) Overview and Scrutiny Transformation & Resources (13)

Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Burke, Fear, Mrs Hambleton, Hambleton, Holland, Mrs Lewis, MacMillan, Mrs Morrey, Miss Myatt, Mrs Shenton, Sweeney and Wilkes.

13. **CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

Resolved:- That the following Members be the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees and Sub-Committees:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Cleaner, Greener & Safer Communities	Mrs Braithwaite Tomkins	Fear Mrs Williams
Overview and Scrutiny Economic Development and Enterprise	Williams	Heesom
Overview and Scrutiny Active and Cohesive Communities	Gorton	Cooley
Overview and Scrutiny Transformation and Resources	Mrs Bowyer	Hambleton
Public Protection	Matthews	Cooley
Licensing	Mrs Heames	Slater
Planning	Fear	Miss Reddish
Audit and Risk	Jones	Sweeney
Conservation Advisory	Mrs Naylor	Miss Cooper
Health Scrutiny Sub	Maskery	
Employees Consultative	Mrs Shenton	
Appeals	Tagg S	
ICT Advisory	Sweeney	
Grants Panel	Mrs Cornes	

14. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

Resolved:- (a) That Mr D J Burns, Mr Y Mir and Mr D Wood continue as independent members of the Standards Committee and that the Parish Councils' Association be asked to nominate two representatives.

(b) That the arrangement for Parish Council observers be continued.

15. **APPOINTMENT OF JOINT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Resolved:- That the following appointments be made:-

E-Government Partnership	- Mrs Morris
Joint Waste Board	- Becket
County Council Health Scrutiny	- Maskery
Staffordshire Planning Forum	- Studd (substitute Miss Reddish) and Fear

16. **CONFIRMATION OF MEETING**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the following meeting be adopted:-

Planning Committee (Strategic) – 22 April 2008

17. **ELECTIONS – 1 MAY 2008**

Resolved:- That the Returning Officer's Statement of the results of the Borough Council elections held on 1 May 2008 be received.

18. **MOTION SUBMITTED BY A MEMBER**

The following motion submitted by Councillor Cooley was considered:-

That this Council:-

- (1) Renews its commitment to extend Neighbourhood Partnerships across the whole Borough.
- (2) Endorses the general thrust of the report by the Chief Executive to Cabinet on 20 February 2008 entitled Ward Councillors and Community Leadership and most specifically paragraph 1.5.5:

"Influence: Councillors must have real opportunities to influence strategic decisions about how mainstream services are allocated spending and at a point where local priorities and intelligence can be fully reflected in how services are planned and delivered," and therefore:

- 2.1 requires officers to begin discussions immediately with elected members to establish how members can begin to develop appropriate Neighbourhood Partnerships;
- 2.2 requests the Active and Cohesive Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to set up a working group to consider all aspects of implementing this enhancement of Councillor roles and that Group Leaders be invited to attend this working group as observers.
- (3) Confirms its adherence to the five principles for neighbourhood arrangements set out in 'Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbourhoods Matter' which were accepted by Scrutiny Committee on 23 March 2007 and subsequently by Cabinet, Council and the LSP Board, with specific emphasis on principle 4 and its requirement that 'Neighbourhood arrangements must be consistent with local representative democracy which gives legitimacy to governmental institutions and places elected councillors as the leading advocates for their communities and with the requirements of local democratic accountability'.

- (4) Recognises that the form of Charter for Neighbourhood Partnerships described in 'Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbourhoods Matter' is an acceptable basis for new partnerships, providing a 'no harm' clause is inserted to protect the interests of other neighbourhoods and partners, as was done in Chesterton with the approval of Council and the LSP Board.
- (5) Acknowledges that, where they exist, Parish Councils are a level of local representative democracy which offers great opportunities to develop neighbourhood engagement and that they should be encouraged to do so.

Resolved:- That the motion be supported.

**D CLARKE
J COOPER
Chairs**