

Lichfield City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Lichfield City Council held in the Guildhall, Lichfield, on Monday 3 March 2014 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillor R Awty (Mayor), and Councillors Mrs J Allsopp, B Bacon, Mrs N Bacon, J Bayliss, Mrs M Bland, Mrs G Boyle, J Brooks, B Diggle, Mrs V Diggle, D Dundas, T Finn, C Greateorex, Mrs J Greaves, P Hitchman, I Jackson, Mrs S James, D Smedley, A Smith, T Thomas, M Warfield and J Wilks.

APOLOGIES: Councillors C Spruce, Mrs S Strachan, M Taylor and T Thompson.

89 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on recent civic and other engagements he had attended, including the Lichfield Players' production of 'Outside Edge' at the Garrick Theatre on 24, January; the Cathedral School Founders Day event on 24 January; and the Worshipful Company of Smiths Court and Feast on 25 February.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Mrs G Boyle, D Dundas, T Finn, C Greateorex, I Jackson, M Warfield and J Wilks declared an interest under Appendix B of the City Council Code of Conduct with respect to Minute 93 (Grants Advisory Committee).

91 COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 21 January 2014 (75 - 88) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.*

92 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Planning Applications Committee meetings held on 2 January 2014 and 23 January 2014 be received.*

93 GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee held on 5 February 2014.

RESOLVED: *That the Minutes of the Grants Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2014 be received, and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.*

94 NOMINATIONS FOR CIVIC OFFICE 2014/15

a) Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor M Warfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs J Allsopp and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Mrs Norma Bacon be nominated Mayor Elect for the year 2014/15.*

b) Deputy Mayor Elect

It was proposed by Councillor T Finn, seconded by Councillor M Warfield and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Andrew Smith be nominated Deputy Mayor Elect for the year 2014/15.*

c) Sheriff Elect

It was proposed by Councillor J Wilks, seconded by Councillor T Thomas and

RESOLVED: *That Councillor Robert Awty be nominated Sheriff Elect for the year 2014/15.*

95 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014/2015

RESOLVED: That the Calendar of Meetings for 2014/2015 be as follows:

2014

DATE	TIME	MEETING
Monday, 12 May	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 15 May</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Wednesday, 21 May	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
<i>Thursday, 5 June</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Thursday, 12 June</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Internal Control Working Party</i>
Tuesday, 24 June	6.30pm	COUNCIL (year-end accounts)
<i>Thursday, 26 June</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Thursday, 17 July</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Tuesday, 22 July	6.30pm	COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 7 August</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Thursday, 28 August</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Monday, 15 September	6.30pm	COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 18 September</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Tuesday, 30 September</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee</i>
<i>Thursday, 16 October</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Monday, 27 October	6.30pm	COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 30 October</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Thursday, 13 November</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Staffing Committee</i>
<i>Wednesday, 19 November</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Monday, 1 December	6.30pm	COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 11 December</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>

<i>Thursday, 8 January</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Wednesday, 28 January	6.30pm	COUNCIL (Budget)
<i>Thursday, 29 January</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Monday, 9 February</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Grants Advisory Committee</i>
<i>Wednesday, 18 February</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Monday, 9 March	6.30pm	COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 12 March</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
<i>Thursday, 19 March</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>Johnson Birthplace Advisory Committee</i>
<i>Tuesday, 24 March</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Internal Control Working Party</i>
<i>Wednesday, 8 April</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Monday, 20 April	6.30pm	COUNCIL
<i>Thursday, 30 April</i>	<i>6.30pm</i>	<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>
Monday, 18 May	6.30pm	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Wednesday, 20 May	7.30pm	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

96 OFFICERS' REPORT

Consideration was given to the report from Officers containing information on recent activities.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

97 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LICHFIELD DISTRICT

Further to Minute 82 of the meeting held on 21 January 2014 the Council considered the Town Clerk's report on options for new ward boundaries within the City that would achieve the electoral balance whereby no ward had an elector to member ratio greater than +/- 10% from the average for the District as a whole.

RESOLVED: 1. That the City Council support the District Council proposal for 6 District wards for the city area, as per the map Option 1, but with the minor change to the boundary between the new Curborough and new Chadsmead wards as shown by the orange line on the agenda map.

2. That the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be requested to use the same ward boundaries for the City Council but to reduce the number of City Council members from 28 to 26, allocated to wards as follows to give the best electoral balance: Boley Park (4), Chadsmead (3), Curborough (3), Leomansley (6), St John's (5), Stowe (5).

98 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: That payment of accounts be approved and confirmed as listed for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 January 2014 in the sum of £77,911.26 General Account, and £1,152.28 Imprest Account.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.02 PM**