

COUNCIL

18 May 2011

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor
(Councillor Mrs Ann Heames) in the Chair

COUNCILLORS

Allport, David	Lawton, Thomas
Astle, Mrs Margaret	Lewis, Mrs Barbara Mary
Bailey, Reginald	Loades, David
Bannister, James MacKenzie	Matthews, Ian John
Barber, Christian Stephen	Myatt, Mrs Freda Dorothea
Becket, David William	Olszewski, Mark Joseph, JP
Beech, Mrs Ann Elizabeth	Olszewski, Miss Sophie
Blair, Stephen Paul	Reddish, Marion Lynne
Boden, Edward Michael	Richards, Dennis John
Burke, Mrs Yvonne Carmel	Robinson, Kyle
Burnett, Mrs Gillian	Shenton, Mrs Elizabeth A R
Cairns, George O'Kane	Simpson, Mrs Sandra Jean
Clarke, David	Sinnott, William
Clarke, Michael Ross	Slater, Raymond André
Cooper, John, CC	Snell, Gareth Craig
Cooper, Miss Julie Margaret	Studd, Robin
Cornes, Mrs C Dylis, JP CC	Sweeney, Stephen J M, CC
Eagles, Tony	Tagg, John Henry
Fear, Andrew Thomas	Tagg, Simon John, CC
Gilmore, Ian David	Taylor, John
Hailstones, Mrs Linda	Taylor, Kyle-Noel
Hambleton, Mrs Sandra	Walklate, Miss June
Hambleton, Trevor	Waring, Paul
Heesom, Mrs Gillian Mary	Welsh, Billy
Holland, Mark	Wemyss, Andrew Robert
Howells, Robert Ashley, JP	Wilkes, Ian Frank
Johnson, Mrs Hilda	Williams, Mrs Gill
Jones, William Nigel	Williams, John
Kearon, Anthony	

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Nixon.

2. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

On the proposition of Councillor Boden, seconded by Councillor Cairns, Councillor Trevor Hambleton was elected Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

*The new Mayor, Councillor Trevor Hambleton 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 Boden, Councillor David Becket was elected Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meetings held on 23 March 2011 be approved as a correct record.

5. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayoress – Councillor Sandra Hambleton
High Constable – Shaun Castrey
Chaplain – Reverend Andrew Knight
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. RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Members paid tribute to the efficient and effective manner in which Councillor Mrs Ann and Mr Bill Heames had carried out the duties of Mayor and Consort during the past Municipal Year.

The Mayor then presented Councillor Ann and Mr Bill Heames with their Ex Mayor's and Consort's Badges

The Ex-Mayor then thanked Members for their comments and stated how much she and her Consort had enjoyed their term of office and the many people and organisations she had met. The Ex-Mayor then presented gifts to be displayed in the Mayor's Parlour.

8. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2011/12

Details of the proposed meetings of the Full Council for 2011/12 were submitted for consideration.

The Council's Constitution placed the responsibility for agreeing these dates and times with the Full Council.

Resolved:- That the dates and times of the Full Council meetings for 2011/12 as indicated in the report be approved.

9. SCHEME OF DELEGATION/CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to a report outlining proposed changes to the Council's Constitution brought about by legislative changes and by Council decisions to change the way it operates.

Resolved:- (a) That the Constitution be approved.

(b) That a further report be submitted to the Full Council later in the year following any recommendations by the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee in respect of its review of the Council's Constitution.

10. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A report was submitted detailing proposed revisions to the Council's Financial Regulations and Procedures which reflected the current structure and requirements of the Council.

Resolved:- That the revised Financial Regulations and Procedures be approved.

11. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

On the proposition of Councillor Studd, seconded by Councillor Jones, Councillor Sweeney was elected Leader of the Council for period 2011 to 2015.

12. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Sweeney announced the appointment of Councillor Studd as Deputy Leader of the Council.

13. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET

Councillor Sweeney announced the appointment of the Cabinet as follows:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Councillor Sweeney	- Safer and Stronger Communities
Councillor Studd	- Regeneration and Planning
Councillor Howells	- Resources and Efficiency
Councillor Bannister	- Culture and Active Communities
Councillor Miss Reddish	- Environment and Recycling
Councillor Jones	- Customer Service and Transformation

14. CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

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

(a) Audit and Risk (6)

Blair, Boden, Loades, Richards, K N Taylor and Waring

(b) Conservation Advisory (5)

Allport, Becket, Mrs Burnett, Miss Cooper and Holland

(c) Employees Consultative (7)

Bannister, Becket, Boden, Mrs Hambleton, Howells, Mrs Shenton and J Taylor

(d) Grants Assessment (8)

Mrs Burnett, Mrs Cornes, Eagles, Fear, Mrs Heames, Holland, Mrs Johnson and Miss Walklate

(e) Joint Parking (4)

D Clarke, Robinson, Sinnott and Sweeney

(f) Licensing (15)

Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Hambleton, Mrs Heames, Lawton, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Myatt, Mrs Simpson, Sinnott, Slater, S Tagg, Welsh, Wemyss, Mrs Williams and Williams

(g) Planning (16)

Boden, Cairns, D Clarke, M Clarke, Cooper, Fear, Howells, Lawton, Matthews, Nixon, Miss Reddish, Sinnott, Studd, Sweeney, Mrs Williams and Williams

(h) Public Protection (13)

Mrs Astle, Bailey, Barber, Mrs Hailstones, Mrs Heesom, Matthews, Olszewski, Robinson, Snell, Miss Walklate, Welsh, Wemyss and Mrs Williams

(i) Standards Committee (7)

Mrs Burke, Cairns, Mrs Hambleton, J Tagg, J Taylor, Welsh and Wemyss

(j) Health Scrutiny Sub (6)

Becket, Miss Cooper, Mrs Hambleton, Mrs Johnson, Loades and J Taylor

(k) Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating (13)

Becket, Boden, Cairns, M Clarke, Miss Cooper, Gilmore, Mrs Hailstones, Mrs Heames, Olszewski, Mrs Shenton, Snell, Wilkes and Williams

(l) Active and Cohesive Communities (13)

Mrs Astle, Bailey, Cairns, M Clarke, Cooper, Mrs Cornes, Mrs Heames, Mrs Heesom, Miss Olszewski, J Tagg, Miss Walklate, Wilkes and Mrs Williams

(m) Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities (13)

Allport, Barber, Becket, Miss Cooper, Mrs Johnson, Kearon, Matthews, Richards, Robinson, Mrs Simpson, S Tagg, Wemyss and Williams

(n) Economic Development and Enterprise (13)

Mrs Beech, Boden, D Clarke, Gilmore, Holland, Lawton, Loades, Olszewski, Richards, Slater, K N Taylor, Wilkes and Williams

(o) Transformation and Resources (13)

Mrs Beech, Blair, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Burke, Fear, Mrs Hailstones, Mrs Shenton, Sinnott, Snell, J Taylor, Miss Walklate, Waring and Wilkes

15. **CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES**

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

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice-Chair</u>
Audit and Risk	Richards	Blair
Conservation Advisory	Miss Cooper	Becket
Employees Consultative	Mrs Shenton	
Grants Assessment	Mrs Cornes	
Joint Parking	Sweeney	
Licensing	S Tagg	Welsh
Planning	Fear	D Clarke
Public Protection	Matthews	Miss Walklate
Standards Committee	Independent Member	Wemyss
Health Scrutiny Sub	Becket	
Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating	M Clarke	Wilkes
Active and Cohesive Communities	Mrs Heames	Mrs Williams
Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities	Williams	Miss Cooper
Economic Development and Enterprise	Olszewski	Gilmore
Transformation and Resources	Mrs Shenton	Mrs Beech

16. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

Resolved:- (a) That Messrs D J Burns, Y Mir, D Wood, D L Locke, W A Murray and G Durber be appointed as independent members of the Standards Committee.

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

17. **APPOINTMENT TO JOINT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Resolved:- That the following appointments be made:-

E Government Partnership	- Howells
Joint Waste Board	- Miss Reddish
County Council Health Scrutiny Committee	- Becket
Staffordshire Planning Forum	- Fear and Studd (substitutes S Tagg and Miss Reddish respectively)
County Council Communities, Crime and Culture Scrutiny Committee	- Loades

18. **ELECTIONS – 5 MAY 2011**

Resolved:- That the Returning Officer's statement of the results of the Borough Council elections held on 5 May 2011 be received.

19. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order No 17. the Mayor received a petition concerning the future use of the former care home, Thistleberry House, Newcastle which was in the ownership of the County Council.

**MRS A HEAMES
T HAMBLETON
Chairs**