

# Stone Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone on Tuesday 14 May 2019

**PRESENT:** Mrs K. Green in the Chair for Minute Number C20/001.  
Councillor M. Green in the Chair thereafter and  
Councillors: T. Adamson, K. Argyle, A. Best, Mrs A. Burgess, J. Davies, Mrs L. Davies,  
Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, M. Hatton, J. Hickling, Mrs J. Hood, T. Kelt,  
R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

**ABSENT:** There were no absences

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### **C20/001** To appoint the Town Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor Mrs J. Hood proposed Councillor Mark Green for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs L. Davies seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations and all members agreed.

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor Mark Green as Stone Town Mayor for the year 2019-20.

The Clerk invited Councillor Green to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to receive the Chain of Office.

Councillor Green announced that his wife, Mrs Kristan Green, would be his Consort. Mrs Green received her Chain of Office.

Councillor Green stated that Reverend Prebendary Ian Cardinal had agreed to be Mayor's Chaplain for the year.

Councillor Green thanked the Town Council for trusting him in taking on the role of Town Mayor for the coming year, even though many of the Councillors had only known him for a short time. He said that ten years had lapsed since he was last Town Mayor and he looked forward to working on behalf of the Council for the good of the town. Many proposed developments/events were in the planning stages including the Crown Wharf development which when complete will be an asset to Stone. He looks forward to working with Members of the new Council.

**C20/002    To appoint the Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year**

Councillor Mrs L. Davies proposed Councillor Mrs J. Hood 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 Mrs Jill Hood to Deputy Town Mayor for the year 2019-20.

The Clerk invited Councillor Mrs Hood to sign the Declaration of Office and she received her Badge of Office.

Councillor Mrs Hood announced that her husband, Mr Steve Hood, would be her Consort. As Mr Hood wasn't present at the meeting, Councillor Mrs Hood, accepted the Deputy Mayor's Consort badge of Office, on his behalf.

**C20/003    To thank and record the Town Council's appreciation of the services of the retiring Mayoral team**

Councillor Mrs Hood spoke about the retiring Mayor. She said that it was a privilege to speak about Mrs Green who had been a Crewe girl until 1984 when their loss had become Stone's gain. She said that Mrs Green had supported her husband Mark, a former publican, through the years before their roles had reversed. What a success they have been. Mrs Green has very much been thought of as a people's Mayor. She is amongst Councillor Mrs Hood's closest friends and has a great sense of fun. She spoke about the Lighting of the Beacon event and how Mrs Green had informed people that the plan was for her to be hoisted up to the rooftop of St Michael's Church in a harness, before sliding down on a zip wire.

Councillor Mrs Hood provided an example of Mrs Green's commitment and how she had attended a very impressive 22 out of 24 Advent Window Openings, in all weathers. It has been a busy year with too many Mayoral events to mention. There have been more openings of new shops than any other Mayor which have included B & M, a new Post Office, M & S store and Specsavers. Mrs Green had taken greatest pride in welcoming one of the biggest recorded crowds of people to Stone on Remembrance Sunday 2018, with ex-servicemen rightly leading the parade.

The Stone & Eccleshall Gazette has featured her attendance at many of these events.

In her free time Mrs Green is a Lion, she helps to run the Stroke Club and volunteers for Age Concern's Lunch Club which sometimes attracts as many as 40 diners in one sitting.

Councillor Mrs Hood thanked Mrs Green for her kindness, empathy and sheer dedication to the role of Stone Town Mayor where she has been a wonderful ambassador for the town.

Mrs Green was awarded with a Past Town Mayor's Badge and a gift of flowers.

Mrs Green addressed the Council as ex-Town Mayor. She informed all present that over the previous year she had attended a variety of events in Staffordshire, Derbyshire and also as far away as Hampshire. The people she has met have been very welcoming and the children wonderful. She has opened two chain stores and has seen the return of the Post Office to Stone. She said she was excited that Joule's is making a comeback to the town and can't wait to become a volunteer at the new heritage centre. Mrs Green said that she was looking forward to supporting her husband as the new Town Mayor.

Councillor J. Davies was awarded with a Past Deputy Mayor's Badge and a gift.

The Mayor's Consort, Councillor Mark Green, was called forward for an award of a gift, as a personal gift of thanks.

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

**C20/004 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

**C20/005 Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

The receipt by the Town Clerk of declarations of acceptance of office from all Town Councillors, were noted.

**C20/006 Dispensations**

**RESOLVED:**

To grant dispensations under the Council's Code of Conduct for the period up to the Council's Annual General Meeting in May 2023 to:

- a) All Town Councillors who live within the Town Council boundary in respect of the Council's budget and precept process.
- b) All Town Councillors who are also Staffordshire County Councillors and/or Stafford Borough Councillors in respect of matters related to the business of those Councils.

**C20/007 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations Received**

None

**C20/008**    **Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 9 April 2019 (Minute Numbers C19/113 – C19/121), be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**C20/009**    **Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 9 April 2019 (Minute Numbers GP19/203 – GP19/218), were noted.
- b) The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 9 April 2019 (Minute Numbers P19/101 – P19/105), were noted.
- c) The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 30 April 2019 (Minute Numbers P19/106 – P19/110), were noted.

**C20/010**    **Committee Terms of Reference**

The Council considered the terms of reference for the Council’s General Purposes and Planning Committees.

**RESOLVED:** The terms of reference for the Council’s General Purposes and Planning Committees were approved without amendment.

**C20/011**    **To determine membership and elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee for 2019-20**

It was proposed that all members be appointed to both the General Purposes Committee and Planning Committee.

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

Chairman of the General Purposes Committee:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor R. Kenney be appointed as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the year 2019-20.

Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee:

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs Hood be appointed as Vice Chairman of the General Purposes Committee for the year 2019-20

Chairman of the Planning Committee:

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor J. Davies as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2019-20.

Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee:

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Councillor Mrs A. Burgess as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2019-20.

**C20/012**    **General Power of Competence**

The Council considered whether to readopt the General Power of Competence.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the General Power of Competence until the next relevant meeting of the Council in 2023, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

**C20/013**    **To defer other business under Standing Order 2, paragraph (j) 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**