WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of Warmington Parish Council meeting 10th December 2020 by electronic communication in a virtual setting at 7.00pm BST

In accordance with provision laid down by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, as amended, during a period of encouraged 'social distancing', this meeting was held by means of internet video and telephone communication in a virtual setting, using Zoom software. All members were always able to hear proceedings and members of the public had been given opportunity to attend.

1627. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT: Cllr Philip Douglas, Cllr Jean Fisher, Cllr Nigel Rudd (chairman), Cllr Debbi Scotting, Cllr David Short and Cllr David Strafford. Officer present: The clerk and Steve Cheeseman as Warmington 2031 3 members of the public, NCC ward councillor Wendy Brackenbury.

1628. HONORARY FREEMAN PRESENTATION:

The chairman of the parish council gave a brief background to the particulars of this agenda item. After a summary of the many and varied aspects of Steve's personal and professional life, he went on to explain that Steve Cheeseman was coopted to the then newly established Warmington Parish Council Governance Committee in 2015. He became the lynch-pin co-ordinator of the Warmington Neighbourhood Development Plan, arranging several public consultation meetings, building and maintaining the accompanying website and the drafting of the actual plan and design code, which was supported by a large turnout at the referendum stage and a resounding vote in favour.

During 2020, on behalf of the parish council Steve project managed the Greenway implementation between Warmington and Elton. He has been a key member of the Governance Committee, leading with the supply of briefing papers in relation to complex and often contentious planning applications.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to award Mr Steve Cheeseman the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Warmington. The chairman explained that the title of honorary Freeman is a purely symbolic one because it confers no right to the recipient. However, it is a fitting way to publicly recognise the contribution that recipients have made to their community. With such a modest character and eclectic past, his valuable contribution to the parish council and wider Warmington community, it is fitting that Steve will become the first honorary Freeman of Warmington Parish.

Date of next meeting:		
Approved: Signature of chairman		Date