

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 14 May, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Collier in the Chair for Minute Numbers C16/001 – C16/003.
Councillor M Williamson in the Chair thereafter, and
Councillors L Bakker-Collier, G Collier, J Davies, Mrs J Farnham, Mrs M Goodall, Mrs
K Green, M Green, Mrs J Hood, T Jackson, R Kenney, P Leason, Mrs E Mowatt, G
Neagus, A Osgathorpe, Mrs J Piggott and M Shaw

ABSENT: None

GP16/001 Apologies

None received

C16/002 Declarations of Interest

None received.

RESOLVED – to conclude this item following the appointment of the Town Mayor.

C16/003 To appoint the Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor Mrs J Piggott nominated Councillor M Williamson as Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor Piggott stated she has known Councillor Williamson for over nine years; he is hardworking and always offers his support. He has lived at Walton for over 40 years and has been involved in many local organisations. Councillor M Shaw seconded the nomination and wished him all the best for the year. There were no further nominations and all Members agreed.

The Clerk invited Councillor M Williamson to sign the declaration of office and receive the chain of office.

Councillor Williamson announced that Councillor Mrs M Goodall will be his Consort. Councillor Goodall received her chain of office.

Councillor M Williamson stated that Rev I Cardinal has agreed to be Mayor's Chaplain for the year. He thanked the Council for allowing him to be Mayor and added that it is a great honour.

C16/004 **To appoint the Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year**

Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed Councillor J Davies as Deputy Town Mayor for the year. This was seconded by Councillor R Kenney. No further nominations were received and all Members were in favour.

Councillor J Davies received the badge of office and announced that his wife, Mrs Lin Davies would be his Consort. He thanked the Council for the opportunity and said he would do his best for the Town.

C16/005 **To record the Town Council's appreciation of the services of the retiring Mayoral team**

The Town Clerk invited Councillor Mrs C Collier forward to receive a gift and Past Mayor's badge.

Councillor Mrs J Hood offered the Council's appreciation and thanks to the retiring Mayor and Consort and added that they performed their duties with humility, pride and dedication.

Councillor Mrs C Collier reported that she had enjoyed a busy but happy and memorable year and has raised over £3000 for her charities. She thanked the officers for their support and also the Deputy Mayor and Consort. She thanked Cllr G Collier for being her Consort for the year and wished Councillor M Williamson a good year.

Councillor Mrs C Collier invited the retiring Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Shaw to receive a Past Deputy Mayor's badge and gift, and gave a gift to Councillor M Shaw in gratitude for his year as Deputy Mayor's Consort.

Councillor M Williamson also thanked the retiring Mayoral team for their hard work over the past year.

C16/006 **Declarations of Interest**

It was RESOLVED that:

Dispensations be given to all Town Councillors who live within the Town Council boundary in respect of the Council's budget and precept process

and

Dispensations be given to all Town Councillors who are also Staffordshire County Councillors and/or Stafford Borough Councillors in respect of matters related to business of these Councils.

C16/007 **To note the receipt by the Town Clerk of declarations of acceptance of office from all Town Councillors**

The Town Clerk confirmed that he was in receipt of all of the Acceptance of Office forms from Town Councillors.

C16/008 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 31st March, 2015, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/009 **Committee Minutes**

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 31st March, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- b) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 31st March, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- c) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 16th April, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record
- d) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 23rd April, 2015, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C16/010 **To determine membership and elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee**

Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed Councillor R Kenney as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. This was seconded by Councillor M Green and agreed by all Members. Councillor Mrs J Farnham proposed Councillor G Collier as Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs M Goodall and agreed by all Members.

Councillor Mrs C Collier proposed Councillor Mrs J Piggott as Chairman of the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Hood and agreed by all Members. Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed Councillor G Neagus as Vice-Chairman of Planning. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs E Mowatt and agreed by all Members.

Councillor M Green proposed that all Members of the Council form membership of both the General Purposes and Planning Committees. This was seconded by Councillor R Kenney and agreed by all Members.

C16/011 **To defer other business under Standing Order 2, paragraph j to an appropriate meeting of the General Purposes Committee**

It was RESOLVED that all other business under this Standing Order be deferred to the General Purposes Committee.

TOWN MAYOR