



# Walsall Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 21st May, 2007, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

## Present

### Councillor Mrs. B.V. McCracken (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillor M.G. Pitt Mayor) (Dep. Mayor)

“ T.G. Ansell  
“ A.J.A. Andrew  
“ M. Arif  
“ C.M. Ault  
“ L.A. Beeley  
“ Mrs. J. Beilby  
“ M.A. Bird  
“ C. Bott  
“ P. Bott  
“ B. Cassidy  
“ K. Chambers  
“ J. R. Cook  
“ S.P. Coughlan  
“ C.U. Creaney  
“ B.A. Douglas-Maul  
“ M. D. Flower  
“ A.E. Griffiths  
“ A.D. Harris  
“ L.A. Harrison  
“ E.F. Hughes  
“ P.F. Hughes  
“ H. Khan  
“ M. Longhi  
“ S.W. Madeley

Councillor Ms. R.A. Martin

“ Mrs. C. Micklewright  
“ Mrs. B.V. McCracken  
“ Mushtaq Ahmed  
“ M. Nazir  
“ J.G. O’Hare  
“ T.S.Oliver  
“ A.J. Paul  
“ G. Perry  
“ K. Phillips  
“ D.J. Pitt  
“ Mrs. E.E. Pitt  
“ I.C. Robertson  
“ J. Rochelle  
“ H.S. Sarohi  
“ K. Sears  
“ Mrs. D.A. Shires  
“ I. Shires  
“ P.E. Smith  
“ C.D.D. Towe  
“ W.T. Tweddle  
“ R.A. Walker  
“ G. Wilkes  
“ 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 Anson, Barton, Clarke, Johnson, K. Phillips, Sanders and Underhill.

3. **Election of Mayor**

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

That Councillor Melvin George Pitt be elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

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

**Resolved**

That Councillor Melvin George Pitt be and is hereby elected Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

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

**Councillor M.G. Pitt (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.

4. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

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

That Councillor Thomas Gordon Ansell be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

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

5. **Resolved**

That Councillor Thomas Gordon Ansell be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.

6. **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd April 2007, 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 he had appointed the Reverend Preb. S. Rawlings 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 15th July, 2007.

(c) **Mayor's Charity**

The Mayor announced that monies raised during his year of office would be donated to Acorns Children's Hospice Trust and various uniformed youth organisations in the borough.

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

The Mayor presented badges to the retiring Mayor and Consort, Councillor Mrs. McCracken and Mr. McCracken.

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

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

**Resolved**

That the Council thank Barbara Violet McCracken for the contribution she has made to Walsall MBC and to the people who live and work in the Borough as Mayor. Our thanks also go to Mr. McCracken for his services as Consort. The Council warmly thanks you both.

Councillor Mrs. McCracken replied.

10. **Adjournment**

At 6.40 p.m. it was **moved** by the Mayor, duly seconded and:-

**Resolved**

That the Council adjourn until 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd May 2007.