

MUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 to discuss the proposal to award the Freedom of the Parish of Muston to long serving Councillor Godfrey Allanson.

Apologies: Cllr. Swiers.

Present: Cllrs. G Owen, D Frodin, F Warters, G Allanson, S Chalmers, J McMillan, J McCluskey. Mrs B Williamson, Clerk. 5 members of the public.

Notice of meeting: Cllr. Owen declared public notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Public Notice 1972 schedule 12 para 1-(2) of the Local Government Act.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. G Allanson withdrew himself from the meeting as he was the topic of discussion.

Cllr. Owen introduced the item to bestow the Freedom of the Parish to Godfrey Allanson and asked for any contributions from the public.

Resident Mr Winter explained he had known Godfrey Allanson his entire life and shared many experiences together including serving on the Parish Council. Godfrey has served fifty-eight years as a Muston Parish Councillor, forty-five years as a Borough Councillor, still a member and vice chairman of the Church PCC and winder of the Parish Clock for many years it was a befitting recognition. Godfrey Allanson and his wife Maisie were founder members of the local walking club, long serving supporter of the Scarecrow Festival with many varied and wide-ranging interests, he considered him an ideal candidate to be awarded the Freedom of Muston, the village he loves.

Resident and former chairman of Muston Parish Council Glynn Barnett shared his memories of arriving in Muston in 2000 and being welcomed to the community and made to feel welcome by Godfrey. Whatever happens in the village Mr Barnett explained that Godfrey was always the first point of call as he is a popular man with a wealth of experience and knowledge and willing to help and offer guidance to everyone in any area. He had greatly appreciated his support when he himself became Chairman of the Parish Council.

Councillor Chalmers felt that the award was a fitting tribute to Godfrey Allanson that he and his family have offered to Muston.

Councillor Owen expressed her personal thanks for the guidance and encouragement that she has personally received from him.

Councillor Owen proposed that Godfrey Allanson be awarded the Freedom of the Parish of Muston. Vote taken. Unanimously carried, all in favour, he will be awarded the Freedom of the Parish.

Councillor Allanson returned to the meeting.

In response to the announcement Cllr. Allanson stated it was an honour to be awarded the recognition for serving the village which he loves. He expressed his appreciation to his family for their ongoing support and especially his beloved late wife Maisie.

Cllr. Owen stated the official award would be made at a formal celebration of the Jubilee event .

Meeting closed @ 6.43.