

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 16th May, 2018
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Simon White – in the Chair

Councillors:

Burgess	Panter
Mrs Burnett	Parker
Cooper	Pickup
Cooper	Proctor
Miss J Cooper	Reddish
Driver	Robinson
Dymond	Rout
Fear	Shenton
Fox-Hewitt	Spence
Gardner	Stubbs
Harrison	Sweeney
Heesom	J Tagg
Holland	S Tagg
Horsfall	Walklate
Johnson	J Waring
Johnson	P Waring
Jones	G White
Kearon	Wilkes
Maxfield	G Williams
Moffat	J Williams
Northcott	Wright
Olszewski	

Officers Executive Director Operational Services- David Adams, Executive Director (Development) - Neale Clifton, Geoff Durham - Mayor's Secretary / Member Hammond, Simone Harris, John Tradewell - Acting Chief Executive / Head Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) - Kelvin Turner

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February, 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2018/19

It was moved by Councillor Simon Tagg and seconded by Councillor Sweeney that Councillor Heesom be appointed as Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Resolved: That Councillor Heesom be appointed as Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Councillor Gill Heesom – in the Chair

The Mayor made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2018/19

It was moved by Councillor Kearon and seconded by Councillor Robinson that Councillor Shenton be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Resolved: That Councillor Shenton be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The Deputy Mayor signed the Acceptance of Office.

6. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Consorts –	Mr John Heesom & Mr Paul Heesom
High Constable –	Mr Andrew Mackay-Astley
Chaplain –	Reverend John Taylor
Mace Bearers –	Mrs Angela Mayer and Mr James Worgan

7. MAYORAL ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked the Council for affording her the honour of the appointment and paid tribute to the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment of her predecessor.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR, MAYORESS AND CONSORT

On behalf of the Council, Councillor Simon Tagg expressed gratitude and appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Mayoress and Consort for their tireless dedication to the role and their services to the Borough and its communities. Councillors S. Tagg added that the Borough had been served well by the retiring Mayor as its Ambassador.

Official Badges were presented to the retiring Mayor and Consort. The Mayoress was not present at the meeting and would be presented with her badge by the retiring Mayor.

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

The retiring Mayor thanked members of the Council for their support and also everyone who had helped and guided him throughout his term of Office.

He stated that it had been a privilege to represent the Borough and had fond memories of many engagements that had been undertaken especially awarding Gordon banks OBE his Freedom of the Borough. He was proud to have raised just over £18,000 towards his two chosen charities. The retiring Mayor also gave thanks to his High Constable Allan Jones who could not be at the meeting due to ill health. He wished his successor well for the forthcoming year and offered his full support.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave notice that her Annual Civic Service would be held at St. Giles Church at 10.30am on Sunday 24 June 2018. She referred to a formal Reception which was to be held immediately following this Annual Council meeting and thanked her family and friends for their support for both events.

11. ELECTION RESULTS 2018

Members were asked to receive a report detailing the results from the elections held earlier this month.

Resolved: That the information be received.

12. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Fear and seconded by Councillor Sweeney that Councillor Simon Tagg be appointed as Leader of the Council.

A named vote was requested:

BURGESS	N	JOHNSON T	Y	SPENCE	N
BURNETT	Y	JONES	N	STUBBS	N
COOPER	Y	KEARON	N	SWEENEY	Y
MISS COOPER	Y	MAXFIELD	Y	TAGG J	Y
MRS COOPER	Y	MOFFAT	N	TAGG S	Y
DRIVER	N	NORTHCOTT	Y	WALKLATE	A
DYMOND	N	OLSZEWSKI	N	WARING J	Y
FEAR	Y	PANTER	Y	WARING P	Y
FOX-HEWITT	N	PARKER	Y	WHITE G	Y
GARDNER	N	PICKUP	N	WHITE S	Y
HEESOM	Y	PROCTOR	Y	WILKES	A
HARRISON	Y	REDDISH	A	WILLIAMS G	N

HOLLAND	Y	ROBINSON	N	WILLIAMS J	N
HORSFALL	N	ROUT	N	WRIGHT	N
JOHNSON B	N	SHENTON	N		

In Favour - 21

Against - 20

Abstain – 3

Resolved: That Councillor Simon Tagg be appointed as Leader of the Council.

13. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET

The Leader confirmed Councillor Sweeney as Deputy Leader and the following as members of the Cabinet:

Councillor Holland
Councillor T Johnson
Councillor Northcott
Councillor J Waring

14. ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Leader introduced a report outlining a number of changes to the council's constitution reflecting the reduction in the number of members and changes to some committees.

