

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Southwold Town Council, held in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th May 2022.

PRESENT:	Councillor	W Windell (Town Mayor/Chair)
	“	D Beavan
	“	Miss E A Betts
	“	I Bradbury
	“	S Flunder
	“	Mrs P Goldsmith
	“	Mrs J Jeans
	“	Mrs J Jordan
	“	M Ladd
	“	M Rowan-Robinson
	“	J Sutton
	“	R Temple

Also attending; Town Clerk and 7 members of the public at the Town Hall and 3 members of the public via Zoom.

Agenda

1. **Town Mayor:** *to elect a Chairman called the Town Mayor for 2022/2023.*
Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman to be signed.
Cllr Betts nominated Cllr Windell as Mayor for 2022/23. Cllr Jeans seconded the proposal that Cllr Windell be elected as Town Mayor for 2022/23
Cllr Jeans noted that Cllr Windell has the qualities required of a Mayor.

Cllr Sutton nominated Cllr Flunder as Mayor for 2022/23. Cllr Temple seconded the proposal that Cllr Flunder be elected as Town Mayor for 2022/23.
Cllr Sutton noted that Cllr Flunder does a huge amount of work, and that fresh blood is required to take the Town Council forward.

It was RESOLVED with 7 in favour of Cllr Windell and 5 in favour of Cllr Flunder that Cllr Windell be elected as Chairman (known as Town Mayor) for 2022/23.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the above it was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Will Windell as Chairman (called the Town Mayor) for 2022/23.

Cllr Windell took his seat of Office. Declaration of Acceptance of Office completed by Cllr Windell.

Cllr Windell thanked all members for electing him as Town Mayor.

2. **Apologies:** *to receive apologies for absence.* Apologies for absence were received from the High Steward.

3. **Deputy Town Mayor:** *to elect a Vice-Chairman, called the Deputy Town Mayor, for 2021/2022.*

Cllr Jeans nominated Cllr Bradbury as the Vice Chairman for 2022/2023.

Cllr Rowan-Robinson seconded the proposal that Cllr Bradbury be elected as Vice Chairman for 2022/23.

Cllr Goldsmith nominated Cllr Flunder as Vice-Chairman for 2022/23. Cllr Sutton seconded the proposal that Cllr Flunder be elected as Vice-Chairman for 2022/23.

It was RESOLVED with 5 in favour of Cllr Bradbury, 6 in favour of Cllr Flunder, and 1 abstain, that Cllr Flunder be elected as Vice Chairman (known as Deputy Town Mayor) for 2022/23.

RESOLVED: It was RESOLVED to elect Cllr Simon Flunder as Vice-Chairman for 2022/2023 (called the Deputy Mayor).

Cllr Flunder thanked everyone for their support advising that this was a very proud moment. Cllr Flunder advised that his objective is to finish the Station Road Project noting the need to finish it before the next Council is elected, and would like to support the Town Mayor and councillors and acknowledged the need to work as a team to get the right conclusions and the need to resolve differences and move on with the project and working together to maintain values and history of the town.

Cllr Ladd congratulated Cllr Windell and Cllr Flunder.

Cllr Ladd suggested that the process is reviewed for the actual election of the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor to ensure a refined process is in place for next year. To be reviewed by Finance & Governance Committee.

4. **Declarations of Interest:**

- a) *To receive Declarations of Interest on matters on the agenda.* Nil.
- 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.

5. **Standing Orders:** *to suspend standing orders for consideration of the following:*

- a) *To receive comments from Southwold electors on matters on the agenda (each elector will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes).*

Nil.

6. **Councillor Diary Dates**

Charter Fair Opening – Friday 27th May 2022 at 5pm on South Green

Songs of Praise Service – Sunday 29th May 2022 at 11am at St Edmunds Church – meet at Town Hall at 10.30am

Queens Platinum Jubilee – Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 2pm Local Proclamation at the Town Hall

Queens Platinum Jubilee – Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 2.30pm from the Town Hall - Beating of the Bounds

Queens Platinum Jubilee – 9.09pm Lone Piper on Gun Hill

Queens Platinum Jubilee – 9.15pm Lighting of the Beacon & firing the canons on Gun Hill

7. **Date of next Town Council Meeting:** Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

TOWN MAYOR 31st May 2022