

**Present:** Mayor, Councillor Miss L Hillier  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Brookes  
Councillor Miss S Abey  
Councillor Miss H Chandler-Wilde  
Councillor Miss S Evans  
Councillor D Eggleton  
Councillor S Gawrysiak  
Councillor W Hamilton  
Councillor Miss S Miller  
Councillor D Nimmo Smith  
Councillor I Reissmann

**In Attendance:** Mr M Kennedy – Town Clerk  
Mrs N Taylor – Office Manager

**29. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence received from Councillors M Akehurst, K Hinton, J Smewing and D Thomas.

**30. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

It was moved by the Chairman and

**RESOLVED** that the public and the press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as matters which were about to be discussed were considered to be confidential.

**31. APPLICATION FOR FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT**

The Meeting had before them a report produced by the Town Clerk on his preferred options for flexible retirement.

The Town Clerk spoke to his paper and explained to members the benefits and constraints of the options put forward.

The Town Clerk left the meeting at 8.10pm.

Following the Town Clerks departure the Council continued to debate the flexible retirement request. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

**that the Town Clerks application for flexible retirement be refused at this time, and,**

**that any future discussions be based around a Full Time Town Clerk only, and**

**that the Town Clerk be invited to think about the council's response to his**

**application and be asked to bring a paper on his thoughts regarding the new structure of this Council over the next few years and what staffing arrangements may be required to make sure that the council remains fit for purpose.**

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman