

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council
held in the Town Hall on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7pm**

Present: The Town Mayor, Ms V Voysey in the Chair,
Councillors Mrs C Baines MBE, Mrs S Barlow, Dr J Buckley,
D Cooper, G Davies, R Fox, J Gittins, A Hinton,
Mrs H Howell, Mrs K Hurst-Knight, E Marshall, Mrs J Onions,
Mrs S Stevens, Mrs C Walden, Mrs C Whittle and
R Whittle OBE

0001/1718 **PRAYERS**

Prayers were led by Reverend Prebendary Simon Cawdell.

0002/1718 **WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk welcomed the new Councillors who had recently been elected.

0003/1718 **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The Town Clerk announced that the first business of the meeting was the election of Mayor for the ensuing year, and it was then proposed by Councillor E Marshall and seconded by Councillor Mrs C Walden and

RESOLVED: that Ron Whittle, a Councillor of this Town, be and is hereby elected Mayor of this Town for the ensuing year.

The retiring Mayor, Councillor V Voysey, preceded by the Town Marshal, the Town Clerk and the Minister left the Courtroom and retired to the Council Chamber where Councillor R Whittle OBE was invested with Robe and Chain of Office and his Mayoress with her new Chain of Office.

On their return, the elected Mayor then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, his signature to the Statutory Declaration being formally witnessed by two Members of the Council.

0004/1718 **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor addressed the assembly.

The Mayor announced that he had appointed a Council Chaplaincy for the ensuing year.

The Mayor announced that the Annual Civic Service would be held at St. Mary Magdalene Church on 21st May 2017 at 10.30am.

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VOTE OF THANKS TO VANESSA VOYSEY, THE EX-MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor R Whittle OBE seconded by Councillor Mrs C Baines MBE and

RESOLVED: that a vote of thanks be given to the ex-Mayor, Ms Vanessa Voysey, for the most able manner in which she discharged the duties of the office, and to her Consort, Councillor J Gittins, for the supportive way in which he had acted as Consort to the Mayor of this Town.

The ex-Mayor, Ms V Voysey, then addressed the assembly.

Presentations of a gift and flowers were made to the ex-Mayor and ex-Consort.

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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The Mayor announced that the Civic Award had been awarded to Kevin Adams in recognition of his services to community life and to the arts.

The Mayor presented the Davies Shield award to Tom Barras for his contribution to music and fundraising efforts for homeless charities.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was proposed by Councillor R Whittle OBE, seconded by Councillor A Hinton, and

RESOLVED: that Edward Marshall, a Councillor of this Town, be and is hereby elected Deputy Mayor of this Town for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Mayor then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, his signature to the Statutory Declaration being formally witnessed by two Members of the Council.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was proposed by Councillor J Gittins, seconded by Councillor G Davies, and

RESOLVED: that the remaining business of the Annual Meeting be deferred for consideration at the Adjourned Annual Meeting to be held at College House on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 7.15pm.