

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Full Council, Yaxley Parish Council  
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley  
on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

Present:- Councillor K Gulson – Chairman  
Councillors - C Bolton, R Butcher, J Lusted, D Porteous, A Rees, P Russell, C Thorne, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – District Councillors E Butler and D Watt, Mrs H Taylor – Clerk and 28 Members of the public.

**FC27. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors A Bartle, S. Butler, P Croke, M Oliver, J Reed and S White (all personal).

**FC28. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were declared.

**FC29. MINUTES**

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

**FC30. ADMISSION OF HONORARY FREEMAN – COUNCILLOR CLIVE THORNE**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this Special Meeting which had been called to honour Councillor Clive Thorne who had completed forty continuous service as an elected Councillor for Yaxley in May. He referred to the many tributes paid on social media which had shown how liked Clive was in the community.

Councillor Gulson referred to an email received from former Councillor Lynn Butcher congratulating Clive on his 40 year's service to the Council and community of Yaxley and apologising that she could not be with him, adding that her thoughts were with him tonight.

In a much-regretted absence, Shailesh Vara MP had sent a message to say that it was a huge milestone in reaching forty years as a Parish Councillor. This achievement had demonstrated not only an indefatigable commitment to the well-being of the village and its residents but also an unerring dedication to local democracy.

Councillor Gulson gave a detailed biography of Councillor Thorne's life referring to his time at Baker Perkins, Clark Steel and finally the Yaxley Home and Garden Centre in the Broadway Shopping Centre, calling it a day in 1999. With regard to his time on the Council, Clive was Chairman of the Council between 1983 and 1993 and also served as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and lately the Planning Committee. He presided over the building of Queens Park, the Austin Hall extension and Astro pitch.

From the floor, one of his former parish councillors, Councillor Watt, stated succinctly that he "couldn't keep up with Clive".

On being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED unanimously that in exercise of its powers under Section 249(5) and (6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council hereby admits Councillor Clive Thorne as the first Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Yaxley in recognition of the eminent services he has rendered to Yaxley by way of 40 years faithful and devoted service as an elected councillor chosen by local people to represent them and their community.**

The Chairman then presented Councillor Thorne with a framed scroll and framed letter from the MP.

Councillor Thorne thanked the Council for bestowing him with this honour. Although he would like to continue as a Parish Councillor he felt another 40 years would be a struggle.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed .....

Chairman.