

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7.00pm at St. Bartholomew and All Saints Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett.

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

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager, Kalpesh Patel, Accountant, John Macindoe, Groundsman Team Leader, Sharon Tailby, Administrative Officer, Emily Maiden, Administrative Officer, Gillian Welsman-Clarke, Administrative Officer and Naomi Coleman, Mayor's Secretary & Administrative Officer.

In the Chair: Councillor Mary Champion

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Mike Leighfield, seconded by Councillor Marion Sweet.

RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Bucknell, of The Little House, 154 High Street, 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 Bucknell) then read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Steve Watts, seconded by Councillor Sue Hughes.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Farrow of 17 Branscombe Drive, 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 Chaplin for the year would be Lay Minister Michael Page, of St. Bartholomew & All Saints Church.

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

Lay Minister Michael Page then blessed the incoming Mayor and Mayoress for their Civic Year.

4. RETIRING MAYOR

Linda Frost introduced a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Consorts, which was passed unanimously.

The Mayor presented the retiring Mayor and Consorts with their past Mayor and Consorts 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 Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival.

Representatives of the Royal Wootton Bassett Carnival then spoke on behalf of the Carnival committee.

6. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Ten year Councillor Service certificates were presented to Linda Frost, Sue Doyle, Councillor Mary Champion and Councillor Steve Bucknell.

Retired Councillors, Audrey Wannell and Chris Wannell were presented with a gift.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SWORDBEARER

Councillor Steve Bucknell proposed that Owen Collier be appointed as Town Crier and Swordbearer.

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8. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillor Caroline Redmond.

9. TOWN CLERK ADDRESS

The Town Clerk gave an address

The Mayor called the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm