

# WESTHOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

## ANNUAL MEETING

10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

**PRESENT:** Town Mayor Cllr D A Wilkinson, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Mrs A B Eckersley-Fallon and Councillors R M Brennan, D J Bullock, M Cox, T J Hewitt, Mrs C H Kirkman, N Maher, Miss M Maley, Miss D J McGeown, A P Morgan, A Price, C Reilly, Mrs L M Reilly, Mrs A M Seddon, J Speight and A Younge. Town Clerk.

**ALSO PRESENT:** One member of the public.

### **TC41/2021 THE ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Resolved that Cllr Mrs L.M. Reilly be elected as Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

After accepting the appointment, Cllr Mrs Reilly made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council .

Cllr Mrs Reilly took over as Chairman.

### **TC42/2021 FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Reilly, explained the fire safety procedure.

### **TC43/2021 TO SUBMIT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO ACCEPT REASONS**

Cllr Miss R S M Fairhurst – shielding.

The Chairman read the notice convening the meeting.

### **TC44/2021 TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC45/2021 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Council, thanked the retiring Town Mayor, Cllr D A Wilkinson, for his work during the last two years, when he served for an extra year due to Coronavirus.

### **TC46/2021 THE ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR/VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL**

Proposed and seconded that Cllr A P Morgan be elected as Deputy Town Mayor/Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

#### **AMENDMENT**

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Miss D J McGeown be elected as Deputy Town Mayor/Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Votes were taken, first on the amendment and then on the proposal and Cllr Miss D J McGeown was elected as Deputy Town Mayor/Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

After accepting the appointment, Cllr Miss D J McGeown made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Town Mayor and Vice- Chairman of the Council.

### **HERE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 17th MAY, 2021**

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.