

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT CHASE TERRACE COMMUNITY CENTRE, PRINCESS STREET, BURNTWOOD ON
THURSDAY 24 JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor L Ennis (in the Chair)

Councillors Bacon, Banevicius, Bishop, Coe MBE, D Ennis, Evans, Galvin, Gittings, Hancox (from 6.07pm), Kirkham, Norman, P Taylor, S Taylor, Tranter, Willis-Croft, Wittstock and Woodward

In attendance

S Lightfoot, Town Clerk

Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk

County Councillor Clissett

County Councillor Hall

Two members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PLATFORM

The Chair welcomed the County Councillors to their first Town Council meeting. County Councillor Andrew Clissett (who represents Burntwood North) introduced himself and confirmed that he currently sits on the Audit & Standards Committee, Pensions Committee, Pensions Panel and Standards Panel on the County Council. He gave an overview of his key priorities for example road and pavement maintenance, traffic safety and speed control. County Councillor Clissett also referred to support for local community projects through the 2025 Community Fund (each County Councillor has up to £2,500 to allocate) and stated that he was an advocacy for residents' concerns/supporter at County level for the pump track campaign.

County Councillor Robin Hall (who represents Burntwood South) introduced himself and he stated that his presentation of focus was on the delayed Cherry Close health centre project. He confirmed that on 17 July 2025 at the County Council meeting he had moved a Motion raising concerns about the five-year delay in delivering the health centre, asking that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board (ICB) submit a planning application by 31 December 2025; provide a timeline with milestones for completion by December 2027; deliver quarterly progress updates to the County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and conduct a public consultation to ensure transparency. County Councillor Hall also referred to discussions on improving Chasewater's tourism offering as a destination on the map.

Councillor Woodward explained that she was forever reporting potholes and referred to a pothole reported back in January 2025 which apparently was still on the list. Referring to Minute No. 64 (14 May 2025 – Policy and Resources Committee Meeting) Councillor Woodward confirmed that the implementation of a speed indicator system had been discussed however the Committee had declined to proceed however the County Council may wish to fund these. With regard to Chasewater (of which she is Chair of Chasewater Friends), Councillor Woodward asked whether County Councillor Hall could confirm that the £7 million promised by Staffordshire County Council (before the May 2025 elections) was still earmarked for the redevelopment of Chasewater.

Councillor Norman referred to the Motion made by County Councillor Hall on 17 July 2025 and confirmed that the Motion had in fact been withdrawn. County Councillor Hall explained that he felt that the Motion concerning the health centre project had been brought to the attention of the Leader of the County Council and Officers and had gone on record that is why he withdraw the Motion, and that he was awaiting an update on the current position regarding the health centre. With regard to the £7 million investment for Chasewater, County Councillor Hall confirmed that he could not guarantee the amount of investment, it may be more, it may be less.

Councillor D Ennis referred to the Response and Repair Team scheme which is run by the Town Council. By working together, the County Councillors could play an integral part enabling the Town Council to do more. Councillor D Ennis stated that it would be helpful to receive an up to date process report on the health centre.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Bullock, Councillor R Ennis, and Councillor Swain.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared

23. MINUTES - 22 MAY 2025

The Chair reminded Members that they were being asked to comment solely on the accuracy of the Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis, seconded by Councillor P Taylor, and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 22 May 2025 (Minute Nos. 10-20) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

24. CHAIR'S REPORT

Councillor L Ennis read out the following statement:

Well its been a busy couple of months as Chair of Burntwood Town Council.

I've attended a couple of events in my role, of course my first event was at the Court of Arraye in Lichfield at the Guildhall, it was an interesting event full of ceremonial parts and jokes throughout, then I had the honour to hand out some awards at the Sparks 10th Anniversary party at the beginning of June. The Spark event was so lovely to attend and see all the hard work and all the volunteers that are all willing to help the community come together.

I visited Platinum Gym with Councillor Evans and Councillor P Taylor to see what they are doing with the money that Burntwood Town Council are giving them over the next three years, its great to see so many young people there listening and learning from the coach as well as getting fit at the same time.

On the 18 June, I also visited the library to meet everyone at Burntwood Lions for their coffee morning, it was a great chance to chat with the Lions' members and see how things were going with funding. I was invited to Chase Terrace Primary School picnic,

it was a fabulous event with raffles, fire engines and the PCSO in attendance, the school wanted to bring the community together and I feel they did a wonderful job.

Several Councillors and I went to Sankeys Corner on the 27 June to watch the flag raising for Armed Forces Day, its always important to remember and honour all our forces on these special occasions.

Myself, Councillor Woodward, and Councillor D Ennis along with the Community Development and Engagement Officer went to the U3A 10th Anniversary on Thursday 17 July to receive a cheque for a new defib that the group had been fundraising for, it was a lovely event, and I learnt a lot about things that I may do when I'm retired.

Of course on Saturday 19 July we had Burntwood Wakes and despite the rain it was well attended and a great joy to be at. It just shows what a Council can do when we put our residents first. I loved talking to everyone there from the stall holders to residents and the armed forces, who all turned up in great spirits.

Can I say thank you to Councillor Woodward, who attended the 10th Anniversary of Fun Club in my place as I was unavailable due to work, I hope that you had a lovely time, and it was a great event.

So that's all for now, but we mustn't forget that there is more to come with all the Play in the Parks that begin on Monday 28 July at Chase Terrace Park.

25. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Even though the subject had not been raised before the meeting, the Chair allowed Councillor Wittstock to mention the England's current starting goalkeeper for the UEFA Women's Euro 2025, Hannah Hampton, who had previously been a student at Erasmus Darwin Academy. Members wished the England Womens Team well for the final on Sunday 27 July.

26. NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY – COUNCILLOR PAUL FLANAGAN (CHASE TERRACE WARD)

Members formally noted that the Town Clerk had declared a casual vacancy on the Town Council on 01 July 2025 following the resignation of Mr Flanagan (Chase Terrace Ward).

Members noted that a minimum of ten local government electors from the Chase Terrace Ward had until midnight on Monday 21 July to inform Lichfield District Council that they wanted an election to be held.

The Town Clerk confirmed that no election had been requested and that he would advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option next week with a closing date of a minimum of 21 days.

It was hoped that potential candidate(s) would be considered for co-option on 25 September 2025.

Councillor D Ennis formally thanked Mr Flanagan for his services to the Town Council.

27. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 MAY 2025 AND 09 JULY 2025

In respect of accuracy, Councillor Woodward referred to Minute No. 66 – Closed Circuit Television Policy – Chase Terrace Community Centre (14 May 2025 refers) and in particular the paragraph referring to who could access the system. She confirmed that her comments were around concerns regarding privacy issues and not Members wanting to look at the footage personally.

It was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Norman, and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 May 2025 (Minute Nos. 58-66) and 09 July 2025 (Minute Nos. 1-8) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

28. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2025 AND 09 JULY 2025

It was proposed by Councillor S Taylor, seconded by Councillor Gittings, and it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Planning and Development Committee held on 16 June 2025 (Minute Nos. 58-66) and 09 July 2025 (Minute Nos. 1-8) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

29. COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE – 16 JULY 2025

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor P Taylor, and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 16 July 2025 (Minute Nos. 1-9) be received and where necessary approved and adopted.

30. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies [Admissions of Meeting] Act 1960 [Section 2] [and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972], the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

31. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – 22 MAY 2025

See Confidential Minutes.

32. COULTER LANE BURIAL GROUND WALL

See Confidential Minutes.

(The Meeting closed at 6.35 pm)

Signed

Date