

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON
ON MONDAY, 19 MAY 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor Les Horne Chairman
Councillor M McGlone Vice-Chairman

Councillor W T Beard Councillor N Bradley
Councillor M Bromhead Councillor Linda Horne
Councillor R Lee Councillor B Palin
Councillor M Wilson Councillor P Wright

APOLOGIES: Councillor D N Bebbington

ABSENT: Councillors I Baxter and I Chenery

24 FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

The tradition of granting the Freedom was a way of giving public recognition to those who were held in high esteem by both the Parish Council and the residents of the area.

The Local Government Act 1972 had been amended to allow local councils to confer honorary titles. At its meeting held on 24 February 2014, the Parish Council approved a set of criteria which would be observed when considering the admission of anyone in the parish to the Roll of Honorary Freemen/Honorary Freewomen.

At the previous meeting, Members had given initial consideration to the nomination of Glyn Turner, Principal of Leighton Academy as a person of distinction who should be admitted to the Roll of Honorary Freemen; and had voted unanimously that a special meeting be held to consider the nomination.

Councillor Les Horne now moved that –

Glyn Turner, Principal of Leighton Academy, be admitted to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Parish in recognition of his significant contribution to the community as a whole, and in particular, to the education of our children.

The nomination was seconded by Councillor M McGlone.

Having moved the nomination, Councillor Les Horne outlined Mr Turner's achievements, full details of which had been included in the Chairman's report to the Parish Council meeting held on 28 April 2014 –

Prior to coming to the parish, Glyn Turner had already made great improvements at Tarvin Primary School which had appeared on the list of Outstanding Schools in 1996/97.

During his tenure at Leighton Primary School, first as Head Teacher and more latterly as Principal of the new Leighton Academy, he had continued to improve the school.

Ofsted reports had been consistently positive over the years and in 2011 stated "*This is an outstanding school. It makes a considerable difference to the lives of the young people in its care and the senior leaders and manager provide outstanding direction for the school.*"

In accordance with S.249(8) of the 1972 Act (as amended), the Parish Council was required to pass a vote of no less than two-thirds of the Members of the Council present and voting.

Having been moved and seconded, the motion was put to the vote –

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously -

That In accordance with S.249 of the Local Government Act 1972, Glyn Turner, BA MEd, Principal of Leighton Academy, be admitted to the Roll of Honorary Freemen as a person of distinction who had, in the opinion of the Parish Council, rendered eminent services to the parish.

Mr Turner was not present at the meeting. A framed copy of the Council's resolution would be presented to him at the school assembly on Friday, 27 June at 10.15 am. All councillors were welcome to attend.

.....Chairman

Approved