

## Lichfield City Council

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 17 May 2021 at 6.30 pm

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors I Jackson, C Rapley, P Ray, A Smith, M Trent.

#### 1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

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

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Robert Paul Yardley be elected Mayor of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2022.**

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

**An amendment to Minute number 114 was requested by Cllr P McDermott on behalf of Cllr C Rapley; the revised Minute to read:**

*'Cllr C Rapley spoke about Lateral Flow Test process, advising members of her research in the British Medical Journal and other publications indicating that these tests were designed to be administered by professionals and not as self-tests and that such tests can give false security when they are returned as negative, citing recent publicity regarding the Medications and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's (MHRA) statements that the use of Lateral Flow Tests is a 'stretch' of the use of rapid tests.'*

There being no objections to the amendment, it was;

**RESOLVED: That subject to the amendment set out above, the Minutes of the City Council Meeting held on 26 April 2021 (nos. 106 – 118) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

#### 3 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Ian Jamie Checkland be appointed Deputy Mayor to hold office until the election of Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2022.**

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

#### 4 ELECTION OF SHERIFF

It was proposed by Councillor C Greatorex, seconded by Councillor A Lax, and

**RESOLVED: That Mr Peter Leonard Hitchman be elected Sheriff of the City to hold office until the election of a successor at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2022.**

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 Army Cadet LCPL James Carter would be his Cadet.

**8 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor G Boyle, seconded by Councillor T Matthews, and

***RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Councillor Mrs Deborah Baker for her valuable and outstanding services as Mayor during 2019/20 and 2020/21.***

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

**9 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING SHERIFF**

It was proposed by Councillor C Spruce, seconded by Councillor M Warfield, and

***RESOLVED: That the best thanks of the citizens be accorded to Dr Daryl Brown for his valuable and outstanding services as Sheriff during 2019/20 and 2020/21.***

Dr Brown 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 the Chain of Office to the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor presented the Chain of Office to the Deputy Mayoress, and the Sheriff presented the Chain of Office to the Sheriff's Lady.

**11 REPLICA BADGES OF OFFICE**

The retiring Mayor and Consort, and the retiring Sheriff, were presented with replica badges of office by the Mayor.

**12 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs D Baker, seconded by Councillor Mrs 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 Mrs 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)**

Chairman: C Spruce                      Vice Chairman: A Lax

Ward Representatives (submission of ward comments)

Boley Park/Pentire Road: Cllr R Yardley

Chadsmead/Garrick Road: Cllr P Ray

Curborough: Cllr C Ball

Leomansley: Cllr A Smith

St Johns: Cllr Mrs J Greaves

Stowe/Burton Old Road: Cllr P McDermott

b) **Audit Committee (7 members)**

5 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs J Greaves, A Lax, A Smith, C Spruce, M Warfield

2 Minority Group – Councillor I Jackson (LD), D Robertson (Lab)

Chairman: M Warfield                      Vice Chairman: C Spruce

c) **Grants Advisory Committee (9 members)**

6 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs D Baker, B Harrison, P Jones, Miss J Marks, M Warfield, R Yardley

3 Minority Groups – Councillors: M Field (Lab), H Ashton (LD), M Trent (LD)

Chairman: Mrs D Baker                      Vice Chairman: M Warfield

d) **Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee**

**(8 members + 2 representative members and 2 honorary members)**

6 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs G Boyle, D Dundas, Mrs 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

Chairman: Mrs G Boyle                      Vice Chairman: C Spruce

e) **Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Party (7 members)**

5 Majority Group – Councillors: J Checkland, P Jones, Mrs G Boyle, S Pritchard, M Warfield

2 Minority Groups – Councillors: C Ball (Lab), M Trent (LD)

Chairman: M Warfield                      Vice Chairman: Mrs G Boyle

f) **Staffing Committee (8 members)**

6 Majority Group – Councillors: Mrs J Eagland, Mrs J Greaves, A Lax, T Matthews, Miss J Marks, M Warfield

2 Minority Groups – Councillors: P McDermott (LD), D Robertson (Lab)

Chairman: M Warfield                      Vice Chairman: A Lax

g) **Tenders Committee (6 members)**

Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Council Leader, Deputy Leader, Councillors J Smith (LD), C Ball (Lab)

Chairman: Leader of Council                      Vice Chairman: Deputy Leader of Council

h) **Complaints Panel (4 members)**

*Councillors: Mrs 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)

Chairman: J Checkland

Vice Chairman: P McDermott

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

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

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

Chairman: A Smith

Vice Chairman: J Smith

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.20 PM**

**MAYOR**