

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Norton Lindsey Parish Council held in the Church Room at 7.30pm on 6 January 2020

Present: Cllr J Stobart (Chair); Cllr M Neale; Cllr N Brown; Cllr Mrs A Mace-Leska; Cllr Mrs F Goossens; Cllr Miss A Birch
Parish Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Bendall
Public: None
Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs K Elmhirst and WDC Cllr J Matecki both of whom had prior engagements, and WCC Cllr L Caborn who was attending another meeting.

1. Chairman's notice regarding the recording and filming of the meeting

The notice regarding the recording and filming of meetings was read to those present.

2. Record of members' present

Noted.

3. Apologies and acceptance of reasons for absence

Noted.

4. Declaration of Interest (existence and nature) on Items on the Agenda

None.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. To resolve to confer the title of honorary freeman/freewoman

Under section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, a Parish Council may grant the title of honorary Freeman or honorary Freewoman of the place or area for which it is the authority. It is intended that this honour is reserved for those that have, over an extended period of many years, rendered particularly eminent services to the community and the Parish as a whole. The title is purely honorific, it bestows no particular privileges and is not hereditary, nor does it secure a place on the Parish Council. Rather it is a simple recognition by a Parish Council of long and valued community service.

Cllr Brown proposed that the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Norton Lindsey be conferred on Kenneth Chapman. Over the course of 50+ years he has served on the Parish Council for many years including as its Chairman between 1976 and 1983, he has had a long service on the Parochial Church Council of the benefice of Wolverton with Norton Lindsey and Langley, and he has acted as resident local historian having researched the village and its environs extensively. The motion was seconded by Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska, and agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that an official policy for conferring the title of honorary freeman/freewoman would be created at a future date.

7. To consider the details of conferring the title of honorary freeman/freewoman

Cllr Brown had prepared a certificate for Mr Chapman which was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk, and it was agreed that a presentation would be made by the Chairman and Cllrs Neale and Mrs Mace-Leska on Saturday 11 January 2020 if Mr Chapman was available. Cllr Mrs Mace-Leska to prepare some words for the presentation.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 January 2020 8.00pm - Extraordinary Meeting
Tuesday 14 January 2020 7.45pm – Ordinary Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 pm