

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**21 May, 2021**

Present: The Mayor (Cllr Taylor) in the Chair

Councillors:

Alcock	How
Cleeve	Jackson
I Fradgley	Rolfe

Before declaring the meeting open, the Town Clerk announced housekeeping arrangements and regulations appropriate for a face-to-face meeting during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Council's Chaplain, Revd Dr Paul Edmondson, read his final contemplative thought for the day and the Mayor thanked him for his inspirational service over the past year.

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1. Election of Mayor

It was Proposed by Councillor Rolfe and Seconded by Councillor I Fradgley and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kevin John Taylor be elected Mayor of Stratford-upon-Avon for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

2. Apologies

Due to the limitation of permitted persons present, apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coles, Curtis, Dowling, Dyer, Fojtik, J Fradgley, Lee, Mackenzie, Vs, Wall and Warren-Howles and accepted for the reasons given.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Mayor's Acceptance of Office

The Mayor thanked the Council for his election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. Vote of Thanks to the Former Mayor

It was Proposed by Councillor I Fradgley Seconded by Councillor Cleeve and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony Jackson be thanked for his service as Mayor during the extremely difficult and challenging Municipal Year 2020/2021.

6. Response by Immediate Former Mayor

Councillor Jackson briefly responded to the vote of thanks, admitting that although it had been a challenging year, it had been extremely rewarding nonetheless.

7. Election of Deputy Mayor

It was Proposed by Councillor Alcock and Seconded by Councillor Rolfe and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Gillian Hazel Cleeve (Gill) be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

8. Appointment of Council's Chaplain

The Mayor appointed Reverend Doctor Roy Lodge MBE to the honorary position of Council's Chaplain and moved that it be recorded in the minutes.

9. Mayor's Communication

The Town Clerk read out the official communique of congratulations from Lieutenant General Sir Tyrone Urch KBE of the Corps of Royal Engineers, who enjoy Freedom of the Town status.

10. Annual Report 2020/2021

The report was noted and the Mayor concluded that despite the difficulties of the last year, the Town Council had achieved a surprising amount of excellent work.

11. Next Meeting of the Town Council

6:30pm on Tuesday 16 June, 2021 at the Town Hall and also streamed live on YouTube.

*The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12:21pm*