The Leader also proposed that the Constitution and Member Support Working Group be reconvened with the same membership as before; Councillors' Holland, Reddish, Shenton and G White. The remit of the Working Group being as follows:

- (i) To scrutinise the changes set out in the reports and to monitor their impact over the year ahead.
- (ii) To carry out a proper review of the Constitution to ensure that it is fit for purpose for the new Council.
- (iii) To ensure that Members have the training and development they need to be effective in their executive, scrutiny, regulatory and ward member roles.

Councillor Kearon agreed with the reconvening of the above Working Group and seconded the proposal.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the changes to committees to reflect the reduced number of Members on the Council be agreed.
 - (ii) That the changes to the Planning Service Scheme of Delegation, reflecting changes to legislation, be agreed.
 - (iii) That the changes to the Constitution, reflecting new ways

of working (particularly the use of sub-committees) consequent on bringing together the Licensing and Public Protection Committees as a single committee, be agreed.

- (iv) That the Constitution and Member Support Working Group be reconvened.

15. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR 2018/19

Resolved: That the appointments to committees, as set out in the Supplementary agenda, be approved:

Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Resolved: That the following Chair and Vice-Chair appointments be approved:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	VICE - CHAIR
Audit and Standards	P. Waring	S. Dymond
Conservation Advisory	A. Gardner	B. Proctor
Employment Committee	Portfolio Holder	No nomination required
Licensing & Public Protection	M. Olszewski	S. White
Planning	A. Fear	M. Reddish*
Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny	I. Wilkes*	R. Wright**
Economy, Environment & Place Scrutiny	G. White	M. Reddish
Finance, Assets & Performance Scrutiny	M. Stubbs	S. Pickup**

*Denotes where a vote was not taken as only one nomination was received.

** Denotes a changed nominee to that of the printed agenda.

16. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The List of Representatives onto Outside Bodies was considered. Where more than one nomination was received a vote was taken.

- Community Council for Staffordshire - Councillor S White
- Aspire Board - Councillor Shenton
- Campaign to Protect Rural England - Councillor Panter
- West Midland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association - Councillor Sweeney
- LGiU Assembly - Councillor Julie Cooper

Resolved: That the list of Representatives onto Outside Bodies, as set out in the Supplementary agenda and those Members listed above following a

vote having been taken, be agreed and the Members appointed accordingly.

17. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

The Leader introduced the report from the Independent Remuneration Panel and thanked them for the work that they had carried out. The Leader stated that he could not accept the proposed changes to allowances for this Municipal year and proposed that the existing levels of allowance be retained and the Panel be invited to review them again next year when a full year of the new arrangements for this Council had passed.

Councillors' Kearon and Proctor backed the Leader's proposal.

Councillor Shenton asked that a copy of the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel be made available to the Constitution and Member Support Working Group.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the current Scheme of Members' Allowances be retained for the municipal year 2018/19.
 - (ii) That an Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to review Members' Allowances prior to the 2019/20 Municipal year.

18. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2018/19

The Leader moved that the Calendar of Meetings be rolled forward to cover the full four years so that it is in Members diaries.

In order to preserve the Annual Council meeting primarily as for the ceremonial functions such as appointing Committees and Chairs and Mayor making, the Leader proposed that the April meeting of the Council be used to deal with changes to the Constitution and any general business, particularly as there are no Borough elections for the next few years.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the Calendar of Meetings for 2018/19 as submitted be approved.
 - (ii) That the Calendar of Meetings be rolled forward to cover the full four year period so that this is in Members' diaries.
 - (iii) That the Annual Council meeting be used primarily as for the ceremonial functions and that this be achieved by use of the April Council meeting for changes to the Constitution and other general business.

19. A500 WIDENING - LAND NORTH OF DOMVILLES FARM, AUDLEY PARISH - 348/241

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Growth, Councillor Paul Northcott introduced this report to delegate any of its planning powers to Cheshire East with respect to the determination of a planning application for the A500 widening.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That Council resolves that it delegates to Cheshire East Council the discharge of the Borough Council's function under the Town and Country (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 to give a Scoping Opinion, under the above Regulations, with respect to a proposal to widen the A500 between Junction 16 of the M6 and the Meremoss roundabout, Crewe, insofar as it relates to land that lies within the Borough Council's administrative area.
 - (ii) That Council resolves that it delegates to Cheshire East Council the discharge of the Borough Council's planning control functions under Section 70(1) (Part III) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to determine, insofar as it relates to land that lies within the Borough Council's administrative area, a cross boundary planning application in relation to the proposed widening of the A500 between Junction 16 of the M6 and the Meremoss roundabout, Crewe.

20. **STANDING ORDER 18 - URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

COUNCILLOR SIMON WHITE
Chair

COUNCILLOR GILL HEESOM
Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.10 pm