

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Watton Town Council held on Tuesday 28 May 2013 at 7.00 pm at Church Hall, St Mary's Church, Church Road, Watton, Norfolk**

Councillors Present: K Birch  
P Blackmore  
B Bunning  
P Cooper – Chairman  
R Crabtree  
K Gilbert  
R Ivory  
A Osborn  
J P McCarthy  
L McCarthy - Chairman  
J Rogers  
R Turner  
M Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: Rosa McMahon – Reporter, Eastern Daily Press and Stan Hebborn - Norfolk County Councillor

Members of the Public Present: Five (5)

**248 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor M Holmes

**249 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**250 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/TOWN MAYOR**

The Chairman called for nominations for the election of the Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2013/2014.

Councillor P Blackmore proposed and Councillor J Rogers seconded that Councillor L McCarthy be elected Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2013/2014.

There being no other nominations, Councillor L McCarthy was duly elected Chairman/Town Mayor for the year 2013/2014.

The past Chairman Councillor Cooper then congratulated Councillor L McCarthy and invested her with the Chain of Office.

**251 SIGN DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

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

Councillor L McCarthy took the Chair.

**252 PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE**

The Chairman presented the outgoing Mayor with his Past Chairman's badge.

The Chairman thanked her husband in advance for his support for the forthcoming year.

## **253 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for the election of Vice Chairman for the year 2013/2014.

Councillor M Wassell proposed and Councillor K Birch seconded that Councillor J Rogers be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2013/2014.

(Voting: 12 for with 1 abstention)

There being no other nominations, Councillor J Rogers was duly elected Vice Chairman for the year 2013/2014.

Councillor J Rogers signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk.

## **254 OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Attached at Appendix (A)

## **255 PAYMENTS**

It was agreed that payments for May 2013 be approved

The Chairman thanked Councillor P Cooper for the good job that he had done and said that they had become friends during their term of office together.

She then invited everyone to join her for a drink and refreshments at the Watton Sports Centre.

The Meeting ended 7.10pm

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