



Walsall Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 22nd May, 2006, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

Present

Councillor J.R. Cook (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor B.V. McCracken (Dep. Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew
“ T.G. Ansell
“ D.A. Anson
“ M. Arif
“ A. Aslam
“ C.M. Ault
“ J.M. Barton
“ L.A. Beeley
“ A.G. Bentley
“ Mrs. J. Beilby
“ M.A. Bird
“ P. Bott
“ M.R. Burley
“ K. Chambers
“ A.G. Clarke
“ R.J.H. Collins
“ S.P. Coughlan
“ C.U. Creaney
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul
“ A.D. Harris
“ L.A. Harrison
“ E.F. Hughes
“ H. Khan
“ Ms. R.A. Martin

Councillor Mrs. C. Micklewright

“ M. Nazir
“ J.G. O'Hare
“ T.S. Oliver
“ A.J. Paul
“ G. Perry
“ J.D. Phillips
“ K. Phillips
“ D.J. Pitt
“ Mrs. E.E. Pitt
“ M.G. Pitt
“ I.C. Robertson
“ R.S. Robinson
“ J. Rochelle
“ B. Sanders
“ H.S. Sarohi
“ K. Sears
“ I. Shires
“ C.D.D. Towe
“ D.J. Turner
“ W.T. Tweddle
“ A. Underhill
“ R.A. Walker
“ V.G. Woodruff
“ M. Yasin
“ Zahid Ali

1. **Prayers**

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cassidy, Johnson, D.A. Shires and Young.

3. **Election of Mayor**

It was **moved** by Councillor M.A. Bird and seconded by Councillor M. Arif:-

That Councillor Barbara Violet McCracken be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:-

Resolved

That Councillor Barbara Violet McCracken be and is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

The Council adjourned to enable the Mayor to put on the robes and chain.

Councillor Mrs. McCracken (Mayor) in the Chair

The Mayor read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon her.

4. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

It was **moved** by Councillor D.J. Pitt and seconded by Councillor L.A. Harrison:-

That Councillor Melvin George Pitt be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:-

5. **Resolved**

That Councillor Melvin George Pitt be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

6. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24th April 2006, copies having been sent to each Member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

7. **Mayor's announcements**

(a) **Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain**

The Mayor stated that she had appointed the Reverend Dr. Peter Wilcox to be his Chaplain during her year of office.

(b) **Civic Sunday**

The Mayor stated that she proposed to visit St. Matthew's Parish Church on Sunday 16th July, 2006, at 10.30 a.m.

(c) **Mayor's Charity**

The Mayor stated that she would be supporting Disabled Communities in Walsall during her year of office.

8. **Presentation of badges to retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

The Mayor presented badges to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor J.R. Cook and Mrs. L. Staffiere

9. **Vote of thanks to retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

It was **moved** by Councillor seconded by Councillor and:-

Resolved

That the Council thank John Richard Cook for the contribution he has made to Walsall MBC and to the people who live and work in the Borough as Mayor. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Staffiere for her services as Mayoress.

Councillor Cook replied.

10. **Adjournment**

At 6.35 p.m. it was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

That the Council adjourn until 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24th May 2006.