



# Garstang Town Council

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## Annual Meeting of the Town Council, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council meeting, held at St Thomas Parish & Community Centre, Church Street, Garstang on 26 May 2022, 7.30pm.

### Present

Councillors present: Allan, Atkinson, Brooks, Halford, Leech, Lees, Mitchell, Pearson and Webster

Also present: Town Clerk Edwina Parry and about 85 invited guests.

Councillor Allan invited Revd Michael Hutchinson to say prayers.

Councillor Allan gave a welcoming speech and address and then formally opened up the meeting.

### **001(2022-23) Election and Investiture of Mayor**

Councillor Allan sought nominations for the Mayor of Garstang for the Civic year 2022 – 2023.

Councillor Webster proposed that Councillor Jonny Leech be elected to the office of Mayor of Garstang Town Council for the Civic year 2022 - 2023.

Councillor Atkinson seconded the proposal.

**Resolved:** Councillor Leech be elected to the office of Mayor of Garstang Town Council for the Civic year 2022 – 2023.

The Mayor's chain was handed over to Councillor Leech.

Councillor Allan presented the Mayoress chains to Councillor Leech's wife, Hannah.

Councillor Leech signed the declaration of acceptance.

Bouquets were presented to the outgoing Mayoress, Joanne Lamb and incoming Mayoress, Hannah Leech.

Councillor Leech gave his Mayor's speech.

### **002(2022-23) Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor sought nominations for the Deputy Mayor of Garstang for the Civic year 2022 – 2023.

Councillor Leech proposed that Councillor Sharna Mitchell be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Garstang Town Council for the Civic year 2022 – 2023. Councillor Atkinson seconded the proposal.

**Resolved:** Councillor Mitchell be elected to the office of Deputy Mayor of Garstang Town Council for the Civic year 2022 – 2023.

Councillor Mitchell signed the declaration of acceptance and Councillor Leech presented her with the deputy mayor insignia

**003(2022-23) Apologies for absence**

Councillor Salisbury.

**004(2022-23) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations**

No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests or dispensation requests were received from Councillors.

**005(2022-23) Appointment to Committees**

The Clerk read out the recommendations that were considered at the Council meeting held on 16/05/2022.

**Resolved:** Councillors approved the following appointments:

Finance and Amenities Committee - Councillors Allan, Atkinson, Halford, Lees, Mitchell and Pearson.

Personnel Committee – Councillors Brooks, Leech, Mitchell, Salisbury, Webster and vacancy.

Planning Committee - Councillors Allan, Atkinson (until 2 new Councillors had been appointed onto the Planning Committee following their appointment onto the Town Council), Leech, Lees and Webster and vacancy.

**006(2022-23) Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies**

The Clerk read out the recommendations that were considered at the Council meeting held on 16/05/2022.

**Resolved:** Councillors approved the following appointments:

Lancashire Association of Local Council (LALC – Wyre Area Committee), Councillor Allan and a vacancy.

Fairtrade Steering Group – Councillor Allan

Wyre Flood Forum – Councillor Brooks

Millennium Green Trust – Councillor Halford

Planning Ambassador – to be addressed at June’s meeting.

Town Trust – Councillor Halford, non-Councillor Perkins and a vacancy – to be addressed at June’s meeting.

Youth Council – Councillors Allan, Atkinson and Pearson.

**007(2022-23) Calendar of Town Council Meetings for the Civic Year 2022/2023**

**Resolved:** Councillors approved the following Council and Committee meeting dates for the 2022/2023 Civic year.

Full Council and Planning Committee meetings

Monday 20 June 2022

Monday 18 July 2022  
Monday 15 August 2022  
Monday 19 September 2022  
Monday 17 October 2022  
Monday 21 November 2022  
Monday 5 December 2022  
Monday 16 January 2023  
Monday 20 February 2023  
Monday 20 March 2023  
Monday 17 April 2023  
Monday 15 May 2023  
Thursday 18 May 2023 Annual Town council meeting

Thursday 20 April 2023 – Annual Town meeting - a meeting of the town electors and Awards evening

Finance Committee meetings 12 July 2022, 8 November 2022, 10 January 2023 and 18 April 2023.

Personnel Committee meetings 2 November 2022, 8 March 2023

**The Meeting Finished at: 08.10pm**

The Mayor invited Revd Michael Hutchinson to say grace and invited guests to take refreshments.