

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL LUTTERWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 23 MAY 2017 AT THE LUTTERWORTH TOWN HALL  
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** The Town Mayor, Councillor G Robinson  
The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor M Perks  
Councillors J Ackerley, N Ackerley, R Coleman, D Gair, B Howes, D Jones, B Poulter, I Staples, M Sutton, P Toye and B Zilberts

**17/18 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR for 2017-18**

Prior to the agenda item a one minute silence was held to remember the victims of the Manchester terrorist attack.

It was proposed by Councillor B Howes and seconded by Councillor D Jones that Councillor Mike Perks be elected to the Office of Town Mayor for the year 2017-18.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mike Perks be elected to the office of Town Mayor for 2017-18.

Councillor Perks was presented with the Chain of Office and made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor.

Mrs Perks was presented with the Mayor's consort badge

**17/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr's T Hirons

**17/20 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor J Ackerley proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Robinson

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Robinson be thanked for her service as Town Mayor for 2016-17.

Councillor Perks presented the retiring Mayor with a Past Town Mayor's badge.

**17/21 RESPONSE BY THE RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

At the beginning of my year last May I announced that I looked forward to opening the new cemetery and also that the Town Council would be in a position to purchase land to own its own allotments.

I am happy to announce that both of these wishes have been granted during this last year. We have to thank the County Council for providing the Cemetery land and for giving us the opportunity to purchase the allotment site both of which were negotiated through our County Councillor, Rosita Page who as we are all aware plays a huge part in supporting Lutterworth and seeing the wishes of the Town come to fruition.

I am pleased to announce that I officially opened the new cemetery as my final Mayors event last Friday. Meanwhile the purchase of the allotment land has been agreed and work is in progress to get the allotments up and running.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Mayor and I would like to thank fellow councillors and council staff for their support over the year. I would also like to welcome our two new members of staff Debbie and Monika and I hope they will be with us for many years.

My Mayors appeal raised money to purchase a heart monitor for Dr. Masharani’s surgery and funds for local groups who have no other form of income.

Money has been raised during my year for my chosen charity and I would like to thank two people for their help and expertise. Eileen Derrick and Liz Lynch, both could, in their own right sell sand to the Arabs or ice to the Eskimos whichever. They both have so many friends, colleagues and contacts to call on for support and are masters in the art of fundraising. They have a very special place in the community. Please accept these flowers as a token of my appreciation. Thank you both.

Finally, I wish Councillor Perks well for his year and I hope he finds it as enjoyable and rewarding as I have. Thank you all for your support.

**17/22 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

It was proposed by Councillor R Coleman and seconded by Councillor B Poulter that Councillor Neil Ackerley be appointed as Deputy Town Mayor for 2017-18.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Neil Ackerley be elected to the office of Deputy Town Mayor for 2017-18.

The Town Mayor presented Councillor n Ackerley with the Deputy Town Mayor’s badge of Office and Councillor N Ackerley made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**17/23 TOWN MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Perks thanked Members for their support. The Mayors Appeal would be to raise funds to clean and refurbish the Memorial Garden by cleaning and restoring the Memorial itself and then improving the appearance of rest of the Garden. Offers of assistance have already been received from the Lutterworth Branch of the Royal British Legion to raise funds for the Memorial Gardens and this, of course will be a priority to try and get it done before Remembrance Day if at all possible. Councillor Perks also pledged his support to the newly formed Lutterworth Retail Forum as they attempt to improve the shopping experience in the Town.

**16/73 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the June 2017 Town Council meeting.

**16/74 COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2017-18**

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed list of Council meeting dates for 2017-18.

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The meeting closed at 7.50pm.  
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