

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BURTON
LATIMER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT BURTON LATIMER
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES ON 13TH MAY 2008**

Present: *Councillors: M.E. Evans (Town Mayor), M. Jerram (Deputy Town Mayor), P. Bettles, C. Groome, C.R. Groome, D. Gunn, H. Fry, H.F. Macdonald, J. Smith, S.M. Walden, D. Zanger*

05/08/2229 Apologies

Apologies were received from Town Councillor J. Garnett and County Councillor C. Lamb.

05/08/2230 Minutes of the APM 6th June 2007

The minutes of the meeting on 15th May 2007 were approved on 5th June 2007. It was **agreed** that the following amendment should be made: Councillor C. Groome added to the Councillors present and deleted from the apologies.

05/08/2231 Town Mayor's Retiring Speech

Councillor Michelle Evans informed the Council that she had had a very interesting and busy year and it had been an honour to serve the people of Burton Latimer. It had been a very turbulent year and, at times, very difficult. The year had included various planning developments and the Council had "won some and lost some" issues and that the Town Council should continue to fight for the interests of the people of the town. The Town Mayor is seen to be the winner or loser and people tended to forget that it was a team effort.

The Town Mayor had been invited to a number of functions involving people of all ages and from all walks of life and it had been an absolute pleasure. Councillor Evans was particularly pleased about the Schools Liaison Group; the involvement with local schools had been a particular interest and it was a delight to the Town Mayor that school children had attended a Town Council meeting and had input into the process.

The Town Mayor thanked the Town Councillors for their support and forbearance, particularly in the last couple of months. The Town Clerk was also thanked for his support and the Town Mayor presented him with a gift as a token of her appreciation. The Town Mayor paid particular thanks to her family and especially her mother; without whose help and support she would not have been able to do the job. Councillor Jerram, Deputy Town Mayor, was also thanked for her support and Councillor Evans apologised to anyone she may have forgotten.

Finally, the Town Mayor presented a Community Award to ex- Town Councillor Ivan Cox for his unstinting service to the community.

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Councillor Zanger replied on behalf of the Town Council and thanked Councillor Evans for her efforts in the past two years in often difficult circumstances. Councillor Zanger presented Councillor Evans with a small gift as a token of the Town Council's gratitude.

05/08/2232 Public Participation

The following matters were raised by Ivan Cox:

BLTC Civic Notice Board, bench on Higham Road, BL Cemetery (no smoking zone & Granite chippings).discussion on these items were deferred to the Annual General Meeting.

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There being no further items of business the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.26p.m.