



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th November, 2017 in the Parish Council Meeting Room

Present: Councillor M. Wilson (Chairman),
Councillor Mrs. C. Gilsenan (Vice Chairman),
Councillor Mrs. M. Beadle,
Councillor S. Crowther,
Councillor C. Everett,
Councillor L. Foggett,
Councillor R. Goodchild.
Councillor Mrs. V. Greenwell,
Councillor M. Robertson,
Alan Macnab, Clerk.

In attendance: Borough Councillor Mrs. D. Jones, Derek Dodwell, Chairman of the Darlington Association of Parish Councils and Parish Meetings and 4 Members of the Public.

The meeting started at 6.30 p.m.

301. Welcome to new Parish Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Councillor L. Foggett to his first meeting.

302. To consider conferring the title “Honorary Freeman of Middleton St. George Parish”

It was reported that the Community Liaison Committee at its meeting held on the 18th September, 2017 agreed that the award of Honorary Freedom on a resident be considered at the Parish Council meeting on the 9th October, 2017. The meeting on the 9th October, 2017 agreed that the specially convened meeting be held before the Parish Council meeting on the 13th November, 2017.

All local councils (Town and Parish Councils) may exercise their powers to confer honorary freeman or honorary freewoman to persons of distinction and those who, in the council’s opinion, have rendered eminent services to the council’s area (section 249(5) and (6) of the 1972 Act). The admission of an honorary freeman or honorary freewoman must be by resolution made at a meeting of the full council specially convened for such purpose and passed by no than less than two-thirds of the members of the council (Section 249(8) of the 1972 Act). That section also requires “notice of the object of the meeting” to be given.

The Parish Council proceeded to a vote by a show of hands. There were 4 votes in favour of conferring the title of Honorary Freedom on the resident, 2 votes against and 3 abstentions.

Chairman’s Signature..... Date.....

Because the proposal to confer the title of Honorary Freeman on the resident had not reached the two-thirds majority, the conferment could not be made.

The meeting ended at 6.40 p.m.

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