

## SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council of Southwold, held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 7.00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

PRESENT: Councillor Miss E A Betts (Town Mayor) (Chairman)  
“ Mrs S Allen  
“ I R Bradbury  
“ Mrs S M Doy  
“ M G C Horwood  
“ Mrs J Jeans  
“ M Ladd  
“ D J Palmer  
“ G M Rowan Robinson  
“ R D Temple  
“ Mrs M C Tucker  
“ J A Windell

Also attending; Town Clerk, the High Steward and 14 members of the public and 2 members of the press.

All Councillors completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Councillor prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### BUSINESS

1. **Town Mayor:** *to elect a Chairman called the Town Mayor for 2015/2016.*  
On the proposal of Cllr Ladd, seconded by Cllr Temple, Cllr Tucker was proposed as Chairman (Town Mayor) for 2015/16. There were no further nominations.  
**RESOLVED: It was agreed by all to appoint Cllr Melanie Tucker as Chairman (called the Town Mayor) for 2015/16.**  
  
*a) Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed – The Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman was signed by Cllr Tucker.*  
  
Cllr Tucker thanked all members for electing her as Chairman, and thanked Cllr Betts for the work that she had carried out during her term of office as Mayor. All Councillors were welcomed to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** There were no apologies for absence.
3. **Deputy Town Mayor:** *to elect a Vice-Chairman, called the Deputy Town Mayor, for 2015/2016.*  
On the proposal of Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Windell, Cllr Betts was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.  
**RESOLVED: It was agreed by all to appoint Cllr Betts as Vice-Chairman (called the Deputy Town Mayor) for 2015/16.**

4. **Declaration of Interest:**
  - a) *To receive Declarations of Interest on matters on the agenda.*  
Cllr Doy and Cllr Allen declared a personal interest in item 7 Planning.
  - b) *To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests regarding the agenda.* Nil
  - c) *To note the decision of the Town clerk regarding requests for dispensations relating to this agenda.* Nil.
  - d) *Councillors to be reminded of the requirement for them to individually complete their Register of Interests online within 28 days of election.* Noted.
  
5. **Standing Orders:** It was proposed, seconded and,  
**RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended for the consideration of the following item.**  
There were no comments from members of the public.  
  
*Meeting reopened*
  
6. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 28th April 2015 were confirmed and signed.
  
7. **To receive reports from Committees:**
  - a) *To receive the written report of the meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (see attached yellow papers).*  
Cllr Windell presented the report.
  
8. **To consider electing members to the Planning and Development Cttee - (if there is an immediate need for a Cttee to be formed prior to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015).**
  - a) *To consider electing members to the Planning and Development Cttee (if there is a need for a Planning and Development Cttee to be formed at this particular meeting,) - Terms of reference and meeting dates are as on the attached (see attached yellow pages).*  
Cllr Windell advised that there were no planning applications requiring urgent attention and that this matter could therefore be deferred to the next meeting. All agreed.
  
9. **To receive reports from other Groups:**  
There are no reports from other groups.
  
10. **To receive the following update of events / matters to report including:**  
*VE Day celebrations – 9/10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Cllr Ladd provided thanks to all those for their help in enabling this event to take place. Cllr Ladd advised that the event had been mentioned on Radio 2. Excellent feedback had been received from various members of the public.*

*SCC Officer meeting re Sizewell C – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Cllr Windell advised that an informative meeting had been held with SCC Officer Bryn Griffiths regarding the potential planning application for Sizewell C. Mr Griffiths explained that both SCC and EDF were keen to hear from towns and parishes with regards to the issues surrounding this proposed application. As Council representatives on the stakeholder panel, Cllr Windell and Cllr Bradbury will consider the way forward for Southwold Town Council, and whether there would be a need for a new Task & Finish Group. Cllr Rowan Robinson endorsed this action.*

Cllr Allen advised that as the WDC Member on the AONB, she will also be making representations on behalf WDC and the AONB. It was suggested that Cllr Windell and Cllr Bradbury meet with Cllr Allen and Cllr Ladd (as the Ward Members for WDC and SCC).

*Forthcoming Events*

Charter Money to the Primary School – 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am

Lions Fete - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Charter Fair opening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at noon followed by Charter Lunch.

Civic Sunday – 10.30am - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Whole Town Council Training – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.

11. **Correspondence** to note the white papers as attached.
  - a) Letter from East Coast Hospice
  - b) Sunset Ceremony – to receive information e mail from Southwold Corps of Drums.
  - c) Community Emergency Group – to receive information e mail from the Community Emergency Group.
  - d) To receive The Adnams Charity Report and Accounts 2013-2014.
  - e) To receive details of the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
  - f) To receive details of the VHC AGM – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
12. **Urgent Business**: to act upon any matter of a non-financial urgency, within the meaning of the Standing Orders, which may be brought to the attention of the Town Council with the consent of the Town Mayor previously obtained.

Cllr Ladd advised members that Health & Wellbeing Suffolk had provided an Executive Summary of “The State of Suffolk Report” which would be available at the Town Hall for members to read.

Cllr Allen advised that the hoisting of the Blue Flag should be taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the Lifeguard Hut, and all councillors were invited to attend.

The High Steward, Mr Graham Denny, congratulated the Town Mayor on her appointment, and welcomed both new and returning councillors.

13. **Date of next Town Council Meeting**:  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 8.00pm at the Town Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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TOWN MAYOR                      26<sup>th</sup> May 2015