

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.00pm at St. Bartholomew and All Saints Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Anstee, Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow (Mayor), Janet Georgiou, Paul Heaphy, Nic Hughes, Sue Hughes, Mike Leighfield, Caroline Redmond, Eve Silvester, Jenny Stratton, Marion Sweet, Steve Walls and Steve Watts (Deputy Mayor).

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager, Kalpesh Patel, Accountant, Naomi Coleman, Administrative Services Officer, Rachel Deegan, Administrative Services Officer, Gillian Welsman-Clarke, Administrative Services Officer, Kelly Warren, Administrative Services Officer and Helen Davies, Mayor's Assistant and Administrative Services Officer.

In the Chair: Councillor Mike Farrow

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Marion Sweet, seconded by Councillor Robert Anstee.

RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Watts of 60 Noremars Road, Royal Wootton Bassett be and is hereby elected Mayor of the Town and Community of Royal Wootton Bassett for the ensuing Civic year.

The newly elected Mayor (Councillor Steve Watts) then read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Paul Heaphy, seconded by Councillor Steve Walls.

RESOLVED that Councillor Nic Hughes of 8 Glebe Road, Royal Wootton Bassett be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of the Town and Community of Royal Wootton Bassett for the ensuing Civic year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF MAYORS CHAPLIN

The Mayor gave notice that his Chaplain for the year would be Reverend Canon Jane Curtis of St. Bartholomew & All Saints Church.

The newly elected Mayor received the robes and was invested with the Civic Chain of Office.

Reverend Canon Jane Curtis then blessed the incoming Mayor and Mayoress for their Civic Year.

4. RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Steve Watts introduced a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, which was passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented the retiring Mayor and Mayoress with their past Mayor and Mayoress medals.

5. MAYORAL ADDRESS AND CHARITY

The Mayor gave a short address during which he returned thanks for his election as Mayor and advised that his charity of the year would be The Richard Jones Foundation.

Councillor Steve Bucknell, representative of The Richard Jones Foundation then spoke on behalf of the Charity.

6. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CRIER AND SWORDBEARER

Councillor Mike Leighfield proposed that Owen Collier be appointed as Town Crier and Swordbearer.

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7. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absent were received from Councillor David Bowler.

8. TOWN CLERK ADDRESS

The Town Clerk gave an address

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.08pm.