

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council held on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.00pm at St. Bartholomew and All Saints Church, High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Anstee, David Bowler, Steve Bucknell (Mayor), Mary Champion, Mike Farrow (Deputy Mayor), Janet Georgiou, Paul Heaphy, 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, Naomi Coleman, Administrative Officer and Kelly Warren, Mayor's Secretary & Administrative Officer.

In the Chair: Councillor Steve Bucknell

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Nic Hughes, seconded by Councillor Steve Walls.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Farrow, of 17 Branscombe Drive, 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 Mike Farrow) then read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Proposed by Councillor Steve Bucknell seconded by Councillor Sue Hughes.

RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Watts of 17 Dior 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 Reverend Jane Curtis of St. Bartholomew & All Saints Church.

Lay Minister Michael Page conducted the evening as Reverend Jane Curtis was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

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

Councillor Mary Champion 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 Loganberry Trust.

Vivienne Slayford, representative of The Loganberry Trust then spoke on behalf of the Trust.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SWORDBEARER

Councillor Steve Watts proposed, seconded by Councillor Steve Bucknell that Owen Collier be appointed as Town Crier and Swordbearer.

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7. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

8. TOWN CLERK ADDRESS

The Town Clerk gave an address

The Mayor called the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm