

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**AT 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL, 2019**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors:

Witton, P.T. (Chairman)	
Stretton, Mrs. P.Z., M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman)	
Adamson, G.	Johnson, T.B.
Allt, Mrs. A.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Allen, F.W.C.	Lea, C.I.
Bennett, C.	Lyons, Miss O.
Buttery, M.S.	Martin, Mrs. C.E.
Cartwright, Mrs. S.M.	Mitchell, Mrs. C.
Cooper, Miss J.	Peake, Mrs. C.L.
Crabtree, S.K.	Preece, J.P.T.L.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Smith, C.D.
Dudson, A.	Snape, D.J.
Dudson, Miss M.J.	Snape, P.A.
Fisher, P.A.	Startin, P.D.
Foley, D.	Sutherland, M.
Freeman, Miss M.A.	Tait, Ms. L.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Hewitt, P.M.	Wilkinson, Ms. C.L.
Hoare, M.W.A.	Woodhead, P.E.
Johnson, J.P.	

**89. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors G. Alcott, J.L. Bowater and Mrs. H.M. Sutton.

**90. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No other Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

## 91. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March, 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed.

## 92. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

### (i) Chairman's Charity Collection

The Chairman advised that a collection box was circulating for Members to make a donation to support his fundraising. At the meeting held on 6 March, 2019 a total of £33 was received, and he thanked Members for their donations.

### (ii) Petition

The Chairman received a petition from Councillor P.M. Hewitt on behalf of residents requesting a bus shelter in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes. The Chairman advised that the petition would be forwarded to Councillor J.P.T.L. Preece, Environment Portfolio Leader, for review.

### (iii) Monitoring Officer Retirement

The Chairman advised Members that Alistair Welch, Monitoring Officer and Council Solicitor would be retiring at the end of May, and the meeting would be the last full Council meeting he would attend at Cannock Chase Council.

The Chairman asked Members to join him in thanking Alistair for all his help and support over the years, particularly during meetings of Council. The Chairman joked that members would particularly miss his clear explanation of voting rules for the Council Budget.

All Members wished Alistair a long and happy retirement.

### (iv) Members Not Standing for Re-election

Through the Chair, the Leader of the Council moved that Members should note the service given by those Members who were not standing for re-election at the upcoming elections. He felt sure that all of them had carried out their duties with the best interests of the residents of Cannock Chase at heart.

Councillors P.A. Snape (C) and Mrs. A. Allt (C), each of whom had served 8 years; and Councillors J.L. Bowater (C); Miss M.J. Dudson (L); C.I. Lea (C); and Mrs. C.L. Peake (C), each of whom had served 4 years.

Councillor Snape also took the opportunity to thank the Chairman for the hard work he had put in throughout his term of office.

## 93. Questions Received under Council Procedure Rule 8

No Questions were submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8.

**94. Recommendations Referred from Cabinet, Committees etc.**

- (i) Consideration was given to the recommendation made to Council by the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 14 March, 2019, in respect of the 'Priority Delivery Plans 2019/20', as detailed under item 6(i) of the Council agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the Priority Delivery Plans for 2019/20 be adopted and approved for publication.

- (ii) Consideration was given to the recommendation made to Council by the Planning Control Committee, at its meeting held on 20 March, 2019, in respect of the 'Public Speaking on Planning Applications, Tree Preservation Orders and Enforcement Cases', as detailed under item 6(ii) of the Council agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the Local Protocol for Planning Decision Making, which forms part of the Constitution, be amended so that the deadline by which speakers have to register to speak be extended to 15:00 hours on the Monday before the Planning Control Committee due to take place on the Wednesday.

**95. Motions Received under Council Procedure Rule 6**

No Motions were submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 6.

**96. Comments and Questions on Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels under Council Procedure Rule 9**

No comments or questions on Part 1 Minutes had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

**97. Constitution Amendments**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Monitoring Officer (Item 9.1 – 9.47 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Leader moved an additional amendment to the Council Procedure Rules (in respect of the election of the Leader of the Council), which was duly seconded, as follows:

*Rule 4A.(1)(f) insert at end of sentence – “in accordance with the provisions set out in Part 2, Section 6, Paragraph 6.3 of the Constitution;”.*

[Though not strictly relevant to the report, some Members expressed concerns about the inconvenience caused by the date of the Annual Council Meeting being moved back a week to 29 May, as a result of the European Parliamentary Election having been called on 23 May.]

RESOLVED (by a majority):

That:

- (A) The proposed amendments to the Constitution, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, and the additional amendment as moved above, be approved.
- (B) The revised Financial Regulations, as included at Appendix 2 of the report, be approved.

**98. Comments and Questions on Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels under Council Procedure Rule 9**

No comments or questions on Part 2 Minutes had been submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

The meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN