

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE OADBY AND WIGSTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON,  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillor J Kaufman - Mayor  
Councillor Mrs J Gore - Deputy Mayor

Councillors: L A Bentley, T S Biring, G A Boulter, J W Boyce, Mrs L M Broadley, K M A Brown, C S Gore, M Griffiths, P A Hings, Mrs H E Loydall, K J Loydall, Mrs S B Morris, S M Rizvi and P Swift (16).

Officers in attendance: Mrs W Back, P Johnson, A Wood

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Mrs S A Dickinson, Mrs L Eaton and R E R Morris, Mrs P Glasse, and M Cregg, who was representing the Authority on the LSEP Employment Skill Executive.

**1. HONORARY ALDERMAN – MR D G CHAPPELL**

This Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had been called to consider conferring upon Mr David George Chappell the title of Honorary Alderman as enabled by the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor C S Gore, carried unanimously and:

RESOLVED: That under the provisions of Sections 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred upon David George Chappell in recognition of eminent services provided by him to the Borough as a past member of the Council.

In presenting the motion, Councillor G A Boulter, referred to Mr Chappell's outstanding relationship with the Council dating back to 1973. He referred to Mr Chappell's work ethic, combining his position as a Councillor with the development of his food business. Mr Chappell had risen to an eminent position within the Rotary Club, raising thousands of pounds for charitable causes.

Notwithstanding their political differences, Councillor Boulter had found in Mr Chappell, a long standing friendship and was therefore a worthy recipient of this award.

In seconding the motion, Councillor C S Gore also referred to Mr Chappell's eminent record of service to the Borough, referring to his various Committee appointments since 1973, including his period as Leader of the Council, and Mayor of the Borough, together with his Chairmanship of various Committees, including the Planning Committee. In all, he had served continuously on the Council from 1998 to May 2007. Mr Gore also mentioned Mr Chappell's governorship of many of the primary schools in Wigston including All Saints, Bell Street, Glenmere, Little Hill and Tythorn.

He had personally raised thousands of pounds for charitable causes, principally through the Open Gardens Scheme. Councillor Gore informed the Meeting that such excellent service, over so many years, made for a unique contribution, recognised by the fact that there were only seven previous Aldermen of the Borough. He commended Mr Chappell as a worthy and deserving addition to this list.

The Mayor presented to Mr Chappell an illuminated scroll setting out the Confirmation of the Title of Honorary Alderman together with a pendant marking the presentation.

In response, Mr Chappell rose from his wheelchair to address the Meeting, informing those present of the great pleasure he had enjoyed serving the Council and what a very great honour it was to be made an Alderman. He thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and ended by thanking those present for the conferment of this honour.

A bouquet of flowers were presented to Mrs Chappell.

**2. ITEM ADMITTED TO THE MEETING UNDER SECTION 100B(4b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

By reason of special circumstance in that an additional Item of Business needed to be considered before the next Meeting of the Council, the Chairman was of the opinion that the following item of business should be considered at this Meeting as a matter of urgency.

**3. PRESENTATION OF PENDANTS TO EXISTING HONORARY ALDERMEN**

The Mayor presented pendants to Mr Norman Reynolds and Mr Duncan Lucas commemorating their conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman. A third Alderman, Mr David Allen was not able to be present at the Meeting to receive his pendant.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending this Meeting to show their support for David Chappell and asked them all to enjoy the evening.

**The Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.**