

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 16 May 2022 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors J Anketell, H Ashton, D Baker, C Ball, G Boyle, J Checkland, D Dundas, J Eagland, C Greatorex, J Greaves, R Harrison, I Jackson, P Jones, A Lax, J Marks, T Matthews, P McDermott, D Robertson, A Smith, J Smith, C Spruce, M Trent, M Warfield and R Yardley.

APOLOGIES: Councillors M Field, S Pritchard, C Rapley and P Ray.

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor C Spruce, seconded by Councillor J Eagland, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Jamie Checkland be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023.*

The Mayor was invested with the Mayoral Chain, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor then took the Oath of Allegiance and occupied the Chair.

2 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 20 April 2022 (nos. 107 – 120) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor M Warfield, seconded by Councillor T Matthews, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Paul Jones be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023.*

The Deputy Mayor was invested with the badge of office, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4 ELECTION OF SHERIFF

It was proposed by Councillor A Smith, seconded by Councillor G Boyle, and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Janice Greaves be elected Sheriff of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023.*

The Sheriff was invested with the Chain of Office, and took the Oath of Fealty to the Crown.

5 EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Sheriff each returned thanks for their election.

6 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor announced that Reverend Ian Hayter would be his Chaplain.

7 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor announced that Police Cadet Thomas Dodds would be his Cadet and presented him with his Badge of Office.

8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor J Eagland, seconded by Councillor M Warfield, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Robert Yardley for his valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2021/22.

Councillor Yardley responded in suitable terms and paid tribute to members of the Council and City Council staff for their support during his term of office.

9 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING SHERIFF

It was proposed by Councillor C Greatorex, seconded by Councillor P Hitchman, and

RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Mr Peter Hitchman for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2021/22.

Mr Hitchman responded in suitable terms and paid tribute to members of the Council and City Council staff for their support during his term of office.

10 PRESENTATION OF BADGES OF OFFICE

The Mayor presented Badges of Office to the Mayoress, Deputy Mayoress and Sheriff's Consort.

11 REPLICA BADGES OF OFFICE

The retiring Mayor and Mayoress, and the retiring Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady were presented with replica badges of office by the Mayor.

12 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor D Baker, seconded by Councillor J Eagland, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor M Warfield be appointed Leader of Council for the ensuing year.

13 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor T Matthews, seconded by Councillor C Greatorex, and

RESOLVED: That Councillor D Baker be appointed Deputy Leader of Council for the ensuing year.

14 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, PANELS, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: That membership of Committees, Panels, and Advisory Committees be as follows:

a) ***Planning Committee (All members of Council)***

Chair: C Spruce

Vice Chair: A Lax

Ward Representatives (submission of agreed ward comments):

- *Boley Park/Pentire Road: Cllr R Yardley*
- *Chadsmead/Garrick Road: Cllr P Ray*
- *Curborough: Cllr C Ball*
- *Leomansley: Cllr J Checkland*
- *St Johns: Cllr G Boyle*
- *Stowe/Burton Old Road: Cllr P McDermott*

- b) **Audit Committee (7 members)**
5 Majority Group – Councillors: J Greaves, A Lax, A Smith, C Spruce, M Warfield
2 Minority Group – Councillor I Jackson (LD), D Robertson (Lab)
Chair: M Warfield Vice Chair: C Spruce
- c) **Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)**
5 Majority Group – Councillors: D Baker, P Jones, J Marks, M Warfield, R Yardley
4 Minority Groups – Councillors: M Field (Lab), H Ashton (LD), M Trent (LD), R Harrison (Ind)
Chair: D Baker Vice Chair: M Warfield
- d) **Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee (8 members + 2 representative members and 2 honorary members)**
6 Majority Group – Councillors: G Boyle, D Dundas, J Eagland, T Matthews, C Spruce, R Yardley
2 Minority Groups – Councillors: J Anketell (Lab), C Rapley (LD)
Johnson Society (non-voting) appointed by Society – currently Mr P Jones & Mr J Winterton
Honorary Members (non-voting) – Mr Robert Awty and Mr Antony Thompson
Chair: G Boyle Vice Chair: C Spruce
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Party (7 members)**
5 Majority Group – Councillors: J Checkland, P Jones, G Boyle, S Pritchard, M Warfield
2 Minority Groups – Councillors: C Ball (Lab), M Trent (LD)
Chair: M Warfield Vice Chair: Mrs G Boyle
- f) **Staffing Committee (8 members)**
6 Majority Group – Councillors: J Eagland, J Greaves, A Lax, T Matthews, J Marks, M Warfield
2 Minority Groups – Councillors: P McDermott (LD), D Robertson (Lab)
Chair: M Warfield Vice Chair: A Lax
- g) **Tenders Committee (6 members)**
Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council Leader, Deputy Leader,
Minority Groups: Councillors J Smith (LD), C Ball (Lab)
Chair: Leader of Council Vice Chair: Deputy Leader of Council
- h) **Complaints Panel (4 members)**

Councillors: D Baker, A Lax, C Spruce, M Warfield

i) **Markets Working Group (6 members)**

3 Majority Group – Councillors: J Checkland, C Spruce and M Warfield

3 Minority Groups – Councillors: P McDermott (LD), D Robertson (Lab) and J Smith (LD)

Chair: J Checkland

Vice Chair: P McDermott

j) **Sheriff's Ride Working Party (6 members)**

4 Majority Group – Councillors: G Boyle, J Marks, A Smith and M Warfield

2 Minority Groups – Councillors: C Ball (Lab) and J Smith (LD)

Chair: A Smith

Vice Chair: J Smith

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.13 PM**

MAYOR