

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE GRANGE HALL, COVENTRY ROAD, SOUTHAM ON THURSDAY, 16th MAY 2019

Present: The Mayor Cllr M Brooks - In the Chair
Councillors A Jamieson, A John, L Ellard, E Thornley, G Foster, M Connors, A Walster, K Toner & M Ray

In Attendance: Mrs D Carro, Mrs N Newland & Cllr A Crump

Absent no apologies: Cllr T Bromwich

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

It was moved by Cllr L Ellard and seconded by Cllr A Walster and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Cllr M Brooks be elected Town Mayor of Southam for the year 2019/2020

2. TOWN MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Town Mayor made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair. He was invested with the Chain of Office by the former Mayor, he thanked his fellow councillors and presented Cllr L Ellard with her 'Past Mayor' badge. Cllr Brooks announced that his charities for the forthcoming year would be the Coventry and Warwickshire Air Ambulance and the Alzheimer's Society

The past Mayor, Cllr Lee Ellard thanked her Consort, Fellow Councillors, Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Grange Hall Administrator for all their hard work during her mayoral year, special thanks were given to longstanding retiring councillor Mr Mike Gaffney MBE TD who received a thank you gift from the Council. This year Cllr Ellard introduced a 'Past Mayor' badge, these badges will be presented to outgoing Mayors in recognition of their service, Cllr Ellard presented Mr Gaffney with his badge. Cllr Ellard announced that funds raised during her year would be given to the Graham Fulford Trust who support Prostate Screening for men and Warwickshire Young Carers, both organisations received £1675.00

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Cllr M Ray proposed Cllr G Foster, seconded by Cllr A John and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr G Foster be appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Southam for the year 2019/2020

The Mayor invested the new Deputy Mayor with the Jewel of Office. The new Deputy Mayor expressed her thanks.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2019, having previously been circulated be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor subject to the following amendment:

That it should read "Minutes of the Meeting of Southam Town Council "

There being no further business, the Town Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m. and invited Councillors, members of the public and guests to join him for light refreshments.