

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18th MAY 2015
AT THE TOWN HALL AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT:

	The Mayor (Councillor R J Gell)	
	The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs P H Whiting)	
Councillor D Drage		Councillor R D Hamblin
Councillor H L Jackson		Councillor D C Lawson MBE
Councillor Mrs S Mantle		Councillor Mrs O Mayes
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery		Councillor B A Prigmore
Councillor Mrs A Sauntson		Councillor J Smithers
Councillor P Tomas		
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)		Mr D Wicks (Mayors Sergeant)

IN ATTENDANCE: 37 Members of the Public, including friends and family of the Mayor and invited guests and dignitaries.

15/100 **PRAYERS**

The meeting was opened with Prayers led by Cannon Father Richard Stainer, followed by a minutes silence was be held at the end of prayers in memory of Mayor George Whiting who passed away on 8th May 2015.

15/101 **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

RESOLVED: (Proposer Cllr D C Lawson MBE, Seconder: Cllr Mrs A M Sauntson

That Councillor Richard GELL be elected as Mayor of Higham Ferrers for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

15/102. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr A M T Reading.

15/103. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

RESOLVED: (Proposer-The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell), Seconder Cllr Mrs V M Newbery)

That Councillor Mrs Pam WHITING be elected as Deputy Mayor of Higham Ferrers for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

15/104. **VOTE OF THANKS**

RESOLVED: (Proposer The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell) Seconder Cllr Mrs A M Sauntson)

That this Council and the people of Higham place on record their very sincere thanks and gratitude to Councillors George and Pam Whiting for the exemplary service they have given to our town over the past year as Mayor and Mayoress. This has really been a very successful civic year and we thank you Pam.

Cllr Mrs P H Whiting thanked the Council. George had enjoyed his year. £3245 had been raised for Macmillan Cancer. He had attended 101 events and travelled 2027 miles. Thank you to the Town Hall staff for their help and support.

15/105. **ELECTION OF LEADER**

RESOLVED: (Proposer: Cllr Mrs A M Sauntson, Seconder Cllr H L Jackson)
That Councillor Derek Charles LAWSON MBE be elected as Leader of the Town Council.

15/106. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER**

RESOLVED: (Proposer Cllr D C Lawson MBE, Seconder Cllr Mrs S Mantle)
That Councillor Mrs Anna Marguerite SAUNTSON be elected as Deputy Leader of the Town Council.

15/107. **MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor reported that he had appointed Rev Margaret Eales to be the Mayor's Chaplain during his period of office.

15/108. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.**

RESOLVED: (Proposer Cllr P Tomas, Seconder Cllr D Drage)
That the Membership of the Committees for the period to the next Annual Meeting be as follows:-

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE	RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
The Mayor (Cllr R Gell)	The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)	The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)
Councillor H L Jackson	Councillor B Prigmore
Councillor Mrs S Mantle	Councillor H L Jackson
Councillor D C Lawson MBE	Councillor Mrs V M Newbery
Councillor Mrs. V M Newbery	Councillor A M T Reading
Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson	Councillor Mrs S Mantle
Councillor P Tomas	Councillor J Smithers
<i>Substitutes</i>	<i>Substitutes</i>
Councillor A M T Reading	Councillor P Tomas
Councillor J Smithers	Councillor Mrs O Mayes
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	PLANNING COMMITTEE
The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)	The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)	The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)
Councillor D Hamblin	Councillor H L Jackson
Councillor D Drage	Councillor D C Lawson MBE
Councillor A M T Reading	Councillor B Prigmore
Councillor Mrs O Mayes	Councillor Mrs O Mayes
Councillor Mrs S Mantle	Councillor P Tomas
Councillor P Tomas	Councillor D Hamblin
<i>Substitutes</i>	<i>Substitutes</i>
Councillor B Prigmore	Councillor J Smithers
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	PLANNING COMMITTEE
The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)	The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)

The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)	The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)
Councillor D Hamblin	Councillor H L Jackson
Councillor D Drage	Councillor D C Lawson MBE
Councillor A M T Reading	Councillor B Prigmore
Councillor Mrs O Mayes	Councillor Mrs O Mayes
Councillor D Drage	Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery	Councillor Mrs O Mayes
<i>Substitutes</i> Councillor H L Jackson	Councillor J Smithers <i>Substitutes</i>
GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE	APPEALS COMMITTEE
The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)	The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)
Councillor D C Lawson MBE	Councillor Mrs S Mantle
Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson	Councillor J Smithers
Councillor B Prigmore	Councillor P Tomas
Councillor D Drage	Councillor Mrs O Mayes
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery	Councillor H L Jackson

15/109. **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: (Proposer Cllr Mrs V M Newbery, Seconder Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)
That the days and times for the Committees and the Town Council Meetings for 2015/16, including Statutory Meetings be fixed in accordance with the list now circulated.

15/110. **JOHN WHITE HOMES (WAR MEMORIAL TRUST)**

RESOLVED: (Proposer Cllr H L Jackson, Seconder Cllr Mrs O Mayes)
That the Mayor (Cllr R J Gell) and the Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting) be nominated for appointment as the 'Corporation Trustees' to the John White Homes (War Memorial) Trust for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

15/111. **REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES:**

RESOLVED: (Proposer Cllr Mrs S Mantle, Seconder Cllr B Prigmore)
That the representatives to the Higham Ferrers/Hachenburg Twinning Association for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council be:-

The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell)
The Deputy Mayor (Cllr Mrs P H Whiting)
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery

It was further **RESOLVED**

That Cllr R J Gell be appointed as Parish Tree Warden and Roy Dexter as Parish Paths Co-ordinator.

It was further **RESOLVED:**

That the representatives to the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP be as follows:-

Councillor Cllr DC Lawson MBE

Councillor Cllr B Prigmore

Councillor Cllr Mrs P H Whiting

Councillor H L Jackson

15/112. **CHICHELE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

RESOLVED: (Proposer The Mayor (Cllr R J Gell), Seconder Cllr D Hamblin)

That Councillor H L Jackson and Councillor D C Lawson MBE be nominated as Trustees to the Chichele Education Foundation:

Mayor

Date: 26th May 2015