

**NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council  
Held in the Council Chamber on 27 May 2014**

**PRESENT**

<b>Town Mayor:</b>	Mrs J R Belson (Item 1) Mr R Sims (Items 2-7)
<b>Councillors:</b>	
Mr B Hester	Mr D Robertson
Mrs R A Rose	Mr E Seward
Mr D Spencer	Mr A Thirtle
Mr D Turner	Mrs V Uprichard
Mrs B West	Mr B Wexler

The meeting opened at 19:15

**10981 APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR 2014/15**

Cllr Belson reported on her term of office as Town Mayor for 2013/14:

*As my year draws to a close I would like to thank Vivienne Uprichard and Mary Seward for their encouragement to take up office and Dave Robertson for his support. I may well never have pushed forward into this role without them.*

*Dave Robertson also deserves special thanks from myself and the Town Council for his determination and time, taking the CCTV issue forward to reach a favourable conclusion. Dave does the workload of several Councillors at times and when he retires, there will be a significant gap in this Council to try and fill.*

*I have enjoyed my year with the highlights being to be at the opening of Davenports Magical Kingdom and the re-opening of Roy's of North Walsham. This job does not come without strain however and there has been difficulty fitting everything in, with up to 5 meetings in one day at times.*

*The Mayor relies heavily on the office staff, so my special thanks goes to Nick, Julie and Tina. I think we have a very strong team to go forward with and they have gelled extremely well.*

*Finally, I thank Richard for his support during my year in office and wish him every success in being elected and holding the office of Mayor for 2014-15. So following our usual tradition, please can I have a proposer and seconder to move Richard into the role of Mayor for the coming year?*

As proposed by Cllr Uprichard and seconded by Cllr West

It was **RESOLVED**

**NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**That Cllr Sims be appointed Town Mayor for 2014/15.**

**10982 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bull, Choudhury, Morland and Peck.

**10983 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2014/15**

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Uprichard

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllr West be appointed Deputy Mayor for 2014/15.**

**10984 NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Cllr Robertson said there was an opportunity to review the Committee structure, with a view to rationalising and thereby giving all Councillors the opportunity do feel they were contributing in a worthwhile manner. As proposed by Cllr Robertson and seconded by Cllr Seward

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the Committee Structure be reviewed by the Personnel and Appointments Committee.**

**10985 TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

As proposed by the Town Mayor and seconded by Cllr Spencer

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Committee membership remain unchanged until the Personnel and Appointments Committee had reported on its review of Committee structure, and that the Town Council would consider appointments at that time.**

**10986 REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL BODIES**

(a) Neech Loan Fund:

It was **RESOLVED**

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**NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**That Cllrs Rose and Spencer be appointed as the Council's representatives for 2014/15.**

(b) North Walsham Community Association:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllr Rose be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

(c) Poor's Allotment Charity:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllrs Choudhury (stc), Spencer and Uprichard be appointed as the Council's representatives for 2014/15.**

(d) Friends of Friesenried Association:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllr Uprichard be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

(e) Bittern Line Partnership:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllr Seward be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

(f) North Walsham Citizen's Advice Bureau:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllr Robertson be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

(g) Safer Neighbourhood Team:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That Cllrs Peck (stc) and Wexler be appointed as the Council's representatives for 2014/15.**

(h) Griffon Area Partnership:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor be appointed as the Council's representatives for 2014/15.**

(i) North Walsham In Bloom:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the Deputy Mayor be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

(j) North Norfolk Community Transport Association:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the Deputy Mayor be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

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(k) North Walsham Chamber for Business:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the Town Mayor be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

(l) Leadership of Place:

It was **RESOLVED**

**To leave this appointment in abeyance pending the outcome of a review by Norfolk County Council of the Leadership of Place project.**

(m) Town Team:

It was **RESOLVED**

**That the Town Mayor be appointed as the Council's representative for 2014/15.**

**10987 STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

As proposed by Cllr Robertson and seconded by the Town Mayor

It was **RESOLVED**

**That these should be reviewed by the Personnel and Appointments Committee.**



Meeting closed 19:40