

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Watton Town Council held on Tuesday 27 May 2014  
at 7.00 pm at Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Church Road, Watton, Norfolk**

Councillors Present: J Rogers - Chairman  
K Birch - Vice Chairman  
B Bunning, P Cooper, R Crabtree, K Gilbert, J P McCarthy, L McCarthy, R Turner and M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: County Councillor Stan Hebborn

Members of the Public Present: Two (2)

**13/178 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Holmes and R Ivory

**13/179 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**13/180 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/TOWN MAYOR**

The Chairman called for nominations for the election of the Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2014/2015.

Councillor L McCarthy proposed and Councillor M Wassell seconded that Councillor J Rogers be elected Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2014/2015.

**There being no other nominations, Councillor J Rogers was duly elected Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2014/2015.**

The past Chairman Councillor L McCarthy then congratulated Councillor J Rogers and invested him with the Chain of Office.

**13/181 SIGN DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

Councillor J Rogers took the Chair.

**13/182 PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE**

The Chairman presented the outgoing Mayor with her Past Chairman's badge and thanked Councillor L McCarthy for the good work she had done in representing the Town and the Council in her term of office.

**13/183 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for the election of Vice Chairman for the year 2014/2015.

Councillor J P McCarthy proposed and Councillor L McCarthy seconded that Councillor K Birch be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2014/2015.  
(Voting: 5 for with 5 against)

Councillor B Bunning proposed and Councillor R Turner seconded that Councillor R Crabtree be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2014/2015.  
(Voting: 5 for with 5 against)

The votes being equal the Chairman used his casting vote for Councillor K Birch.

**Councillor K Birch was duly elected Vice Chairman for the year 2014/2015.**

**13/184 SIGN DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

Councillor K Birch signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

**13/185 OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Councillor L McCarthy wished Councillor J Rogers well in his year as Town Mayor. She had attended many events in her year as Town Mayor and had been very proud to represent Watton. She had met some very interesting people and had enjoyed her role.

**13/186 PAYMENTS**

It was agreed that payments for May 2014 be approved

**13/187 MEETING DATES**

The draft meeting dates were agreed

**13/188 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Councillors L and JP McCarthy declared pecuniary interests in the first application and left the meeting.

3OB/2014/0005/OB – Serruys Property Company Ltd. Griston Road, Watton – Application to modify or discharge a planning obligation.

It was proposed by Councillor K Gilbert and seconded by Councillor M Wassell and agreed that the Council strongly recommend objection to the application to modify or discharge a planning obligation.

3PL/2014/0465/F – Mr J Edwards, 75 Merton Road, Watton – Erection of two storey rear extension and porch to front, demolition of outbuilding to rear.

The Council had no objection

The Chairman invited his fellow Councillors to join him for a drink at the Watton Sports Centre.

The Meeting ended 7.30pm

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