

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30pm
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

CLERK'S REPORT

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are advised to consider the agenda for the meeting and determine in advance if they may have a Personal, Prejudicial or a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any of the agenda items. If a Member decides they do have a declarable interest, they are reminded that the interest and the nature of the interest must be declared at the commencement of the consideration of the agenda item; or when the interest becomes apparent to them. Details of the interest will be minuted.

Where you have a Prejudicial Interest (which is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest), Members are reminded that they must now withdraw from the meeting chamber after making representations or asking questions.

If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Members are reminded that they must take no part in the discussions of the item at all; or participate in any voting; and must withdraw from the meeting chamber; unless they have received a dispensation.

4. HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE PARISH – PAT RUTHERFORD

As Members will no doubt be aware, Pat Rutherford will not be standing for election in May 2015. It is not clear, at this stage, exactly how long Pat has been a Parish Councillor but it is understood that she went to Horsham District Council (HDC) in 1988. She has also been involved in other organisations within the local area.

Members are invited to consider, as a mark of their respect and appreciation, that the status of Honorary Freeman (which is a legal title) of the Parish of North Horsham be conferred on Pat.

Under S.249 of the Local Government Act 1972 this power was previously limited to the Councils of cities, boroughs and towns with royal status, e.g. Tunbridge Wells, Kingston upon Thames etc. The status of Honorary Freeman under the Act is on 'persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the local area'.

S.249 has been amended by S.29 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the 'royal' status has been removed and allows county, parish and town councils to confer the Honour.

Recent examples of the use of this amended power are in Street Parish Council (Somerset) who conferred the Honour on a young man who had served in Afghanistan; and Frome Town Council (also in Somerset) which conferred the Honour on F1 driver, Jenson Button.

If Members are minded to confer this Honour, a suggested wording for the framed 'scroll' is shown on the attached sheet. The scroll is part prepared by hand and then computer generated. The total cost is £260, plus VAT.

The presentation would be held on a date to be advised at the end of November. It would be intended to keep the event fairly 'low key' but with a number of people who have significance to Pat being invited. HDC has kindly agreed to provide printed invitations.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the status of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of North Horsham is conferred on Councillor Mrs Pat Rutherford**
- (b) That the associated costs be taken from the Chairman's Allowance Budget Head**
- (c) That suggestions are put forward as to who may be invited to the presentation ceremony**

5. DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THE A264

(a) Submission to the Examination in Public (EIP)

As Members are aware, a meeting of the Local Plan Committee took place on 6th October. At the meetings, Committee members had sight of the Council's submission to the EIP, as prepared by the Council's legal advisor. Members are advised that the final document will be available at the meeting (if not before).

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to approve the Parish Council's submission to the Examination in Public

(b) Timetable of the EIP

Members will find enclosed a chart showing the subject matter for each of the days that the EIP is sitting. The Local Plan Committee would like to see Parish Council representation at as many of the days as possible; and Members are asked to put themselves forward

RECOMMENDATION

That Members put themselves forward to attend the EIP

- 6. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**
Thursday 13th November 2014 at **7pm**

Sue Kemp – Parish Clerk
7th October 2014