

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COUNCIL HOUSE, ATHERSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2011**

Present: Councillor Johnston in the Chair.

Councillors Barber, Butcher, Davis, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Ferro, Forwood, Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Lea, Lewis, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Payne, Phillips, Pickard, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley, Watkins, Winter and Wykes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Freer and May.

Mr Stan Orton, Chairman of the Standards Committee, was also in attendance.

Before the commencement of business, the Reverend Tony Tooby led the Council in Prayer.

1 Election of Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield and seconded by Councillor Sherratt that Councillor Davis be elected Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

It was then proposed by Councillor A Stanley and seconded by Councillor Sweet that Councillor Butcher be elected Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

In accordance with Standing Order No11(3) the recorded vote was as follows

For DAVIS – Councillors Barber, Davis, Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Holland, Humphreys, Johnston, Lea, Payne, Sherratt, Simpson, Smith, Watkins and Wykes (15)

For BUTCHER – Councillors Butcher, L Dirveiks, N Dirveiks, Ferro, Forwood, Lewis, Moore, Morson, B Moss, M Moss, Phillips, Pickard, A Stanley, M Stanley, Y Stanley, Sweet, Turley and Winter (18)

The Mayor then declared that Councillor Butcher be elected Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

Councillor Butcher 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 Butcher in the Chair

Councillor Butcher thanked Council Members for the honour they had bestowed on him. He also paid tribute to the seven Councillors who had either not stood or lost their seats at the recent elections.

2 Retiring Mayor

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

Members also thanked the Deputy Mayor Councillor Davis and his consort for their contribution during their year in office.

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Simpson and

RESOLVED:

That the Council places on record its thanks to Councillors Johnston and Davis for their service to North Warwickshire during their year in office.

3 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest other than those declared in the minutes of the meetings of Boards/Committees and any personal interests arising from the membership of Warwickshire County Council of Councillors Fowler, Fox, Hayfield, Lea, B Moss and Sweet and membership of the various Town or Parish Councils of Councillors Barber (Ansley), Butcher (Polesworth), Davis (Atherstone), Lewis (Kingsbury), Moore (Baddesley Ensor), Morson (Dordon), B Moss (Kingsbury), M Moss (Kingsbury), Phillips (Kingsbury), Pickard (Atherstone), M Stanley (Polesworth), Y Stanley (Polesworth) and Winter (Dordon) all of which interests were deemed to be declared at this meeting.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 April 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Pickard and seconded by Councillor Forwood and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor L Dirveiks be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

Councillor L Dirveiks thereupon made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Badge of Office by the Mayor.

Councillor L Dirveiks thanked Council Members for the honour they had bestowed on her.

6 **Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor announced:

- that an induction afternoon for all Members was being held on Wednesday 25 May 2011;
- that his Civic Dinner would be held in early March 2012 at Oakridge Golf Club;
- that his annual charity golf day was being held at the Belfry on 17 April 2012; and
- that details of the charities he would be supporting during his year of office would be announced in due course.

7 **Returning Officer's Report**

The Chief Executive submitted his report as Returning Officer upon the election of Councillors for the Borough held on 5 May 2011, which was received.

Tributes were paid to those former Members who had either not stood, or failed to be re-elected, at the recent elections.

It was proposed by Councillor Hayfield, seconded by Councillor M Stanley and

RESOLVED:

That the Council place on record its thanks to those Councillors who had either not stood or who were not re-elected at the elections on 5 May 2011.

8 **Numbers and Appointments to Boards/Committee, Area Forums and Portfolios**

A schedule of numbers and appointments to the Boards, Committee, Area Forums and Portfolios and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof was placed before the Council. In placing the schedule before the Council, Councillor M Stanley gave notice of his Group's intention to review the Constitution at an early opportunity.

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the appointment of Councillor Humphreys in place of Councillor Fox on the Licensing Committee, the Constitution of Boards, Committee, Area Forums and Portfolios for 2011/12 and the appointment of Members thereon and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof, as shown in Schedule 1 hereto, be approved.

9 Appointments to Outside Bodies

It was proposed by Councillor M Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

RESOLVED:

That the appointment of representatives of the Council to serve on outside bodies for 2011/12, as shown in Schedule II hereto, be approved.

10 Common Seal

It was proposed by Councillor Winter, seconded by Councillor Sweet and

RESOLVED:

That the Chief Executive be authorised to affix the Common Seal to any document as necessary to give effect to the decisions of the Council, in accordance with Article 13.05 of the Articles of the Constitution.

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