

# MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the  
**ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock  
7 pm on Thursday 11 May 2017

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning (Chairman), Cllr. Trevor Childs, Cllr. David Gibbon, Cllr. Herbert Harper, Cllr. Mary Hill, Cllr. Yvonne Holyoak, Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins, Cllr. Robert Toft, Cllr. Allan Walter, and Cllr. Milner Whiteman OBE.

## **TOWN CLERK:**

Sharon Clayton

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chaplain, Rev'd Matthew Stafford  
Mace Bearer, Charlie Pearce from West Mercia Police  
Invited guests

The retiring Mayor, Cllr. Herbert Harper, invited the Chaplain, Rev'd Matthew Stafford to say prayers prior to the commencement of the meeting.

After prayers, the retiring Mayor declared the meeting open.

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

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

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning be elected as Town Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.**

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

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr. Graham Edgcumbe Venning signed his Declaration and Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Town Clerk.

The Mayor gave his address of thanks for his election.

The Mayor then moved a 'Vote of Thanks' to the ex-Mayor, Cllr. Herbert Harper, which was unanimously APPROVED.

Cllr. Herbert Harper replied to his 'Vote of Thanks' accordingly and addressed the Council.

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

In pursuance of LGA 1972 s15(6) it was PROPOSED by Cllr. Herbert Harper and SECONDED by Cllr. Mary Hill that Cllr. Milner Whiteman be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED that Cllr. Milner Whiteman be elected as Deputy Mayor of Much Wenlock for the ensuing year.**

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

There were no apologies since all Members were present.

### **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.

The Mayor then announced that the Annual Civic Service would take place at 6.30 pm on Sunday 2 July 2017 at Holy Trinity Church.

**6) NEXT MEETING**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr. Mary Hill and SECONDED by Cllr. Herbert Harper that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be deferred for consideration on Thursday 18 May 2017.

**It was unanimously AGREED that the remaining business of the Annual Town Council Meeting be resumed on Thursday 18 May 2017 commencing 7 p.m. at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.**

The meeting closed at 19:30.

Signed.....  
Town Mayor

Date.....