

# Town Council

## Minutes of Meeting

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020, 7:00pm

#### Meeting held remotely via Zoom

#### **2021-FC1-01 Present**

Cllrs Cartwright, Cooper, Bowyer, Burgess, Burnett, Dickens, Dillon, Dymond, K Johnson, H Maxfield, M Maxfield, B Owen, J Owen, Robinson, Stubbs, E Wareham-Jones, J Waring, P Waring,

Attending: Sue Davies (Clerk), P Patterson (Administration Assistant)

Seven members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

#### **2021-FC1-02 To receive nominations for and to elect the Town Mayor for the civic year 2020/2021, including a statement from the outgoing Mayor to the Full Council.**

Councillor Cartwright passed on her deepest apologies to the Council for any embarrassment caused by a recent tweet she had made using a personal account on Twitter.

Councillor Cartwright also thanked the support of Members during her year as Mayor.

One nomination has been received prior to the meeting and none were received on the night: Cllr Cooper was nominated by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr M Stubbs.

Cllr J Waring asked for her abstention to be noted.

Cllr Cooper was elected as Mayor for the 2020-2021 Civic year by a majority of those present and voting.

Cllr Cooper signed her declaration of office in sight of the Clerk and Members.

Cllr Cooper thanked those who had voted for her and expressed that she was looking forward to serving her year with pride. She expressed sorrow for all those in Kidsgrove who

have lost family and friends during the Covid-19 crisis and also to the family of Cllr John Dodgson who recently passed away.

Cllr Cooper named her consorts as Millicent Cooper and Cllr Jason Owen. The Mayor's Charities will be:

Kidsgrove Lads and Dads

Lyme Trust Outreach

Staffordshire Buddies

**2021-FC1-03 To receive nominations for and to elect the Deputy Town Mayor for the civic year 2020/2021**

One nomination has been received prior to the meeting and none were received on the night: Cllr Dickens was nominated by Cllr Dymond and seconded by Cllr Robinson.

Cllr P Waring expressed a view that the office of Mayor should be abolished as it has become tarnished.

Cllr Cressida Dickens was elected by a majority of those present and voting.

Cllr Dickens signed her declaration of office in sight of the Clerk and Members and thanked those members who had voted for her.

Cllr J Waring asked to speak and echoed the views expressed by Cllr P Waring and stated that she felt that the cost of the Mayor's functions compared to the benefit to the community was questionable.

**2021-FC1-04 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Vic Jukes.

**2021-FC1-05 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public who expressed a wish to speak.

**2021-FC1-06 To resolve to agree to suspend standing orders to allow remaining business covered at the Annual Meeting as defined in the Standing Orders to be deferred to a subsequent separately summoned meeting and to agree the date of this meeting.**

**Resolved:** The Council agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow remaining business conducted at the Annual Meeting to be deferred to a further meeting and the date was set as the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

**Meeting Closed 20:05 pm**