

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Stone Station Community Centre on Tuesday 09 May, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor J. Davies in the Chair and
Councillors I. Fordham, Mrs K. Green, M. Green, Mrs J. Hood, T. Jackson, R. Kenney,
Mrs E. Mowatt, G. Neagus, A. Osgathorpe and M. Shaw.

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs C. Collier, G. Collier, Mrs J. Farnham, Mrs M. Goodall, P. Leason,
Mrs J. Piggott and M. Williamson.

Before the meeting started Councillor J. Davies congratulated Councillor Parry and Councillor Mrs Hood on their election to Staffordshire County Council.

C18/001 To appoint the Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor Mrs J. Hood proposed Councillor J. Davies for a second term in office. She explained the responsibilities of the Mayoral role and expressed how Councillor Davies had embraced his position as ambassador of the town, working with a strong sense of duty and well beyond requirements; along with his Consort the Mayoress.

Councillor M. Green said he had pleasure in seconding the nomination. There were no further nominations and all members agreed.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor J. Davies as Stone Town Mayor for the year 2017-18.

The Clerk invited Councillor J. Davies to sign the Declaration of Office and he retained the Chain of Office.

Councillor J. Davies announced that his wife Mrs L. Davies would be his Consort. Mrs Davies retained her Chain of Office.

Councillor J. Davies stated that Rev I. Cardinal had agreed to be Mayor's Chaplain for the year.

Councillor J. Davies announced that his charities for his Mayoral Year would be the Scout and Guide Band, Stone Army Cadets, 2352 (Stone) Squadron ATC and St. John Ambulance.

C18/002 To appoint the Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor K. Green proposed Councillor I. Fordham as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year. This was seconded by Councillor R. Kenney. No further nominations were received and all members agreed.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor I. Fordham to Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2017-18

The Clerk invited Councillor Fordham to sign the Declaration of Office and he received his Badge of Office. Councillor Fordham said it was an honour to be appointed and he was grateful to his fellow members and hoped he could meet expectations of the town.

Councillor I Fordham announced that his wife Mrs Gill Fordham would be his Consort.

Mrs Fordham was called forward to receive her Badge of Office.

C18/003 To record the Town Council's appreciation of the services of the retiring Mayoral team

Councillor J. Davies was awarded with a Past Town Mayor's Badge and a gift. He gave thanks for the support he had received over the last year from both Councillors and the people of Stone. He also thanked Rev. J. Morris for her guidance.

Councillor T. Jackson was awarded with a Past Deputy Mayor's Badge and a gift.

The Mayor's Consort, Lin Davies, was called forward for an award of flowers as a personal gift of thanks.

The Deputy Mayor's Consort, Jane Jackson was called forward for an award of flowers as a personal gift of thanks.

Councillor Davies gave thanks to Jackie Allen, Assistant Town Clerk and Mayor's Secretary for her diligent work over the previous six years.

C18/004 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Mrs C. Collier, G. Collier, Mrs J. Farnham, Mrs M. Goodall, P. Leason, Mrs J. Piggott and M. Williamson

C18/005 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations Received

None

C18/006 Minutes

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 4 April 2017 (Minute Numbers C17/090 – C17/096), copies having been circulated to the members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C18/007 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 30 March 2017 (Minute Numbers GP17/168 – GP17/171), copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- b) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 4 April 2017 (Minute Numbers GP17/172 – GP17/186), copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to a correction to the location of the meeting.
- c) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 4 April 2017 (Minute Numbers P17/107 – P17/111), copies having been circulated to Members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to a correction to the location of the meeting.
- d) That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 18 April 2017 (Minute Numbers P17/112 – P17/116), copies having been circulated to members, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C18/008 To determine membership and elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee for 2017-18

It was proposed by Councillor R. Kenney that all members be appointed to both the General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor J. Hood and all Members agreed.

RESOLVED: That all Members be appointed to the General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee

General Purposes Committee:

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hood and seconded by Councillor I. Fordham that Councillor R. Kenney be appointed Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for a further year.

It was also proposed by Councillor T. Jackson and seconded by Councillor M. Shaw that Councillor G. Collier be appointed as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

A vote was then taken and Councillor R. Kenney was appointed as Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Councillor R. Kenney be appointed as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the year 2017-18

Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee:

It was proposed by Councillor R. Kenney and seconded by Councillor Mrs Mowatt that Councillor Mrs J. Hood be appointed Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

It was also proposed by Councillor T. Jackson and seconded by Councillor M. Shaw that Councillor G. Collier be appointed Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

A vote was taken and Councillor Mrs J. Hood was appointed as Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Hood be appointed as Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the year 2017-18

Planning Committee:

It was proposed by Councillor I. Fordham and seconded by Councillor R. Kenney that Councillor A. Osgathorpe be appointed as Chairman of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor A. Osgathorpe as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2017-18.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs J. Hood, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. Mowatt that Councillor G. Neagus be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor G. Neagus as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2017-18.

C18/009 **To defer other business under Standing Order 2, paragraph (i) to an appropriate meeting of the General Purposes Committee**

RESOLVED: That all other business under this Standing Order be deferred to the General Purposes Committee

TOWN MAYOR