

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT
PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST PETER'S COMMUNITY HALL, MINSHULL VERNON
ON 20 AUGUST 2012**

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr Les Horne	Chairman
Mr W T Beard	Mrs L Horne
Mr K Halford	Mr B Palin
Mr M Wilson	Mr P Wright

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors D N Bebbington, I Chenery and M McGlone

ABSENT: Parish Councillor B Evans

655 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.

After Local Government re-organisation in 1974, a number of local authorities were given the power to admit honorary aldermen and freemen, pursuant to Section 249 of the 1972 Act. That power was not extended to town and parish councils in England.

On 12 January 2010, amended provisions were made to the 1972 Act to enable all local councils to confer honorary titles. This was the second occasion on which the Parish Council proposed to confer this honour.

It was proposed by Mr L Horne, seconded by Mr W T Beard and supported by Mr K Halford, that –

“In accordance with S.249 of the Local Government Act 1972, former parish councillor William Barnes, 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.”

The Chairman paid tribute to the work of Mr Barnes as a parish councillor over many years.

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.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously –

That former parish councillor William Barnes be admitted to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Parish.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

.....Chairman