

# MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the  
**ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock  
at 7 pm on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning, Cllr. Herbert Harper, Cllr. Mary Hill, Cllr. Yvonne Holyoak, Cllr. Kate Southan, Cllr. Marcus Themans, Cllr. Daniel Thomas, Cllr. Allan Walter and Cllr. Milner Whiteman OBE.

## **TOWN CLERK:**

Trudi Barrett

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rev'd John Cumberland  
Mace Bearer, Mr Eric Humphries  
Invited guests

The Mayor, Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning, invited the Rev'd John Cumberland to say prayers prior to the commencement of the meeting.

After prayers, the Mayor declared the meeting open.

### **1) ELECTION OF MAYOR**

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(1)(2) it was PROPOSED by Cllr. Milner Whiteman and SECONDED by Cllr. Mary Hill that Cllr. Herbert Harper be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

**There being no other nominations it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Herbert Harper be elected as Town Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.**

### **2) DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr. Herbert Harper, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Mayor gave his address of thanks for his election.

The Mayor **PROPOSED** and Cllr. Milner Whiteman **SECONDED** that a 'Vote of Thanks' be accorded to the ex-Mayor, Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning, which was unanimously **APPROVED**.

Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning replied to his 'Vote of Thanks' and addressed the Council accordingly.

### **3) ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(6) it was PROPOSED by Cllr. Kate Southan and SECONDED by Cllr. Allan Walter that Cllr. Daniel Thomas be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

**There being no other nominations it was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Daniel Thomas be elected as Deputy Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.**

### **4) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Davy, who had a family commitment, and Cllr. Jenkins, who was working.  
**These apologies were ACCEPTED and AGREED as APPROVED absence.**

### **5) APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced his appointment of the Rev'd Matthew Stafford as his Chaplain and handed signed confirmation to the Town Clerk.

**6) NEXT MEETING**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Mary Hill and SECONDED by Cllr. Milner Whiteman that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be deferred for consideration on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**It was RESOLVED that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be resumed on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing at 7 p.m. at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.**

The meeting closed at 19:30.

Signed.....  
Town Mayor

Date.....