



# ***Walsall Metropolitan Borough***

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 23rd May, 2005, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

## **PRESENT**

### **COUNCILLOR M.A. BIRD (MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR**

#### **Councillor J.R. Cook (Deputy 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  
“ P. Bott  
“ M.R. Burley  
“ B. Cassidy  
“ K. Chambers  
“ A.G. Clarke  
“ R.J.H. Collins  
“ S.P. Coughlan  
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul  
“ A.E. Griffiths  
“ A.D. Harris  
“ L.A. Harrison  
“ E.F. Hughes  
“ A.D. Johnson  
“ H. Khan  
“ M. Longhi  
“ S.W. Madeley  
“ Ms. R.A. Martin

#### **Councillor B.V. McCracken**

Mrs. C. Micklewright  
“ M. Munir  
“ T.S. Oliver  
“ A.J. Paul  
“ G. Perry  
“ K. Phillips  
“ D.J. Pitt  
“ Mrs. E.E. Pitt  
“ M.G. Pitt  
“ I.C. Robertson  
“ R.S. Robinson  
“ J. Rochelle  
“ C.E.M. Rose  
“ B. Sanders  
“ H.S. Sarohi  
“ K. Sears  
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires  
“ I. Shires  
“ C.D.D. Towe  
“ D.J. Turner  
“ W.T. Tweddle  
“ A. Underhill  
“ R.A. Walker  
“ V.G. Woodruff  
“ M. Yasin  
“ P.A. Young  
“ Zahid Ali

1. **Prayers**

Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

2. **Apology**

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Withnall.

3. **Mayor's thanks**

The Mayor thanked people for the support that he had been given during his mayoral year and particularly thanked Councillors for their behaviour and co-operation.

4. **Election of Mayor**

It was **moved** by Councillor Mrs. Pitt and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Shires:-

That Councillor John Richard Cook be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

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

**Resolved**

That Councillor John Richard Cook be and is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

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

**COUNCILLOR J.R. COOK (MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR**

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

6. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

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

That Councillor Barbara Violet McCracken be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

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

**Resolved**

That Councillor Barbara Violet McCracken be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

7. **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 25th April, 2005, copies having been sent to each Member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

8. **Mayor's announcements**

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

The Mayor stated that he had appointed the Reverend Keith Johnson to be his Chaplain during his year of office.

(b) **Civic Sunday**

The Mayor stated that he proposed to visit St. Matthew's Parish Church on Sunday, 19th June, 2005, at 10.30 a.m.

(c) **Mayor's Charities**

The Mayor stated that he would be supporting the following Charities:-

Acorns Children's Hospice  
The Walsall Breast Cancer Self Help Group

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

The Mayor presented badges to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs. Bird.

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

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

**Resolved**

That the Council thank Michael Arthur Bird 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. Bird for her services as Mayoress.

Councillor Bird replied.

11. **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 25th May 2005.