

Councillor Philip A Leason MBE JP (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

F Beatty	W J Kemp
R P Cooke	A M Loughran
A G Cooper	D McNaughton
B M Cross	A Nixon
A P Edgeller	J A Nixon
P M M Farrington	G P K Pardesi
A T A Godfrey	A N Pearce
A S Harp	J M Pert
A D Hobbs	M Phillips
M V Holmes	J K Price
J Hood	R M Sutherland
R A James	C V Trowbridge
E G R Jones	M J Winnington
P W Jones	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

C14 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 were agreed as a true and correct record.

C15 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C A Baron, J A Barron, R J Barron, M G Dodson, M Green, R Kenney, B McKeown, L Nixon, P Roycroft and R M Smith.

C16 Announcements

The Mayor thanked all those who supported the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events including the afternoon tea and civic service at St Mary's Church, Stafford.

Continuing, the Mayor thanked all who attended the service to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict held to honor all those who served.

The Mayor reported the success of his charity evening held at the Mill in Stone which had raised over £1000 for the Mayor's charities.

The Mayor was pleased to have welcomed the 2022 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay when it arrived in Stafford this afternoon.

Finally, the Mayor hoped that the forthcoming Isaac Walton service would be well supported by Members.

The Leader of the Council was sad to report that Councillor R M Smith, Resources Portfolio holder had suffered from a stroke and was currently in hospital receiving treatment. He asked Members to join him in sending Councillor Smith and his family their best wishes.

C17 Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion pursuant to Paragraph 13.1 of the Council Procedure Rules had been submitted proposed by Councillor A N Pearce and seconded by Councillor A M Loughran as follows:-

“Stafford Borough Council congratulates the many residents who have shown their support for the people of Ukraine and places on record the Council's support for Ukraine and its people. In particular, we thank those who have organised collections of food, clothing and money to help those fleeing the war.

It is encouraging that so many people and families have offered to host Ukrainian refugees. This Council will do all it can to support them and the families they host.

The Government response to the situation has left much to be desired. Problems have included difficulty with obtaining visas, lack of financial support for local authorities and confusion over safeguarding arrangements for host families.

The Council calls on the Government to give greater financial support to local authorities and to use the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme as the model for helping Ukrainian families.

Further it urges the Government to treat all those fleeing war and persecution who wish to make their homes here with dignity and fairness.”

Members discussed the Motion as provided by paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules.

During the discussion, the following amendment to the Motion was proposed by Councillor J M Pert, seconded by Councillor P M M Farrington:-

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~~The Council will continue to encourage everyone from central and local Government, communities where Ukrainian families are settling through to those individual hosts to continue in their efforts to support everyone looking for help and relief from war-torn Ukraine, especially as the fighting continues over the longer term and more and more people are affected.”~~

Members discussed the amendment as provided by paragraph 15 of the Council Procedure Rules and at the conclusion of the debate voted on said amendment which, was declared to be carried and adopted as the new substantive motion.

Members then voted on the new substantive motion as set out above which was duly declared to be carried.

C18 Temporary Appointments to Hopton and Coton Parish Council

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 28/06/2022).

Councillor P M M Farrington introduced the report by detailing Paragraph 3 and concluded his comments by moving that the recommendation as set out in Paragraph 2 be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor J M Pert.

Members of the Council then voted on the proposal as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the Council delegate authority to the Head of Law and Administration to make an Order under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972, in respect of Hopton and Coton Parish Council, in the form of the draft order as set out in the appendix to the report.

MAYOR