



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD AT 8:04PM ON
THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023.**

Present: Councillors, D. Wallace, Mrs J. Danagher, A. Huggins, L. Melton, J. Noades, S. Bowman, G. Waite & K. Harrington.

Officer Present: J. Jones (Town Clerk), A. Georgiou (Admin Officer)

Also Present: 2 members of the public.

- 38. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
Apologies from Councillors M. Furness, Mrs P. Furness, S. Bull and G. Bonner.
- 39. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
No declarations.
- 40. TO CONSIDER GRANTING THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN TO JONATHAN G. LING FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL DURING WHICH PERIOD HE HELD THE HIGH OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEARS 1987/88, 1988/89, 1989/90 AND 1996/97. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ACT 2009.**
The Chairman stated that Jonathan Ling has recently been unwell but is making progress. It was noted that Mr Ling has served on the Town Council for 47 years.
Councillor Huggins stated that during his first term on Buntingford Town Council, Mr Ling was very warm and welcoming and he would wholeheartedly support the proposal.
Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was
RESOLVED
That this council grant Jonathan G. Ling the Freedom of the Town for his outstanding service to the Council.
- 41. TO CONSIDER GRANTING THE FREEDOM OF THE TOWN TO TERESA BONNER FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL FROM 2003 TO 2022, DURING WHICH TIME SHE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE FROM 2015 TO 2021. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ACT 2009.**
It was stated that 19 years on the council was a significant commitment.
Councillor Waite stated that Mrs Bonner was always a great advocate to ensuring the town was kept clean and tidy.
Councillor Noades stated that when he was Mayor he and Mrs Bonner opened the Gazebo in Layston Gardens together.
Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was
RESOLVED
That this council grant Teresa Bonner the Freedom of the Town for her outstanding service to the Council.

Meeting Closed: 20:08

Next meeting of the Full Council 29th June 2023.