



Cannock Chase Council
Extraordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 5:30pm
In the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Cannock
Part 1

Notice is hereby given of the above-mentioned meeting of the Council, which you are summoned to attend for the purpose of transacting the business as set out below:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**
To declare any interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
Members should refer to the guidance as included as part of this agenda.
- 3. Honorary Aldermen and Alderwoman Nominations**
Report of the Chief Executive (Item 3.1 – 3.4).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Clegg".

T. Clegg
Chief Executive

12 May 2026

Guidance on Declaring Interests at Meetings

Declaring Interests at Full Council

The Code of Conduct requires that where you have an interest in any business of the Council, and where you are aware or ought reasonably to be aware of the existence of the interest, and you attend a meeting of the Council at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

The following interests must be disclosed where they may be affected by any matter arising at the meeting:

- (a) A **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** is an interest of yourself or your partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners) in respect of employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried out for profit or gain; sponsorship; contracts; land; licences; corporate tenancies; or securities, as defined with the Localism Act, 2011.
- (b) A **Registerable Interest** includes any unpaid directorships or any body of which you are a member, or are in a position of general control, and (i) to which you are appointed by the Council, or (ii) which exercises functions of a public nature, or (iii) which is directed to charitable purposes, or (iv) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy.
- (c) A **Non-Registerable Interest** is any other matter affecting your financial interest or well-being, or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate.

Where the matter **directly relates** to the interest, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

Where the matter **affects** the interest, but does not **directly relate** to it, you can remain in the meeting and take part **unless** the matter affects the financial interest or well-being to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision, and a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest.

Please make the nature of the interest clear to the meeting

It would be helpful if, prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members informed the Monitoring Officer of any declarations of interest, of which you are aware. This will help in the recording of the declarations in the Minutes of the meeting.

Some items will be mentioned in the papers for full Council but are not actually being considered by Full Council. In such circumstances the Monitoring Officer's advice to Members is that there is no need to declare an interest unless the particular matter is mentioned or discussed. As a general rule, Members only need to declare an interest at full Council in the following circumstances:

- Where a matter is before the Council for a decision and/or
- Where the matter in which the Member has an interest is specifically mentioned or discussed at the Council meeting.

Honorary Aldermen and Alderwoman Nominations

Committee:	Extraordinary Council
Date of Meeting:	20 May 2026
Report of:	Chief Executive
Portfolio:	Leader of the Council

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors Les Bullock and Justin Johnson, and the title of Honorary Alderwoman on former Councillor Sheila Cartwright.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council confers the title of Honorary Alderman on former Councillors Les Bullock and Justin Johnson, and the title of Honorary Alderwoman on former Councillor Sheila Cartwright, in recognition of their eminent service to the District.
- 2.2 That subject to recommendation 2.1 being agreed, certificates of recognition be presented to the Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Alderwoman at the full Council meeting scheduled for 8 July 2026.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.3 The above named former Councillors are considered to meet the criteria for being nominated as an Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman as set out in part 5, section 41 of the Council's Constitution (see report paragraphs 5.1-5.5 for reference).

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits a principal Council by resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the members voting at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman on persons who have rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of that Council, but who are not then members of the Council.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 The title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman is to only be awarded following retirement of a Councillor.
- 5.2 To be considered for the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman, a retired Councillor must have served at least twelve years (three terms in office) on Cannock Chase District Council (though the terms do not need to be consecutive) and be considered to have rendered eminent service to the District.

- 5.3 Nominations must be made by a serving Cannock Chase District Councillor.
- 5.4 Following approval to confer the title, an address confirming the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman will be presented by the Chair of the Council at a subsequent meeting of the Council.
- 5.5 Names of Honorary Aldermen / Alderwomen will be inscribed on an Honours Board located in the Civic Suite.
- 5.6 An Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman of a principal Council may attend and take part in such civic ceremonies as the Council may from time to time decide, but shall not, as such have the right:
- a) to attend meetings of the Council or a Committee of the Council,
 - b) to receive any such allowances or other payments under section 173 to 176 of the Local Government Act 1972, or
 - c) whilst serving as a Councillor, be entitled to be addressed as Alderman / Alderwoman or to attend or take part in any civic ceremonies of the Council as an Alderman / Alderwoman.
- 5.7 The service of the named former Councillors (in their roles specifically as district councillors) is set out below:

5.7.1 Mr. Les Bullock (nominated by Councillor T. Johnson)

- Served on the Council from May 1996 to May 2006; May 2007 to May 2011; and May 2024 to May 2026 (16 years in total).
- **Pre-2000:** held positions of Chair of the Planning and Works Board and Vice-Chair of the Planning Sub-Committee and Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee.
- Sat on the Amenities, Finance and Personnel Committees, as well as several related sub-committees and the Trade Union Consultative Forum.
- **2000 onwards:** Held positions in the Shadow Cabinet for Community Safety and Environment related Shadow Portfolios.
- Sat on the Planning Committee, Licensing and Public Protection Committee, Standards Committee, several Scrutiny Committees, Policy Development Committees and Policy Development Panels, as well as the Heath Hayes, Norton Canes and Rawnsley Community Forum.
- Appointed to serve on the following outside bodies: Cannock Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee, Cannock Youth Centre Management Committee, Chase Arts Council, Chase Sports Council, Community Learning Partnership for Norton Canes, Midland Joint Advisory Council for Environmental Protection, Norton Canes Community Centre, Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee, RELATE, and the Staffordshire County Council Community Safety Panel.

5.7.2 Mrs. Sheila Cartwright (nominated by Councillor T. Johnson)

- Served on the Council from May 2010 to May 2026 (16 years in total).
- Held the positions of Planning Committee Chair / Vice-Chair, Licensing and Public Protection Committee Chair / Vice-Chair, Town Centre Policy Development Committee Vice-Chair and Audit and Governance Committee Vice-Chair.
- Sat on several different Policy Development Committees and Scrutiny Committees, as well as the Standards Committee, Hednesford Community Forum and the Constitution Working Group.
- Appointed to serve on the following outside bodies: Cannock Advice Centre, Chase Council for Voluntary Services, Chase Sports Council, Cannock Youth Centre Management Committee, and St. Giles Hospice Friends Group.

5.7.3 Mr. Justin Johnson (nominated by Councillor O. Lyons)

- Served on the Council from May 2012 to May 2026 (14 years in total).
- Held positions of Cabinet member for Environment and Climate Change, and Shadow Cabinet member for the Culture and Sport and Environment and Climate Change shadow portfolios.
- Also held the positions of Vice-Chair for the Audit and Governance Committee, Responsible Council Scrutiny Committee and the Rugeley and Brereton Community Forum.
- Sat on the Culture and Sport Policy Development Committee as well as several Scrutiny Committees, the Standards Committee, and the Rate Relief Committee.
- Appointed to serve on the following outside bodies: Amazon (Rugeley) Members' Liaison Forum, Cannock Chase AONB Joint Management Committee, Cannock Chase Arts Council, Chase Sports Council, Chetwynd Charity, Etching Hill Village Hall Committee, Landor Society, Longdon Almshouses, PATROL Joint Committee, Poplars Landfill Site Liaison Committee, Rugeley Physically Handicapped Association, Slitting Mill Village Hall Committee, and the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Management Board.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

All costs associated with awarding this honour can be met from existing civic budgets.

6.2 Legal

As set out in report paragraph 3.1.

6.3 Human Resources

None.

6.4 Risk Management

None.

6.5 Equalities and Diversity

None.

6.6 Health

None.

6.7 Climate Change

None.

7 Appendices

None.

8 Previous Consideration

None.

9 Background Papers

None.

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