

# MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an  
**EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
held remotely by video conference  
at 6.45 pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Present:** Cllr. Mary Hill, Cllr. Yvonne Holyoak, Cllr. Dafydd Jenkins, Cllr. Natalie Park, Cllr. Matthew Park, Cllr. Marcus Themans, Cllr. Daniel Thomas (in the chair), Cllr. Allan Walter, Cllr. Duncan White, Cllr. Milner Whiteman OBE

**Town Clerk:** Trudi Barrett

**In attendance:** Shropshire Councillor David Turner

## 1. Chairman's Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. Apologies

**It was RESOLVED to accept the following apologies:** Councillor Herbert Harper – technical issues

## 3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the monitoring officer.

## 4. Dispensations

None requested.

## 5. Honorary Freeman

In pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972, s. 249, Members considered appointing Milner Whiteman an Honorary Freeman of Much Wenlock in recognition of outstanding service to the community.

Councillor Hill spoke of her time working as a Councillor alongside Milner since 2013. She praised his vast experience and knowledge of local government affairs and of the people of Much Wenlock. Milner had an outstanding record of service to the community, having served as a local Councillor for over 50 years. He became a Councillor on the old Borough of Wenlock in 1965 and since 1970 had represented Much Wenlock on various Councils continuously. He was a member of Bridgnorth District Council from 1983 to 2009 and of Shropshire Council between 2009 and 2013. In 2001 he was awarded an OBE for Services to Local Government. Milner had been Mayor of Much Wenlock four times, in 1974, 1981, 1996 and 2013.

Councillors White, Thomas, Themans and Holyoak spoke in support of the motion, referencing Milner's exceptional service to the community and the debt of gratitude owed by the town.

**It was PROPOSED by Councillor Hill, SECONDED by Councillor Thomas and unanimously RESOLVED that Milner Whiteman be appointed an Honorary Freeman of Much Wenlock in recognition of his outstanding service to the town and community of Much Wenlock.**

Councillor Milner replied. He expressed his surprise and appreciation of the honour bestowed on him. He had enjoyed his many years as a Councillor representing Much Wenlock, and his time as an elected member of the Local Government Association. He thanked Councillors and offered his best wishes for the future.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed .....  
Town Mayor

Date .....