

Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 13th July, 2023 at The Ballroom, Retford Town Hall, DN22 6DB

Present: Councillor D M Merryweather (Chairman)
Councillor G Freeman (Vice Chairman)

Councillors:

R B Carrington-Wilde	M Carroll
A Coultate	J Evans
S Fielding	J A Leigh
F McFarland	F Merryweather
J Naish	G A N Oxby
D G Pidwell	J Potts
D R Pressley	D E Pulk
A Rhodes	M Richardson
J M Sanger MBE	L Schuller
S Scotthorne	S E Shaw
J G Slater	L Stanniland
C Tindle	J White

Officers in attendance: D Armiger, L Dixon, C Hopkinson and C Taylor.

(The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.)

26 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D C Bamford, J P Bowker, H M Brand, D Challinor, H Digby, L A Dixon, P J Ducey, T P Eaton BCA, E M Griffin, D J Henderson, J O Manners, D A Naylor, S H Pashley, L A Sanders, N J Sanders, B L Schuller and C Troop.

27 Declarations

There were no declarations by Members or officers.

28 Honorary Aldermen

The recommendation to confer the title of Honorary Alderman upon Mr S A Greaves and Mr M W Quigley was proposed by Councillor a Rhodes and seconded by Councillor R Carrington-Wilde, who both spoke in support of the proposal.

Councillors A K Coultate, M Richardson, J Naish and the Chairman also spoke in support of the proposals.

RESOLVED that Simon A Greaves and Michael W Quigley MBE be duly elected to the office of Honorary Alderman.

The Chief Executive read out the declaration.

The Chairman presented the badge and certificate to Mr S A Greaves, and the Vice-Chairman presented Ms E King with a bouquet of flowers.

The Chairman presented the badge and certificate to Mr M W Quigley, and the Vice-Chairman presented Mrs W Quigley with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr S A Greaves addressed the meeting commenting that it was an honour to be there. He thanked everyone for the kind words. He noted that he wanted to be a councillor to do a public service, improve things, stand up for them community and do what is right. He commented that he could not have done things without a team and the support of colleagues and was grateful for their support during his time in office. He also thanked his family for their support. He noted that Bassetlaw is an organisation that works together, members and officers. He thanked the officer team at the Council. He noted some of the achievements during his term of office: becoming a living wage employer; the delivery of the Common Lane Harworth scheme; delivery of the first phase of the Creative Village; Retford Enterprise Centre; Worksop Bus Station and working with both the Sheffield City Region and D2N2 to maximise the benefits for Bassetlaw. He commented that he is proud of the Council's commitment to ensure the sacrifices and commitments of Armed Forces community are recognised and to celebrating diversity in the area.

Mr M W Quigley MBE addressed the meeting thanking everyone for their comments. He thanked his family and his wife, Wendy. He became a Parish Councillor in 1974 and is still a Member of Nottinghamshire County Council. He has been involved in the local community for many years, with the hospice since 1991 and as school governor for 50 years. He thanked Terry Yates, his Deputy Leader during his time in office, who is sadly no longer with us. In 1983 he was first elected to the Council, he commented that it had been an honour. He wished the Council all the best for the future.

29 Any Other Business Which the Chairman Considers to be Urgent

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited elected Members, Honorary Aldermen and guests to join Mr Greaves and Mr Quigley in the Council Chamber.

(Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.)