

**At the ANNUAL MEETING of the LEISTON-cum-SIZEWELL TOWN
COUNCIL
Held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, on
WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2015, at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT

**Councillor D. E. Bailey
Councillor D. Boast
Councillor A.M. Cooper
Councillor S.M. Geater
Councillor C. Ginger
Councillor P. Harle
Councillor L. Hill
Councillor T.E.Hodgson
Councillor W.M. Howard
Councillor H. Jackson
Councillor S. Levermore
Councillor D. Morsley
Councillor C. Nichols
Councillor M.J. Taylor**

1. **Election of Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Ginger and seconded by Cllr Howard that Cllr Bailey be appointed Chairman for 2015/2016. Cllr Ginger thanked Cllr Cooper for being such an inclusive and democratic Chairman during his tenure and was sure that Cllr Bailey would continue that ethos. He also hoped that the new Council could continue the tradition of electing a new Chairman each year going forward. There were no other nominations so Cllr Bailey read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and thanked members for their support and confidence.
2. **Minutes.** It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that the minutes for the meeting of 5th May 2015 be signed as a true record.
3. **Apology.** There were apologies from Cllr Last.
4. **Chairman's Report for 2014/2015 (Councillor Cooper).**

Cllr Cooper thanked everyone for their support during his tenure in office and commended the written report he had distributed which outlined the highlights of a busy year. This report is in the minutes book and available on request.
5. **Appointment of Vice-Chairman.** It was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Ginger that Cllr Last be elected Vice Chairman. It was also proposed by Cllr Levermore and seconded by Cllr Morsley that Cllr Hill be Vice Chair. On a secret ballot (proposed by Cllr Cooper) it was agreed that Cllr Lesley Hill be elected Vice Chairman for 2015/16.

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 that they wished to be involved with for the coming year. The Clerk noted the new compositions for the coming year and asked members to look at the completed list, attached to these minutes, to ensure all their wishes had been encapsulated. A calendar of meetings would also be put together for reference in due course.

7. Signatories for Cheques. It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Geater, 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, Cllr Boast and Cllr Hill.

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 Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Geater and agreed that these loans should continue.

9. Power of Competence With a qualified Clerk and an electoral mandate it was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Ginger and agreed that the Town Council, from 20th May 2015, until the next relevant Annual Meeting, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 - The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 - adopts the General Power of Competence.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

Chair

Dated
