

Lichfield City Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in Guildhall, Lichfield  
on Monday 26 July 2021 at 6.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors R Yardley (Mayor), J Anketell, H Ashton, Mrs D Baker, J Checkland, C  
Greatorex, Mrs J Greaves I Jackson, P Jones, A Lax, Miss J Marks, P McDermott, C Rapley, D  
Robertson, A Smith, J Smith, C Spruce, M Trent and M Warfield.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors C Ball, Mrs G Boyle, D Dundas, Mrs J Eagland, M Field, R Harrison,  
T Matthews, S Pritchard and P Ray.

**35 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported on recent engagements which included a zoom meeting of Conduit Lands Trust, the presentation of the Mayor's badge to the Army Cadet James Carter, the Annual Bowls Match, the consecration and unveiling of the Statue of St Chad, a zoom meeting of Mary Slater Charity and a promotion photograph for Proms In The Park.

**36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Councillor A Lax declared an interest in Minute 41 (Boundary Review) as she is Lichfield District Council Portfolio Member for Local Governance Review.

**37 COUNCIL MINUTES**

***RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 June 2021 (Nos 15-34) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.***

**38 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor C Rapley pointed that the spelling in Minute No 28 'highted' should be altered to 'highlighted'

The Mayor reported that regarding Councillor Greatorex's request that items on the Accounts Payable be categorised, the Internal Auditor had advised that the items should remain itemised.

Minute No 26 - It was confirmed that currently 2 positions on the Representatives On Outside Bodies remain unfilled.

Minute No 29 – It was confirmed that strimming at Bishops' Walk had been increased to every fortnight.

**39 PLANNING COMMITTEE (DELEGATED AUTHORITY)**

***RESOLVED: That comments submitted to Lichfield District Council for the period 21 May to 14 July 2021 and made in the name of LCC via delegated authority, be received.***

**40 OFFICERS' REPORT**

Councillor Mrs Baker was pleased with the total of £9,000 raised for the former Mayor and Sheriff's charities and welcomed the improvements to windows at Curborough Community Centre. Councillors Spruce and Miss Marks congratulated the new Open Spaces Officer on his excellent work. Councillor Greatorex congratulated the Town Clerk on the idea for the installation of new bollards at Ash Grove to discourage unauthorised vehicular access

to the site. Councillor Robertson stated that he had received several emails congratulating the City Council on the impressive display on the bund at Netherstowe.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted.**

#### **41 BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report that followed a request to the Council from Michael Fabricant MP to submit a consultation response supporting his position on the proposed constituency changes, and also to encourage the City Council to actively promote the inclusion of Streethay ward as a separate and additional City Council ward; such a matter – pending the outcome of the national boundary review - being within the influence of the ongoing *local* boundary review conducted by Lichfield District Council.

**RESOLVED:**

**a) That the City Council submits a response to the Boundary Commission's proposals for Lichfield strongly reflecting the views that Streethay should remain in the Lichfield Constituency, including reference to the negative impacts of moving Streethay to Tamworth on the Trent Valley rail link, neighbouring employment land and the strong community links Streethay has with Lichfield rather than Tamworth.**

**b) That the City Council would support the aim of Streethay Ward becoming part of the Lichfield City Parish – subject to boundary changes – as it may have more affinity with Lichfield City Parish than elsewhere. However, any decision to drive this proposal should be initially subject to the view of Streethay residents.**

#### **42 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed for the periods:**

- **1 April 2021 to 30 April 2021 in the sum of £121,212.34 General Account and £7.23 Imprest Account.**
- **1 May 2021 to 31 May 2021 in the sum of £96,836.74 General Account and £425.90 Imprest Account.**

#### **43 EXCUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business next to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting.**

#### **44 STAFFING COMMITTEE**

Members considered the Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held 15 July 2021; members were directed in particular to the recommendations to Council at Minute numbers five and six, which included information relating to the new post of 'Administrative Officer – Planning & Finance' to replace the post of 'Administrative Officer – Planning & PA to the Town Clerk', and the recommended change in date for the November meeting of the Committee.

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 15 July 2021 be adopted.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00 PM  
MAYOR**