

## SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Southwold Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

PRESENT:	Councillor	P Goldsmith (Town Mayor/Chair)
	“	D Beavan
	“	P Davy
	“	S Flunder
	“	V Gladwell
	“	C Hurr
	“	J Miller
	“	V Redington
	“	M Wells
	“	Vacancy

Also attending; The Town Clerk and 6 members of the public.

#### Agenda

1. **Town Mayor:** *to elect a Chairman called the Town Mayor for 2025/2026.*  
*Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman to be signed.*  
**Cllr Gladwell nominated Cllr Goldsmith as Town Mayor for 2026/27 and explained why. Cllr Redington seconded the proposal that Cllr Goldsmith be elected as Town Mayor for 2026/27. There were no other nominations. Vote unanimous. Approve.**

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the above it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to elect Cllr Paula Goldsmith as Chairman (called the Town Mayor) for 2026/27.

**Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed by the Town Mayor and read to all by Cllr Goldsmith.**

2. **Apologies:** *to receive apologies for absence.* Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jarvis and Cllr Temple. Noted.
3. **Deputy Town Mayor:** *to elect a Vice-Chairman, called the Deputy Town Mayor, for 2025/2026.*  
**Cllr Davy nominated Cllr Wells as the Vice Chairman for 2026/2027. Cllr Goldsmith seconded the proposal that Cllr Wells be elected as Vice Chairman for 2026/27. There were no other nominations. Unanimous.**

**RESOLVED:** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Wells as Vice-Chairman for 2026/2027 (called the Deputy Mayor). **Unanimous.**

4. **Declarations of Interest:**
  - a) *To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests regarding the agenda.* Nil.

- b) *To receive Declarations of Other Registerable Interests regarding the agenda.*  
Nil
- c) *To receive Declarations of Non-Registerable Interests regarding the agenda.* Nil
- d) *To note the decision of the Town Clerk regarding requests for dispensations relating to this agenda.* Nil.

5. **Public Forum** (15 minutes will be allocated overall for this section- subject to Town Mayor discretion).

- a) To receive comments from Southwold electors on matters on the agenda.  
Nil.
- b) To receive new Town Flag from Susie Yates  
Susie Yates presented the Town Flag to the Town Council. Susie advised that Cllr Wells had seen a quilt in the library which she had made and suggested a new Town Flag as the old one had lost its colour. The Town Mayor presented Susie with flowers and thanked her for her hard work.

**Diary Dates**

*Town Mayor Invitations*

Suffolk Day at Bury St Edmunds – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Armed Forces Day at Stowmarket – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*Councillors*

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Opening of Charter Fair – meet 11.40am at Town Hall

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Charter Lunch

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Civic Sunday – Parade and Church Service – meet 10.30 am at Town Hall

6. **Co Option to councillor vacancy.**

To receive presentation from each candidate and to consider nominations - to co-opt to the councillor vacancy.

The 3 applicants each provided a presentation to council of the reasons why they felt that they should be considered for the vacancy. Each then took questions from councillors.

**After full consideration of the above it was proposed by Cllr Flunder and seconded by Cllr Wells that Patrick Huggins be co-opted to Southwold Town Council.**

**Agreed by a majority.**

7. **Date of next Town Council Meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6.30pm

*\*\* Some items from this agenda might need to be considered within a confidential session as below.*

**Exclusion of Public and Press if required during discussions:** Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it might need to be resolved, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, for the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following.

Legal / Professional updates

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TOWN MAYOR

28<sup>th</sup> May 2026