

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD AT THERSTONE MEMORIAL HALL, LONG STREET, ATHERSTONE
ON MONDAY 24 MAY 2021**

Present: Councillor R Jarvis in the Chair.

Councillors Bell, Chambers, A Clews, D Clews, Davey, Deakin, Dirveiks, Farrow, Gosling, Hancocks, Hayfield, D Humphreys, M Humphreys, Jarvis, Jenns, Jordan, Lees, Madconald, Moss, Osborne, Parker, Parsons, H Phillips, O Phillips, Reilly, Simpson, Singh, S Smith, Symonds, A Wright and D Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors McLauchlan, Morson, L Smith and Rose.

1 Election of Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Wright and seconded by Councillor Bell and

RESOLVED:

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

Councillor Jarvis then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Chain and Badge of office.

Councillor Jarvis then thanked Council Members for the honour they had bestowed on him.

2 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

4 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Symonds and seconded by Councillor Singh and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor T Clews be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of North Warwickshire for the ensuing year.

Councillor T Clews then made and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Chain and Badge of office.

Councillor T Clews then thanked Council Members for the honour they had bestowed on him.

5 Mayor's Announcements

Recorded thanks were given for the amount of work undertaken to enable the Annual Meeting to go ahead.

6 Returning Officer's report upon the 2021 Borough Council Elections

The Returning Officer gave details of the Councillors elected to North Warwickshire Borough Council in the by-elections held on 6 May 2021 as follows:

Atherstone Central Ward – Mark Jordan
Curdworth Ward – Sandra Smith
Polesworth East Ward – Dan Hancocks

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

A schedule of numbers and appointments to the Boards, Committees and Sub-Committees and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof and representatives to outside bodies was placed before the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Deakin and

RESOLVED:

That the Constitution of Boards, Committees and Sub-Committees for 2021/22 and the appointment of Members thereon and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof and the representatives on outside bodies, as shown in Appendix A hereto, be approved.

8 Amended Calendar of Meetings – 2021/22

The Chief Executive sought approval of an amended Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Gosling and

RESOLVED:

That the amended Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22 be approved.

9 **The Levelling Up Fund**

The Chief Executive sought delegated authority to submit a bid to the Levelling Up Fund.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Deakin and

RESOLVED:

That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to submit a bid to the Levelling Up Fund.

10 **Amendment of Constitution – flexibility and safety at Council meetings**

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer proposed amendments to the Constitution to make further provision for attendance and safety at Council meetings following the expiry of regulations which allowed meetings to be held remotely.

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor T Clews and

RESOLVED:

- a **That Standing Order 45 be amended to allow further flexibility when arranging meetings and ensure that appropriate measures were in place to protect Members, officers and the public; and**
- b **That Standing Order 45 continues to permit electronic signature of certain documents as set out in the report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer.**

11 **Common Seal**

It was proposed by Councillor D Wright, seconded by Councillor Simpson 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**