

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE
ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025**

Present: Councillor Hayfield in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Bates, Bell, Chapman, Clews, Davey, Dirveiks, Fowler, Guilmant, Hobley, Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Melia, Osborne, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Ridley, Ririe, Simpson, Singh, Smith, Stuart, Symonds, Turley, M Watson, S Watson, Whapples, A Wright and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farrow and Jackson.

1 Election of Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Jenns and seconded by Councillor Symonds that Councillor Bates be elected Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

On being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Bates be and is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

Councillor Bates then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, was invested with the Chain and Badge of office by the retiring Mayor and took the Chair.

Councillor Bates in the Chair

Councillor Bates then thanked Council Members for the honour they had bestowed on her.

2 Retiring Mayor

The Mayor presented Councillor Hayfield with past Mayor's and Consort's Badges. Councillor Hayfield then thanked Members, Officers and the people of North Warwickshire for their support during his year in office.

Councillor Simpson then offered a vote of thanks to Councillor Hayfield for his service to North Warwickshire during his year in office.

3 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

4 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 March 2025**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 March 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

5 **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by Councillor Melia and seconded by Councillor D Wright that Councillor Ridley be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

On being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Ridley be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

Councillor Ridley then thanked Council Members for the honour they had bestowed on her.

6 **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor announced that during her year in office she would be raising money for local Community Hubs and spaces.

7 **Returning Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive submitted his report as Returning Officer upon the Borough by-elections for the Atherstone Central and Arley and Whitacre Wards held on 1 May 2025.

8 **Appointments of Boards, Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, Spokespersons and representatives on outside bodies**

In accordance with Standing Order No 23(2) a schedule of the number of Members to Boards for the ensuing year and appointments of Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen and representatives to outside bodies was placed before the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright and seconded by Councillor Symonds and

RESOLVED:

That the schedule numbers and appointments to the Boards, Committees and Sub-Committees and appointments of representatives to outside bodies, as shown in Schedule 1 hereto be approved.

9 Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Fowler and seconded by Councillor Melia and

Resolved;

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any Orders, Deeds and Documents as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, including any passed during part of the meeting which is held in private, in accordance with Article 11.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

10 Exclusion of the Public and Press

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Schedule 12A to the Act

11 Exempt Extract of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 March 2025

It was proposed by Councillor Bates, seconded by Councillor Simpson and

Resolved:

That the exempt extract of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 March 2025 be approved and adopted.

**Chairman of the next ensuing meeting
of the Council**