

WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

14TH MAY 2018

PRESENT: Town Mayor Cllr Miss S Watkin, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr A Price and Councillors R A Battersby, D A Chadwick, Miss R S M Fairhurst, D J Gradwell, Mrs C J Harkin, K S Jones, Miss D J McGeown, J Speight (arrived 7.05), D A Wilkinson and Mrs L J Winrow-Baker. Town Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Civic Guests and members of the public.

TC73/2018 THE ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved that Cllr A Price be elected as Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. After accepting the appointment, Cllr Price made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council. The Town Mayor's Charities are the Parish Church of St Bartholomew Tower Renovation Fund, Firwood School and Breast Cancer.

Cllr Speight arrived.

Cllr Price took over as Chairman.

TC74/2018 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

The Chairman, Cllr Price, explained the fire safety procedure.

TC75/2016 TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS

Resolved that the following apologies for absence and reasons be accepted by the Town Council: Cllrs J R Ainscough, Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and T D Robinson – work, Ms A Graham and Mrs G F Williams – Personal Commitments.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

TC76/2016 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

There were no declarations of interest.

TC77/2016 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

The Town Council, thanked the retiring Town Mayor, Cllr Miss S Watkin, for her work during her Mayoral Year.

TC78/2016 THE ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR/VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved that Cllr K S Jones be elected as Deputy Town Mayor and Vice- Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. After accepting the appointment, Cllr Jones made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Town Mayor and Vice- Chairman of the Council.

HERE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 21ST MAY, 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.