

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

AT 4.00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 2008

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)
Ansell, Mrs. P.A. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Jones, R.
Allen, F.W.C.	Kraujalis, J.T.
Ball, G.D.	Martin, G.R.
Beddows, J.	Mawle, D.L.
Bennett, Mrs. D.J.	Meaden, R.G.
Bennett, K.L.	Mitchell, C.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Molineux, G.N.
Carr, I.R.	Morgan, C.W.J.
Collis, C.	Pearce, Mrs. L.J.
Davies, D.N.	Stanley, N.K.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Stretton, Mrs. P.Z.
Dixon, D.I.	Thomas, D.
Easton, Mrs. M.	Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Faulkner, B.J.	Toth, J.
Freeman, M.P.	Williams, A.
Grice, Mrs. D.	Williams, B.
Grocott, M.R.	Yates, Ms. W.
Holder, M.J.	1 Vacancy

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L.W. Bullock, J. Burnett, and Mrs. A.E. Jones).

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Easton, Mrs. D.M.	Cabinet 21 February 2008, Minute 110 – Land to the Rear of 41/43 Birch Lane, Rugeley – Member is the owner/occupier of 41 Birch Lane	Personal
Easton, R.	Cabinet 21 February 2008, Minute 110 – Land to the Rear of 41/43 Birch Lane, Rugeley – Member is the owner/occupier of 41 Birch Lane	Personal

100. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27 February and 5 March 2008 be approved as a correct record.

101. Chairman's Announcements and Correspondence

(i) Collection for Chairman's Charity

The Chairman reported that a charity collection box was circulating for Members to make a small donation to support his charities. A total of £19.56 was donated at the last meeting.

(ii) Chairman's Charity Ball

The Chairman thanked everyone who supported his charity ball on 15 March 2008. A total of £2142.60 was raised on the night, although some of the money was still to be collected.

(iii) Forthcoming District and Parish Council Elections

The Chairman passed on his best wishes to all those Councillors who were standing in the forthcoming District and Parish Council Elections.

(iv) Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Hall – BBC 'Any Questions'

The Chairman reported that BBC Radio 4 would be recording its 'Any Questions' show live from Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Hall on Friday, 9 May 2008. Tickets were available from Maureen Bradbury at the Parish Hall or from the Chairman and his wife, Councillor Mrs. D.M. Easton.

(v) Cannock Chase Community Partnership Video

Members were shown a promotional video, which had been commissioned by the Local Strategic Partnership showing the exceptional partnership work taking place within the District.

Members were also shown a video clip of the Council's 'Chase It Programme' which had been produced as part of the BBC's Power of Sport Award.

102. Annual Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee

The Council received an annual report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

That Chairman of the Standards Committee, Mr. R. Betteridge, attended the meeting to present his report.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee be noted.

103. Questions in Accordance with Rule 8

The Chairman stated that no questions had been submitted in accordance with Rule 8.

104. Part 1 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 1 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (A) Cabinet – 21 February and 20 March 2008
- (B) Healthier Communities, Housing and Older People Select Committee - 22 January and 26 February 2008
- (C) Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee - 29 January 2008
- (D) Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee - 5 February 2008
- (E) Environment Select Committee - 15 January and 6 March 2008
- (F) Planning Control Committee - 20 February and 12 March 2008
- (The recommendation contained within Minute 175 relating to 'Validation of Planning Applications' was approved).
- (G) Licensing and Public Protection Committee - 6 December 2007
- (H) Rate Relief Committee - 20 December 2007
- (I) Chairman of the Councils Civic Committee - 17 January 2008
- (J) Appeals & Complaints Panel - 13 December 2007, 25 January and 14 February 2008

105. Recommendation from the Audit & Governance Committee held on 14 April 2008

Consideration was given to the recommendation referred from the Audit & Governance Committee held on 14 April 2008 in relation to 'The Annual Governance Statement'.

RESOLVED:

That the Code of Corporate Governance 08 be approved.

106. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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PART 2

107. Part 2 Minutes of Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels

RESOLVED:

That the Part 2 Minutes of the following Cabinet, Committees, Select Committees and Panels be adopted and any recommendations be approved and decisions implemented following the expiry of any call-in period:-

- (A) Cabinet – 21 February and 20 March 2008
- (B) Access to Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise Select Committee - 29 January 2008
- (C) Licensing and Public Protection Committee - 6 December 2007
- (D) Appeals & Complaints Panel - 13 December 2007, 25 January and 14 February 2008

CHAIRMAN