

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, SANKEYS CORNER  
ON WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs Stokes (in the Chair)  
Mrs Mary Danby, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Jayne Minor, Senior Administration Officer  
18 Town Councillors  
25 Members of the Public

Councillor Mrs Stokes welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that she had had a brilliant year as Chairman and thanked the Council for their support.

**1. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 20 May 2015 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I took over the role of Chairman of Burntwood Town Council last May. I was totally unprepared for the wonderful year ahead of me. And what a year! Meeting so many amazing volunteers from so many self-help groups in our vibrant community, each doing their own fundraising events for their members, leaves me in awe of the selflessness and commitment of them all. I am truly humbled. I have met so many lovely people, who will remain friends, and I have been treated like Royalty at every function I have had the pleasure to attend.

Burntwood Town Council introduced Play in the Parks last summer, which was an instant hit with parents, grandparents and children alike, and we are hoping to provide a bigger and better programme of activities during the School Summer Holidays this year!

We also introduced our first Christmas Festival at Sankeys Corner, again, proving a successful venture that will be repeated this year!

The Council had the 1st Push Cart Derby held at Sankeys Corner last summer, which will again take place in July, to kick-start the Wakes Festival the following week.

The Wakes are coming home to Burntwood Leisure Centre grounds this year, reverting back to its original format - a free family fun day, with community organisations getting involved.

My Charity fundraising night proved very popular, and thanks to the generosity of local businesses, friends and colleagues donating raffle prizes, a substantial amount was raised. Everyone enjoyed The Beatless band. With the proceeds from this and

other events, I was happy to present St Giles Hospice and the Teenage Cancer Trust with cheques for £672.72.

The highlight of my year was the signing of the lease for The Old Mining College. It will become the new home for Burntwood Town Council Offices from May. The building is well used and loved by many community groups, and the Town Council will ensure its continuation and support to local residents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Officers of the Town Council for their help and support during my year in office.

**3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PRECEPT**

The Summary Budget for 2015/16 as circulated, was received and noted.

**4. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Reports in respect of Member representation on various outside bodies were received and noted.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Chamberlain thanked those Councillors on both sides who had worked hard for the community and he hoped that all Councillors would have the same work ethic.

(The Meeting closed at 7.04 p.m.)

Signed .....

Date .....