

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY 2008, AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. M. Boswell (Chairman), Mrs. C. J. Spencer (Vice-Chairman), A. N. Blagg, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell JP, S. R. Colella, G. N. Denaro, R. J. Deeming, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, J. T. Duddy, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., D. Hancox, Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis F.CMI, Dr. G. H. Lord, Mrs. J. D. Luck, Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, C. R. Scurrall, S. P. Shannon, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, R. D. Smith, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

1/08 **PRAYER**

At the request of the Chairman, the Reverend Wendy Moore opened the meeting with a prayer.

2/08 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and seconded by Councillor E. C. Tibby and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and having been invested by Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell with the Chairman's Badge of Office, then took the Chair and thanked Members of the Council for electing her to the office of Chairman.

3/08 **RETIRING CHAIRMAN - COUNCILLOR MRS. J. M. BOSWELL**

Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell, having been presented by Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer with a Past Chairman's Badge and Ribbon, then concluded her year of office. It was then proposed by the Chairman and

**RESOLVED** that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor Mrs. J. M. Boswell for the services rendered to the Council and to the District during her term of office as Chairman of the Council.

4/08 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. and seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor C. R. Scurrell be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor C. R. Scurrell, having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and having been invested by Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer with the Vice-Chairman's Badge of Office, thanked Members of the Council for appointing him to the office of Vice-Chairman.

5/08 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd April 2008 be approved as a correct record.

6/08 **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and seconded by Councillor E. C. Tibby and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor R. Hollingworth be elected Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

7/08 **ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

It was proposed by Councillor C. J. K. Wilson and seconded by Councillor Mrs C. M. McDonald and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor P. M. McDonald be elected Leader of the Opposition for the ensuing year.

8/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W. R. Newnes.

9/08 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman informed Members that the Chairman's Charities for the forthcoming year would be Marie Curie Cancer Care Nurses and the Princess of Wales Community Hospital League of Friends.

10/08 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES 2008/09**

Members' attention was drawn to a revised Appendix 1 to the report which had been tabled. This was due to a notice having been received from the Independent Members and Members of the Wythall Residents' Association that they wished to be treated as a political group known as The Independents and Wythall Residents Coalition for the purposes of the allocation of seats on

committees. In line with the proportionality rules, this had required the proposed allocation of seats to be re-calculated.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Committees set out in the table in the revised Appendix 1 to the report be appointed and that the representation of the different political groups on the Council on those Committees be as set out in that table until the next Annual Meeting of the Council, or until the next review of political representation under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, whichever is the earlier;
- (b) that Members be appointed to the Committees in accordance with nominations to be made by Party Group Leaders or Co-ordinators.

11/08 **APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor R. D. Smith and seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. and

**RESOLVED** that Mr. J. Cypher and Mr. I. Hodgetts be appointed to serve as the Parish Council Representatives on the Standards Committee until the meeting of the Council on 16th July 2008.

(Note: The Monitoring Officer announced that a number of Members wished to declare a personal interest in this matter due to being Parish Councillors, namely: Councillors S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Mrs. J. D. Luck, S. R. Peters, C. R. Scurrill, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, L. J. Turner and P. J. Whittaker).

12/08 **ATTENDANCES**

A summary of Members' attendances at Council and Committee meetings during 2007/08 was submitted for information.

13/08 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET**

The Leader of the Council announced that the following Members would serve on the Cabinet for the ensuing year:

Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Street Scene including Clean, Safe and Tidy Streets, Car Parks and Community Safety
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Councillor M. J. A. Webb	Portfolio Holder for the Customer Service Centre, Revenue Generation, Special Events, Performance Indicators and the Improvement Plan
Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP	Portfolio Holder for Major Projects including the Paperless Office and project management of Longbridge, the Town Centre, Spatial Project and the transfer of the Dolphin Centre
Councillor R. D. Smith	Portfolio Holder for Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, Human Resources and Elderly People
Councillor P. J. Whittaker	Portfolio Holder for Housing, Environmental Health and Climate Change
Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.	Portfolio Holder for Planning Policy and Transportation
Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP	Portfolio Holder for Waste Management and Recycling
Councillor G. N. Denaro	Portfolio Holder for Finance including Internal Audit and Revenues and Benefits

The meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.

Chairman