

Market Drayton Town Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Council meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 12 June 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: R Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, J. Blandford, A. Cartwright, P. Glover, G. Groves, T. Manton (Mayor), and I. Nellins.

ABSENT: Councillor: R. Adcock and R. Hughes.

In Attendance: 5 members of the public was present, and 2 members of the public listened to the meeting via Teams.

Clerks: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

The Mayor announced the meeting was being recorded and live streamed.

1.C APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor R. Adcock	-	Work Commitments
Councillor R. Hughes	-	Illness

2.C DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. No disclosable interests were declared.
- ii. No dispensations were received for consideration.

3.C EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Glover seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Five members of the public left the Chamber.

The live streaming Teams meeting was muted.

4.C COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Written co-option applications for the office of Town Councillor were circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix CO26.

Each candidate was given an opportunity to give a presentation to members on why they would like to become a Town Councillor.

For the two applicants that were unable to attend the meeting, the Mayor read out their statement.

After thoughtful consideration:

Councillor T. Beckett proposed, Councillor Blandford seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 5 votes for and 4 votes against:

To duly elect Ian Sharp as the newly co-opted Market Drayton Town Councillor.

The Clerk left the Chamber to inform the nominated candidate and to confirm the co-opted candidate was willing to accept the co-option.

Once accepted the Clerk informed the other candidates that they were unsuccessful.

The Clerk and Ian Sharp entered the Chamber and re-joined the meeting.

Ian Sharp signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Sharp to the Town Council.

Councillor Sharp thanked members for voting him on as a Councillor.

The meeting concluded at 7.50 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

10-07-25