

Present: Councillor Ken Arlett
Councillor Ian Clark
Councillor Donna Crook
Councillor David Eggleton
Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak
Councillor Will Hamilton
Councillor Miss L M Hillier
Councillor John Hooper
Councillor Paula Isaac
Councillor Glen Lambert
Councillor Miss Sarah Miller
Councillor Laurence Plant
Councillor Ian Reissmann
Councillor Michelle Thomas

In Attendance: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk
Fr Jeremy Tayler
Mr Cliff Austin – Retired Town Sergeant
Mr James Churchill-Coleman – Town Sergeant
Mrs L Wisely – PA to the Mayor

Also Present: 3 Members of the press
Approximately 182 Members of the Public

The Processional Party headed by the Mace Bearer, retiring Mayor Glen Lambert, retiring Deputy Mayor Councillor Ken Arlett, Town Clerk and Mayor's Chaplain entered the meeting.

Father Jeremy Tayler opened the proceedings with prayers.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2019 – 2020

Councillor John Hooper proposed and Councillor Ian Reissmann seconded

that Councillor Ken Arlett be elected Mayor of this town for the ensuing year.

Councillor Will Hamilton expressed his support for the motion.

There being no further nominations, the motion was put to the vote and carried.

It was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor Ken Arlett would be elected Mayor for the Municipal year 2019-2020.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Ken Arlett made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, was invested with the Mayoral Chain and gave a speech of thanks.

3. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

A vote of thanks to Councillor Glen Lambert was proposed by Councillor Ian Reissmann and seconded by Councillor Miss LM Hillier
It was **RESOLVED**

that the Council's thanks and appreciation to Councillor Glen Lamberts be recorded in the Minutes.

4. MAYOR'S RELIEF AND CONVALESCENT FUND

Councillor Glen Lambert responded to the Council's expression of thanks and presented his Relief and Convalescent Fund report.

A vote was taken and motion carried
It was **RESOLVED**

that the report be received, approved and adopted

Councillor Glen Lambert presented Gillotts School and Henley School of Music with cheques from the Mayors Charity.

Mrs Anna Lambert presented the new Mayoress, Mrs Dorothy Arlett, with the Badge of Office for Mayoress.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Miss Kellie Hinton and Councillor Rob Romans

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Ken Arlett proposed and Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak seconded

that Councillor Dave Eggleton be appointed Deputy Mayor of this town for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, Votes were taken and the motion was carried

It was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor Dave Eggleton be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019-2020.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ken Arlett invested Councillor Dave Eggleton with the Chain of Office for Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Dave Eggleton gave a speech of thanks.

Mrs Dorothy Arlett invested Mrs Nicola Eggleton with the Badge of Office for the Deputy Mayoress.

7. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councillor I Reissmann proposed and Councillor G Lambert seconded the appointment of the Standing Committees, their membership, and the Terms of Reference thereof for the Municipal year 2019 – 2020.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the appointment of Standing Committees, their membership, and the Terms of Reference thereof for the Municipal year 2019 – 2020 be adopted.

8. MEMBERSHIP OF 353-357 READING ROAD AND THE FAIRMILE WORKING GROUPS

Councillor I Reissmann proposed and Councillor G Lambert seconded the appointment of Councillor K Arlett,
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor J Hooper
Councillor W Hamilton as members of 353-357 Reading Road working group and

Councillor K Arlett
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor L Plant as members of the Fairmile working group
The motion was carried

It was **RESOLVED**

that the appointment of working groups for 353-357 Reading Road and The Fairmile and their membership for the Municipal year 2019 – 2020 be adopted.

9. OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor K Arlett proposed and Councillor L Plant seconded the deferral of appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies for the Municipal year 2019-2020 until 18th June 2019 at the next Full Council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies be deferred until 18th June 2019 at the next Full Council meeting.

10. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Councillor S Gawrysiak proposed and Councillor S Miller seconded
To re-adopt the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. *See Report attached.*

It was **RESOLVED**

To re-adopt the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

11. RECRUITMENT OF TOWN CLERK AND INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor I Reissmann proposed and Councillor G Lambert seconded TO APPOINT the following members to the working group to recruit a new Town Clerk and to confirm arrangements to cover the period from the current Town Clerk finishing and the new Town Clerk starting.

Councillor R Romans
Councillor Ken Arlett
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor W Hamilton
Councillor Miss K Hinton
Councillor Miss LM Hillier

The motion was carried

It was **RESOLVED**

that the appointment of working group to recruit a new Town Clerk and to confirm arrangements to cover the period from the current Town Clerk finishing and the new Town Clerk starting and their membership for the Municipal year 2019 – 2020 be adopted.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

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Mayor