

At the ANNUAL MEETING of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN COUNCIL
Held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on TUESDAY,
1st MAY, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D. E. Bailey
Councillor R. Bailey
Councillor D.R. Boast
Councillor A.M. Cooper
Councillor R. J. Geater
Councillor Mrs S. M. Geater
Councillor C. S. Ginger
Councillor T. J. Hawkins
Councillor T.E. Hodgson
Councillor W.H. Howard
Councillor J. N. Last
Councillor N. Parker
Councillor Mrs A.V. Nunn
Councillor A. J. Nunn
Councillor J. I. Sparrow

1. **Election of Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Mrs Nunn that Cllr Hodgson be appointed Chairman for 2012/2013. Cllr Ginger told members that Cllr Hodgson had done a good job as Vice Chairman in supporting Cllr Cooper over the last year and, if elected, would do his best to represent the Council in the community over the coming year in a similar vein. He reported that the tradition of the Vice Chairman moving up to the Chair had recently been lost but that this was an excellent opportunity for it to be restored. Members agreed and, with no other nominations, Cllr Hodgson was elected unanimously. He then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and thanked members for their support and confidence. He thanked Cllr Cooper for the terrific job he had done over the last three years representing Leiston and its residents, both near and far, and for all the hard work he had done around the town during his term of office.
2. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Sparrow and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 3rd April 2012 be signed as a true record with an amendment to minute 192 to reflect that the issue had been tabled (not discussed) and, in minute 190c the word possibly be removed from line 14.
3. **Apology.** There were no apologies.
4. **Chairman's Report for 2011/2012 (Councillor Tony Cooper).**
A copy of the Chairman's written report was available to all attendees at the meeting and is attached to the official minutes.

5. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Ginger that Cllr Ron Bailey be appointed Vice Chairman for 2012/2013. With no other nominations members confirmed Cllr Bailey's appointment.
6. **Composition of Working Parties and Representation on Other Bodies.** Members gave their preferences as to which Committees, Working Parties or Organisations requiring a representative from the Council they wished to be involved with for the coming year. The list is attached to these minutes and an agenda item was requested for June to discuss a schedule of meetings for the coming year. This was all confirmed on a proposition from Cllr Ginger which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Nunn.
7. **Signatories for Cheques.** It was proposed by Cllr Sparrow, seconded by Cllr Ron Bailey, and agreed that, in addition to the Town Clerk, signatories for Town Council cheques should include any two of the following Councillors: - Cllr C.S. Ginger, Cllr T.E Hodgson, Cllr A.M. Cooper, Cllr W. H. Howard and Cllr Mrs A.V.Nunn.
8. **Loan of Artefacts.** The Clerk reported that various artefacts, including a working model steam tractor in a glass case, a wooden model steam lorry, a Garrett bust on a plinth, a collection of Garrett hats and a trunk, were on loan at the Long Shop Steam Museum. He further reported that the School Bell from the former Church of England Elementary School in Waterloo Avenue was similarly on loan at the Primary School. It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed that these loans should continue. (Cllr Hawkins declared a personal interest in the Long Shop items.)

There being no more business the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Chair

Dated
