

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN**  
**COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT THE TOWN HALL AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:**

The Mayor (Councillor J Smithers)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor C O'Rourke)

Councillor D Hamblin  
Councillor Mrs S Mantle  
Councillor Mrs P H Whiting  
Councillor H L Jackson  
Councillor R J Gell  
Councillor P Tomas  
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)  
Mr D Wicks (Mayor's Sergeant)

Councillor D C Lawson MBE  
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery  
Councillor Mrs C Reavey  
Councillor Mrs A Sauntson  
Councillor Mrs A Gardner  
Councillor A M T Reading

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 20 Members of the Public, including friends and family of the Mayor and invited guests and dignitaries.

The meeting was opened with prayers led by Canon Richard Stainer.

18/089. **ELECTION OF MAYOR** (Proposer: Councillor P Tomas, Seconder: Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson)

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Mr Jason SMITHERS be elected as Mayor of Higham Ferrers for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

18/090. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor B Prigmore, Councillor D Drage.

18/091. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR** (Proposer: The Mayor (Councillor J Smithers), Seconder: Councillor D C Lawson MBE)

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Mr Chris O'ROURKE be elected as Deputy Mayor of Higham Ferrers for the period to the next Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

18/092. **VOTE OF THANKS** (Proposer: The Deputy Mayor (Councillor C O'Rourke), Seconder: Councillor A M T Reading)

**RESOLVED:**

That the Council on behalf of the people of Higham Ferrers thank Peter for all his work throughout the year.

Councillor C O'Rourke said the year had been difficult but Peter had done very well and attended many events. He had made a very good effort with fundraising, having raised funds for his chosen charities, Prostate Cancer, McMillian and Crazy Hats.

Councillor P Tomas responded with reference to his year as Mayor having been interesting, with the experience enriching his life and allowing him to meet many people. He had raised nearly £3,000 and he will have great pleasure in presenting the cheques in June. His support is pledged to Jason, the incoming Mayor and the

Deputy Mayor, Chris.

18/093. **ELECTION OF LEADER** (Proposer: Councillor Mrs V M Newbery, Seconder: Councillor Mrs S A Mantle)

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Derek Charles LAWSON MBE be elected as Leader of the Town Council.

18/094. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER** (Proposer: Councillor H L Jackson, Seconder: Councillor Mrs P H Whiting)

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Mrs Anna Marguerite SAUNTSON be elected as Deputy Leader of the Town Council.

18/095. **MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor reported that he had appointed Canon Richard Stainer to be the Mayor's Chaplain during his period of office.

18/096. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES** (Proposer: Councillor R J Gell, Seconder: Councillor H L Jackson)

**RESOLVED:**

That the membership of the Committees of the Town Council for the period to the next Annual Meeting be as follows:

**POLICY AND RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**

The Mayor (Cllr J Smithers)  
The Leader (Cllr D C Lawson MBE)  
Councillor C O'Rourke  
Councillor R J Gell  
Councillor Mrs P H Whiting  
Councillor B Prigmore  
Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson  
*Substitutes*  
Councillor Mrs C Reavey  
Councillor H L Jackson  
Councillor A M T Reading

**ENVIRONMENT AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Mayor (Cllr J Smithers)  
The Leader (Cllr D C Lawson MBE)  
Councillor H L Jackson  
Councillor R J Gell  
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery  
Councillor A M T Reading  
Councillor Mrs S Mantle  
*Substitutes*  
Councillor C O'Rourke  
Councillor Mrs C Reavey  
Councillor P Tomas

**PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Mayor (Cllr J Smithers)  
The Leader (Cllr D C Lawson MBE)  
Councillor Mrs C Reavey  
Councillor D Drage  
Councillor D Hamblin  
Councillor Mrs A Gardner  
Councillor P Tomas  
*Substitutes*  
Councillor B Prigmore  
Councillor C O'Rourke

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Mayor (Cllr J Smithers)  
The Leader (Cllr D C Lawson MBE)  
Councillor Mrs A Gardner  
Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson  
Councillor Mrs P H Whiting  
Councillor Mrs V M Newbery  
Councillor Mrs C Reavey  
*Substitutes*  
Councillor D Drage  
Councillor B Prigmore

Councillor H L Jackson

**GRIEVANCE AND**

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

The Mayor (Cllr J Smithers)

Councillor Mrs P H Whiting

Councillor B Prigmore

Councillor Mrs C Reavey

Councillor R J Gell

Councillor P Tomas

**APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Leader (Cllr D C Lawson MBE)

Councillor Mrs A Gardner

Councillor D Drage

Councillor C O'Rourke

Councillor Mrs V M Newbery

- 18/097. **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS** (Proposer: Councillor R J Gell, Seconder: Councillor Mrs A Gardner)

**RESOLVED:**

That the days and times for the Committees and the Town Council Meetings for 2018/19, including Statutory Meetings, be fixed in accordance with the list now circulated.

- 18/098. **JOHN WHITE HOMES (WAR MEMORIAL) TRUST** (Proposer: Councillor Mrs C Reavey, Seconder: Councillor Mrs P H Whiting)

**RESOLVED:**

That the Mayor (Councillor J Smithers) and the Deputy Mayor (Councillor C O'Rourke) 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 .

- 18/099. **REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES** (Proposer: Councillor A M T Reading, Seconder: Councillor Mrs S Mantle)

**RESOLVED:**

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 (Councillor J Smithers)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor C O'Rourke)

Councillor Mrs V M Newbery

It was further **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor R J Gell be appointed to the Higham Ferrers Angling Association.

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That Councillor R J Gell be appointed as Parish Tree Warden and Mrs Marion Darnell as Parish Paths Co-ordinator.

- 18/100. **CHICHELE EDUCATION FOUNDATION** (Proposer: Councillor D Hamblin, Seconder: Councillor Mrs C Reavey)

**RESOLVED:**

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

Mayor

Date

