

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council of Southwold, held at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 7.00pm on Monday 13th May 2019.

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

Also attending; Town Clerk, the High Steward and 12 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting all Declarations of Acceptance of Office of those councillors present at the meeting were completed, signed and witnessed.

BUSINESS

1. **Town Mayor:** *to elect a Chairman called the Town Mayor for 2019/2020.*
(Papers attached including role description and requirements, and potential commitments)

On the proposal of Cllr Flunder, seconded by Cllr Betts, Cllr Ian Bradbury was proposed as Chairman (Town Mayor) for 2019/20. There were no further nominations.

Cllr Flunder and Cllr Betts advised the meeting of their reasons for proposing and seconding Cllr Bradbury.

Councillors were then provided with the opportunity to put questions to Cllr Bradbury.

Questions asked included matters relating to; commitment to transparency, representing the views of all councillors, unification of council, winning back trust both within council and within the town, teamwork, and respect.

RESOLVED: It was RESOLVED by all to appoint Cllr Ian Bradbury as Chairman (called the Town Mayor) for 2019/20.

a) Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman was signed by Cllr Bradbury and read to the meeting.

Cllr Bradbury thanked all members for electing him as Chairman and vowed to work hard for the Council over the forthcoming months.

2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Doy, Ladd and Tucker.

2a) *Welcome to the new Town Council and councillors.* Cllr Bradbury welcomed the new council to the first meeting of its 4 year term with a welcome to Cllrs Goldsmith and Jordan as new councillors for Southwold.

2b) *Welcome to the new Town Council and councillors.* The High Steward congratulated the council/ staff on bring back into use the Town Council Chamber for the first time in many months. The High Steward congratulated the Town Mayor on his appointment and welcomed all members of the new Town Council. The High Steward emphasised to members the honour of representing the Town and the need for being respectful to all.

3. **Deputy Town Mayor:** *to elect a Vice-Chairman, called the Deputy Town Mayor, for 2019/20* (papers attached include role description).

On the proposal of Cllr Goldsmith, seconded by Cllr Bradbury, Cllr Betts was nominated for Vice-Chairman. There were no further nominations.

Cllr Goldsmith and Cllr Bradbury advised the meeting of their reasons for proposing and seconding Cllr Betts.

Councillors were then provided with the opportunity to put questions to Cllr Betts. There were no questions.

RESOLVED: It was RESOLVED by all to appoint Cllr Betts as Vice-Chairman (called the Deputy Town Mayor) for 2019/20.

4. **Declaration of Interest:**

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

Cllr J Jeans declared a personal interest in matters relating to the application for the Hotson Road Tennis Courts Asset of Community Value.

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 update their Register of Interests online.* Noted.

5. **To receive comments from Southwold electors on matters on the Agenda:**

There were no comments from members of the public.

6. **Minutes:** *to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 26th March 2019.*

On the proposal of Cllr Windell, seconded by Cllr Rowan Robinson it was RESOLVED by all to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2019.

7. **Correspondence to note**

From East Suffolk District Council - Nomination for listing as an Asset of Community Value Southwold and District Tennis Club, Hotson Road. Consultation to 21st May 2019.

Cllr Rowan-Robinson proposed that the Town Council endorse the application. Seconded by Cllr Beavan.

Cllr Jeans advised that she had been approached by the Tennis Club for advice about submitting an application and had assisted in the preparation of the application.

Cllr Windell endorsed the application and the work of Cllr Jeans in its completion. Thanks were extended to Cllrs Jeans and Windell by the Town Mayor.

On the proposal of Cllr Rowan-Robinson, seconded by Cllr Beavan it was unanimously agreed that the Town Council endorse the application.

8. **Councillor Diary Dates**

Sunday 26th May 2019 – Civic Sunday

Thursday 30th May 2019 – Opening of Charter Fayre/ Charter Parade and Charter Lunch

9. **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.

10. **Date of next Town Council Meeting:**

Tuesday 28th May 2019 at 7.30pm at the Town Hall

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

TOWN MAYOR

28th May 2019.