



# ***Walsall Metropolitan Borough***

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 28th June, 2004, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

## PRESENT

### COUNCILLOR A.G. BENTLEY (MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

#### Councillor R.J.H. Collins (Deputy Mayor)

“ A.J.A. Andrew  
“ T.G. Ansell  
“ D.A. Anson  
“ M. Arif  
“ M.A. Aslam  
“ C.M. Ault  
“ J.M. Barton  
“ L.A. Beeley  
“ Mrs. J. Beilby  
“ M.A. Bird  
“ P. Bott  
“ M.R. Burley  
“ B. Cassidy  
“ K. Chambers  
“ A.G. Clarke  
“ S.P. Coughlan  
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul  
“ A.E. Griffiths  
“ A.D. Harris  
“ L.A. Harrison  
“ A.D. Johnson  
“ H. Khan  
“ M. Longhi  
“ S.W. Madeley  
“ Ms. R.A. Martin  
“ Mrs. B.V. McCracken  
“ Mrs. C. Micklewright

#### Councillor M. Munir

“ J.G. O'Hare  
“ 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  
“ T. Rowley  
“ B. Sanders  
“ H.S. Sarohi  
“ K. Sears  
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires  
“ I. Shires  
“ C.D.D. Towe  
“ D.J. Turner  
“ W.T. Twedde  
“ R.A. Walker  
“ H. Withnall  
“ V.G. Woodruff  
“ M. Yasin  
“ P.A. Young  
“ Zahid Ali

### PRAYERS

1. Prayers were offered by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### APOLOGIES

2. Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cook, Hughes and Underhill.

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

3. The Mayor extended a welcome to the newly elected Members of the Council – Councillors Arif, Aslam, Ault, Beeley, Burley, Cassidy, Griffiths, Harris, Harrison, Khan, Micklewright, Munir, D.J. Pitt, Rowley, Walker and Young.

### MAYOR'S THANKS

4. The Mayor thanked members and officers for the support he had received during his year in office.

### ELECTION OF MAYOR

5. It was MOVED by Councillor Andrew and seconded by Councillor Towe:-

That Councillor Michael Arthur Bird be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

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

6. Resolved

That Councillor Michael Arthur Bird be and is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

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

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

7. The Mayor read and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Chief Executive. The Mayor thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon him.

### APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

8. It was MOVED by Councillor I. Shires and seconded by Councillor Mrs. E.E. Pitt:-

That Councillor John Richard Cook be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

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

9. Resolved

That Councillor John Richard Cook be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2004/2005.

### MINUTES

10. Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24th May, 2004, copies having been sent to each Member of the Council, be approved as a correct record and signed.

### MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain

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

- (b) Visit to St. Matthew's Church

12. The Mayor stated that he proposed to visit St. Matthew's Parish Church on Sunday. 12th September, 2004

- (c) Mayor's Charities

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

County Air Ambulance  
Royal British Legion  
Sorooptimists

### PRESENTATION OF BADGES TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESSES

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

VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND  
MAYORESSES

15. It was MOVED by Councillor I. Shires, seconded by Councillor Mrs. E.E. Pitt and:-

16. Resolved

That the Council thank Arthur Gordon Bentley 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. Bentley for her services as Mayoress. The Council warmly thanks you both.

Councillor Bentley replied.

ADJOURNMENT

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

18. Resolved

That the Council do now adjourn until 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 30th June, 2004.