



# Walsall Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 19th May, 2008, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

## Present

### Councillor M.G. Pitt (Mayor) in the Chair

#### Councillor T.G. Ansell (Deputy Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew  
“ D.A. Anson  
“ M. Arif  
“ C.M. Ault  
“ J.M. Barton  
“ L.A. Beeley  
“ M.A. Bird  
“ C. Bott  
“ P. Bott  
“ K. Chambers  
“ A.G. Clarke  
“ J. R. Cook  
“ C.U. Creaney  
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul  
“ M. D. Flower  
“ A.E. Griffiths  
“ A.D. Harris  
“ L.A. Harrison  
“ P.F. Hughes  
“ A.D. Johnson  
“ H. Khan  
“ M. Longhi  
“ S.W. Madeley  
“ Ms. R.A. Martin  
“ Mrs. B.V. McCracken

#### Councillor Mrs. C. Micklewright

“ M. Munir  
“ Mushtaq Ahmed  
“ M. Nazir  
“ J.G. O'Hare  
“ T.S. Oliver  
“ A.J. Paul  
“ G. Perry  
“ D.J. Pitt  
“ Mrs. E.E. Pitt  
“ I.C. Robertson  
“ J. Rochelle  
“ H.S. Sarohi  
“ K. Sears  
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires  
“ I. Shires  
“ C.D.D. Towe  
“ D.J. Turner  
“ W.T. Twedde  
“ A. Underhill  
“ R.A. Walker  
“ G. Wilkes  
“ V.G. Woodruff  
“ M. Yasin  
“ Zahid Ali

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cassidy, Coughlan, E. Hughes, J. Phillips, K. Phillips and Young.

2. **Election of Mayor**

It was **moved** by Councillor G. Perry and seconded by Councillor M. Longhi:-

That Councillor Thomas Gordon Ansell be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

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

**Resolved**

That Councillor Thomas Gordon Ansell be and is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

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

**Councillor T.G. Ansell (Mayor) in the Chair**

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

3. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

It was **moved** by Councillor J. O'Hare and seconded by Councillor Zahid Ali:-

That Councillor Catherine Micklewright be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

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

**Resolved**

That Councillor Catherine Micklewright be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2008/2009.

4. **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 21st April 2008, copies having been sent to each Member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

5. **Mayor's announcements**

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

The Mayor stated that he had appointed the Reverend R. Cornfield, Aldridge Parish Church, 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 8th June 2008.

(c) **Mayor's Charity**

The Mayor announced that monies raised during his year of office would be donated to Walsall Hospice and Golden Wishes.

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

The Mayor presented badges to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor M.G. Pitt and Miss A. Pitt.

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

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

**Resolved**

That the best thanks of the Council be and are hereby accorded to Melvin George Pitt for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Mayor of the Borough for the past municipal year and also to Miss A. Pitt for her services as Mayoress.

Councillor M.G. Pitt replied.

8. **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 21st May 2008.