



Ashburton Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON
TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL**

Present: Cllr Daw, Chairman:
Cllrs Baker, Slater, Brewer, Khan, Irens, Dennis, Distin, Nutley, Ashford

In attendance: The Clerk, the Deputy Town Clerk, The Bailiff, Cllr Barker, 1 member of the press, 11 members of the public.

Cllr Daw welcomed new councillors and gave his thanks to all those who had not got in but had worked hard for the town.

Cllr Daw then stated: I now have a presentation to make.

This is to Mr Tony Pugh in recognition of 25 years of service to the town. His knowledge will be sorely missed. He has been Mayor 4 times, chaired all the committees and has represented his town with honour. You always knew where you stood with Tony. He was known not to hold back on his views and steadfastly stuck to them even when they were not popular.

We wish him well with his health and has a long and happy retirement.

Tony - On behalf of the Town I would like to say thank you for all those years and please accept the plaque with the Town Crest.

Mr Pugh stated he was proud and privileged to serve this wonderful town for over 25 years. Congratulations to all the councillors for being elected and I ask them to abide by the wishes of the town and not to serve their own ideas.

001/15 Election of chairman

Cllr Distin proposed Cllr Brewer as chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Nutley. There being no other nominations, Cllr Brewer was elected as chairman to the town council, carried unanimously.

002/15 Declaration of acceptance of office of chairman

Cllr Brewer declared his acceptance of office and signed the declaration accordingly and this was witnessed by the Clerk.

003/15 Apologies

Apologies were received from Hitchcock who was unwell and Cllr Giles who had a long standing engagement. Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Distin, seconded by Cllr Baker. All in favour.

- 004/15 Declaration of acceptance of office for all town councillors**
All the town councillors present declared their acceptance of office and signed the declaration accordingly and this was witnessed by the clerk.
- 005/15 Election of deputy chairman**
Cllr Baker proposed Cllr Nutley as deputy chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Daw. There being no other nominations, Cllr Nutley was elected as deputy chairman to the town council, carried unanimously.
- 006/15 Request to defer declaration of office for absent councillors (if required)**
The clerk requested that Cllr Hitchcock's declaration be deferred until the next full council meeting. Acceptance of this was proposed by Cllr Dennis, seconded by Cllr Khan. All in favour.
- 007/15 To receive the minutes of the previous annual meeting**
These were signed by the chairman as a true record. Carried unanimously.
- 008/15 Adoption of Ashburton Town Council Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Risk Assessment, Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy, Investment Strategy**
Cllr Baker proposed adoption en bloc of these, this was seconded by Cllr Nutley. All in favour.
- 009/15 Appointment of councillors to committees:**
The chairman stated that the chairman of each committee would be elected at the first meeting of each committee.
- a) General Purposes**
Cllrs Slater, Daw, Baker Dennis, Giles
 - b) Finance and Town Hall Buildings Committee**
Cllrs Khan, Dennis, Distin
 - c) Planning**
Cllrs Baker, Slater, Distin, Irens, Khan, Ashford
 - d) Information Centre**
Cllrs Baker, Irens
 - e) Car parks (working party)**
Cllrs Daw, Dennis, Baker, Khan
 - f) Flooding emergency (working party)**
Cllrs Irens, Daw, Dennis
- The clerk stated that the chairman and deputy chairman are ex-officio of all committees.
- 010/15 Appointment of council representatives to other organisations**
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| Association of DNP Parishes | Cllr Irens |
| Ashburton/Cleder Association | |
| Cancer Research Campaign | Cllr Giles |
| Relief in Need | Cllr Baker |
| Police Consultative Group | Cllr Irens |
| Chamber of Trade and Commerce | Cllr Ashford |
| Carnival Committee | Cllr Dennis, Cllr Khan |

6 a side Courts' meeting	Cllrs Slater, Brewer, Nutley, Dennis, Daw, Ashford
TALC	Cllr Nutley, Cllr Daw
South Dartmoor Residents' Forum	Cllr Khan
Affordable Housing Group	Cllrs Baker, Khan, Nutley
Memory Café	Cllr Daw
Bank Youth Project	Cllr Khan
Neighbourhood Plan	Cllrs Baker, Daw

011/15 Inspection and sealing of deeds in the custody of the council

The deeds and legal documents having been inspected were sealed and signed accordingly.

There being no further business, the chairman closed the annual meeting at 7.58pm.

Chairman
May 2016