

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON  
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
FRIDAY 20th May 2016 AT 6.30PM**

Present:            Cllr Johnson            Cllr Harrington            Cllr Smith            Cllr Dunbar  
                         Cllr Murray            Cllr Earnshaw            Cllr Jones            Cllr Bower  
                         Cllr Wilby            Cllr Large            Cllr Bishopp            Cllr Bird  
                         Cllr Ellis            Cllr Winnington

Also present:-

Members of the Public x 5 (2p/t)

Press x 1

Fthr J Bloomfield (p/t)

Town Clerk Lisa Powell

Deputy Town Clerk Jan Roomes

**Father John led the Meeting in prayers.**

Cllr Murray opened the Meeting at 6.30pm.

**The Clerk advised everyone on the emergency evacuation procedures.**

1.     Election of Town Mayor

Cllr Bird nominated Cllr Johnson for the position of Mayor for the ensuing year, this was seconded by Cllr Earnshaw. No other nominations were received.

**RESOLVED** (Unanimous) Cllr Johnson be Mayor for the council year 2016-17. Cllr Johnson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

The Mayor J Johnson gave thanks for the great honour that had been bestowed upon him and that he will do his very utmost to uphold the very high standards that this office demands. He looks forward to working with all as a team in promoting this wonderful Town of Hunstanton. He gave thanks to the hard work of Lisa Powell (Clerk), Jan Roomes (Deputy Clerk) for their support and assured them they would have his support throughout his term.

2.     Election of Deputy Town Mayor

The Mayor proposed Cllr Ellis for the position of Deputy Mayor and was seconded by Cllr Wilby. Cllr Bishopp proposed Cllr Winnington and was seconded by Cllr Murray. A show of hands took place, (7 Cllr Winnington, 4 Cllr Ellis).

**RESOLVED** Cllr Winnington was elected as Deputy Mayor for the council year 2016-17. Cllr Winnington read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

3.     Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tong who was working, Cllr Clutton who was unwell, BCllr P Beal who was on vacation & BCllr C Bower who had a prior engagement. No apologies were received from Cllr Croucher.

4.     Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Outgoing Mayor's remarks

Cllr Murray gave his apologies for not giving this meeting his full attention due to attending, for 4 solid days of enquiry regarding the proposed development at School Road, Heacham. He thanked the fellow Councillors who had given him a lot of support for the past 12 months and gave thanks to Lisa (Town Clerk), Jan (Deputy Clerk) and all other members of staff for their hard work. It had been a great privilege and honour for him to represent Hunstanton for the past 12 months and to attend the many events taking place.

It had been a very memorable year, some enjoyable, some challenging. It was unfortunate that he did not have the unanimous support when coming in to office and regrets that he has not been able to bring more harmony in to the Council this past year. He congratulated BCllr Bower for her success as becoming Deputy Mayor of King's Lynn.

6. Committee Membership

To agree Committee memberships for the ensuing year:

Currently not all Councillors are members of all committees, minimum requirement for each committee is ten Council members.

a) General Purpose

All Councillors present, also Cllrs Clutton and Tong to join the General Purpose Committee.

b) Finance

All Councillors present, with the exception of Cllrs Large and Wilby, also Cllrs Clutton and Tong to join the Finance Committee.

c) Town Hall & Community Centre Management

All Councillors present, with the exception of Cllrs Murray, Ellis, Large and Wilby, also Cllrs Clutton and Tong to join the Town Hall & Community Centre Management Committee.

d) Quality Council

All Councillors present, with the exception of Cllrs Bishopp, Large and Wilby, also Cllrs Clutton and Tong to join the Quality Council Committee.

7. E-planning

Cllrs Bishopp, Tong, Earnshaw, Jones, Winnington, Clutton, Murray, Harrington & Johnson formed this committee.

Cllr C Earnshaw was elected as Chairman of the E-planning Committee.

8. Joint Management of the Green

Cllrs R Bird, W Croucher and D Harrington.

9. Working Party Membership

**Highways & Byways**

Cllrs S Tong, A Murray, J Johnson, Wilby, Earnshaw & Winnington were elected on to this Working Party.

**Employment**

Cllrs T Bishopp, C Earnshaw, G Smith, E Clutton, R Bird, J Johnson and A Murray were elected to this Working Party

**Youth**

Cllrs E Clutton, A Winnington, S Ellis and L Powell Town Clerk were elected to this Working Party

**Internal Audit Group**

Cllrs G Smith, S Bower & were elected to this Working Party.

**Special Expenses**

Cllrs T Bishopp, D Jones, G Smith, D Harrington, S Bower, R Bird and A Murray were elected to this Working Party.

**TIC Management**

Cllrs T Bishopp, G Smith, S Bower, E Clutton & D Harrington were elected to this Working Party.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllrs A Winnington, D Harrington, K Dunbar, R Bird, A Murray & D Jones were elected to this Working Party.

10. **Panels**

The following panel memberships were agreed upon:

**Disciplinary Panel**

Cllrs T Bishopp, G Smith & C Dunbar.

**Grievance Panel**

Cllrs T Bishopp, G Smith & J Johnson.

**Appeals Panel**

Cllrs A Murray, D Jones, S Bower, R Bird, A Winnington & C Earnshaw.

11. Representatives

The following were agreed upon to act as HTC representatives:

**Anglia in Bloom**

Cllr C Earnshaw.

**Safer Neighbourhoods Action Plan**

Cllr S Ellis.

**Civic Society**

Cllr D Jones.

**Chamber of Trade**

A Green & L Powell.

**West Norfolk Tourism Executive Management Committee**

A Green & Cllr D Harrington.

**Town Events**

Cllr S Ellis & D Harrington.

**Town Team**

Cllr T Bishopp

**Hunstanton Prosperity**

Cllrs G Smith, A Winnington & C Earnshaw

**WECAMS**

Cllr A Murray

12. Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions to the following organisations were considered:

Norfolk County Association of Parish & Town Councils (NALC) approx £600  
**RESOLVED** subscribe but to review next year.

Society of Local Council Clerks approx £200  
**RESOLVED** subscribe

Campaign to Protect Rural England approx £30  
**RESOLVED** (6 for, 4 against, 3 abstentions)subscribe

Community Action Norfolk approx £20 (Bronze)  
**RESOLVED** (3 for, 1 abstention) no subscription. approx. £50 (Silver)

National Association Village Halls approx £20  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) subscribe

Momentum approx £30  
**RESOLVED** (unanimous) no subscription.

Meeting closed 7.22pm.