Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 10 May, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor M Williamson in the Chair for Minute Numbers C17/001 – C17/003.

Councillor J Davies in the Chair thereafter, and

Councillors Ms L Bakker-Collier, Mrs C Collier, G Collier, 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

C17/001 Apologies

None received

C17/002 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

None received.

C17/003 To appoint the Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor Mrs J Hood proposed Councillor J Davies as Mayor for the ensuing year. She has great pleasure in giving her full support to him. This was seconded by Councillor M Green. There were no further nominations and all Members agreed.

The Clerk invited Councillor J Davies to sign the declaration of office and receive the chain of office.

Councillor Davies announced that Mrs Lin Davies will be the Mayoress. Mrs Davies received her chain of office.

Councillor J Davies stated that Mrs Jane Morris has agreed to be Mayor's Chaplain for the year.

Councillor J Davies thanked Members for nominating him as Mayor and said he was deeply honoured and humbled. He also named his proposed charities for the year as RAFA, Age Concern Stone & District and Stone Community Hub.

C17/004 To appoint the Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor G Collier proposed Councillor T Jackson as Deputy Town Mayor for the year. This was seconded by Councillor M Green. No further nominations were received and all Members were in favour.

Councillor T Jackson received the badge of office and announced that his wife, Mrs Mrs Jackson would be the Deputy Mayoress.

Councillor Jackson thanked Members for nominating him and he said that he and Jane will do their utmost to support the Mayor and represent the Council. He went on to say that it is a privilege and an honour.

C17/005 To record the Town Council's appreciation of the services of the retiring Mayoral team

The Town Clerk invited Councillor M Williamson forward to receive a gift and Past Mayor's badge.

Councillor Williamson thanked Rev I Cardinal for his spiritual guidance over the past year. He thanked Councillor Davies for being his Deputy, supporting him throughout the year. He said the last twelve months and made him appreciate the town he lives in, and said there are so many organisations in Stone doing so much for local people.

Councillor M Williamson invited the retiring Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor J Davies to receive a Past Deputy Mayor's badge and gift, and gave a gift to Mrs L Davies in gratitude for her year as Deputy Mayoress. He also gave a gift to his retiring Consort.

C17/006 Minutes

RESOLVED

a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 5th April, 2016, copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C17/007 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 5th April, 2016, 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 5th April, 2016, 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 19th April, 2016, copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record

C17/008 To determine membership and elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

Councillor T Jackson proposed that all Members of the Council form membership of both the General Purposes and Planning Committees. This was seconded by Councillor M Williamson and agreed by all Members.

Councillor T Jackson proposed Councillor M Williamson as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Piggott. Councillor M Green proposed Councillor R Kenney as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Hood. No further nominations were received.

Following a tied vote, the Mayor exercised his casting vote on favour of Councillor R Kenney. Councillor R Kenney was appointed Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the year.

Councillor G Collier expressed his disappointment in the decision which had been made. Councillors G Collier, Mrs C Collier, Mrs J Piggott, M Williamson, Mrs M Goodall and Ms L Bakker-Collier left the meeting.

Councillor M Green proposed Councillor T Jackson as Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee. This was seconded by Councillor P Leason and agreed by all Members.

Councillor R Kenney proposed Councillor Mrs J Piggott as Chairman of the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor P Leason and agreed by all Members. Councillor Mrs K Green proposed Councillor G Neagus as Vice-Chairman of Planning. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs J Hood and agreed by all Members.

C17/009 To defer other business under Standing Order 2, paragraph j to an appropriate meeting of the General Purposes Committee

Councillor M Green proposed that other business be deferred to the General Purposes Meeting on 17th May, 2015. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs E Mowatt and agreed by all Members.

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

C17/010 The Mayor asked guests to sign the visitors sheet and invited them to stay for refreshments.