

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Monday 26th September 2016.

Present:

Councillor Mrs B Toon (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors	Mrs P L Ackroyd	Mrs J F Jessel
	Ms S Andjelkovic	A Johnson
	E W R Barker	R Johnston
	M J Bowering	C B Jones
	K J Builth	Mrs J Jones
	Mrs R L Carlton	Mrs J A Killoran
	A A Chaudhry	Ms A J Legg
	R J Clarke	Mrs S McGarry
	R A Faulkner	L G Milner
	M T Fitzpatrick	J H Mott
	D F Fletcher	B G Peters
	W A Ganley	M Rodgers
	S P Gaskin (Deputy Mayor)	Mrs L Shelton
	D Goodfellow	C Smith
	R G W Grosvenor	S Smith
	Mrs K Haberfield	C V Whittaker
	G Hall	C Wileman
	S A Hussain	

Officers Present:

The Chief Executive, Heads of Service (Paul Costiff, Mark Rizk and Sal Khan), the Monitoring Officer, the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D C Leese and Mrs S McKiernan.

123/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A A Chaudhry declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item 132/16 as he owned property on High Street, Burton upon Trent. He left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed.

Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd, R J Clarke, D F Fletcher, S P Gaskin, LG Milner and Mrs B Toon declared an ordinary interest in respect of item 132/16 as they were representatives on Consolidated Charities of Burton upon Trent, who owned property on High Street, Burton upon Trent. As the properties were part of a larger portfolio of the Charity, Councillors confirmed that this did not impact on charity.

124/16 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Borough Council held on 20th June 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		Councillor R J Clarke
Councillor Ms S Andjelkovic		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor M J Bowering		
Councillor K J Builth		
Councillor Mrs R Carlton		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor W A Ganley		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor Mrs K Haberfield		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor S A Hussain		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor A Johnson		
Councillor R A Johnston		
Councillor C B Jones		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor Ms A J Legg		
Councillor Mrs S McGarry		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor J H Mott		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor M Rodgers		
Councillor Mrs L Shelton		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

125/16 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reminded Councillors that the Civic Funeral of former Mayoress Mrs Liz Leese would take place on Monday 10th October 2016 at 11.30am at All Saints' Church, Branston Road, Burton upon Trent.

126/16 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

127/16 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE: DECISION NOTICE**

Council received for information a copy of a decision notice concerning a standards committee complaint from Mr Andy O'Brien about the conduct of Councillor Colin Wileman.

NOTED.

128/16 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

It was moved and seconded that Councillor Mrs J A Killoran replace Councillor D C Leese on the Standards Committee.

Resolved:

That Councillor Mrs J A Killoran replace Councillor D C Leese on the Standards Committee.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor Ms S Andjelkovic		
Councillor E W R Barker		
Councillor M J Bowering		
Councillor K J Builth		
Councillor Mrs R Carlton		
Councillor A A Chaudhry		
Councillor R J Clarke		
Councillor R A Faulkner		
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick		
Councillor D F Fletcher		
Councillor W A Ganley		
Councillor S P Gaskin		
Councillor D Goodfellow		
Councillor R G W Grosvenor		
Councillor Mrs K Haberfield		
Councillor G Hall		
Councillor S A Hussain		
Councillor Mrs J F Jessel		
Councillor A Johnson		
Councillor R A Johnston		
Councillor C B Jones		
Councillor Mrs J Jones		
Councillor Mrs J A Killoran		
Councillor Ms A J Legg		

Councillor Mrs S McGarry		
Councillor L G Milner		
Councillor J H Mott		
Councillor B G Peters		
Councillor M Rodgers		
Councillor Mrs L Shelton		
Councillor C Smith		
Councillor S Smith		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C V Whittaker		
Councillor C Wileman		

129/16 **MOTION ON NOTICE**

Councillor D F Fletcher had put forward the following motion, in accordance with Rule 14, which had been duly seconded:

“The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have been unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950’s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself which is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women’s state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.” ”

In response to this motion the Leader of the Council read out a statement from Richard Harrington MP, Minister for Pensions. A copy of the response is appended to this minutes.

Upon a vote being taken, the Mayor declared the motion was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor Ms S Andjelkovic	Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd	Councillor M J Bowering
Councillor K J Builth	Councillor E W R Barker	Councillor B G Peters
Councillor A A Chaudhry	Councillor Mrs R Carlton	Councillor Mrs B Toon
Councillor R J Clarke	Councillor S P Gaskin	
Councillor R A Faulkner	Councillor R G W Grosvenor	
Councillor M T Fitzpatrick	Councillor Mrs K Haberfield	
Councillor D F Fletcher	Councillor G Hall	
Councillor W A Ganley	Councillor Mrs J F Jessel	
Councillor D Goodfellow	Councillor A Johnson	
Councillor S A Hussain	Councillor Mrs J Jones	
Councillor R A Johnston	Councillor Mrs J A Killoran	
Councillor C B Jones	Councillor Mrs S McGarry	
Councillor Ms A J Legg	Councillor L G Milner	
Councillor J H Mott	Councillor Mrs L Shelton	
Councillor M Rodgers	Councillor C Smith	
Councillor S Smith	Councillor C V Whittaker	
Councillor C Wileman		

130/16 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been submitted for answer prior to the meeting.

131/16 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:-

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the Press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, indicated in brackets before the item number on the Agenda.

Following the exclusion of the Press and Public from the Meeting in accordance with the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated in brackets before the item on the Agenda, Council conducted the under mentioned business in private and reached the decision indicated in the following summary:

DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT BARGATES FOR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Councillors considered the report of the Head of Service (Paul Costiff).