

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of Droitwich Spa Town Council held in the Main Hall, Community Hall, Heritage Way, Droitwich Spa on **Monday 16 May 2016**, at 6.45pm.

PRESENT: Councillor R G Beale (Mayor)
Councillor S Best
Councillor Mrs J Bolton
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor Mrs S Harris
Councillor Mrs A Hawkins
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor S Laird
Councillor Mrs M A Lawley
Councillor R J Morris
Councillor R E Murphy
Councillor T J Noyes
Councillor A Roberts
Councillor Mrs K Tomalin

APOLOGIES for absence: Councillor L Evans.

The Mayor and ex-Councillor M C J Barratt, proceeded by the Mace-bearers and attended by the Town Clerk, entered the Main Hall in procession.

283 HONORARY ALDERMAN – MICHAEL CEPHAS JAMES BARRATT

Pursuant to Minute No 277(2) of the Meeting of Council held on 25 April 2016, the Mayor invited Councillor T J Noyes to put forward his formal motion for the conferring of Honorary Alderman status upon ex-Councillor M C J Barratt.

Councillor Noyes proposed that We, the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Droitwich Spa, hereby admit Michael Cephas James Barratt to be an Honorary Alderman of the Town of Droitwich in recognition of the eminent service he has rendered to the community as an elected member of the town and for his meritorious services to the town in a non-civic capacity.

In support of the proposal, Councillor Noyes advised: *Michael Cephas James Barratt was born in 1941 and worked as a National Accounts Manager with United Biscuits & KP Foods Ltd. During this time he found the time to marry Linda and have three children Colin, Steve, Julie of whom he is extremely proud, as he is of his three grandchildren too. I first met Mike in 1992, the year my wife Glenise joined the Conservative Party. Mike was very helpful towards Glen as she progressed through the organisation and for a number of years when she was chairman he held the position of Honorary Treasurer. By this time, 1992, Michael had already been Mayor of Droitwich Spa three times, in 1985, 86 and 1990. He was elected mayor again in 1999 and in 2011 again served the community in his fifth term of office which I think might just be a record that will never be broken. This achievement alone marks him as special and worthy of the honour being conferred upon him this evening. Serving*

over 30 years on the bench as Justice of the Peace, Mike has shown an incredible amount of civic pride and has done more than his share of public duty. Michael was elected to Wychavon District Council in 1987 and apart from a four-year break served there until 2015 when he walked away from politics. He was elected Chairman of the District Council in 2003, was Chairman of Licensing for many years and, he said, met a number of persons applying for licences who, when he had last seen them, was when he was passing sentence. He was active with the Droitwich Stroke Club, First Droitwich Scout Group, Girl Guides, Trefoil Guild, Coventry Homes etc. Mike was pleased to serve and now is the time that Droitwich Spa can reward him in this small way. Mister Mayor, there is no-one more worthy than Michael Cephias James Barratt to carry the title of Honorary Alderman and I propose that the Town confers on him that honour without further ado and with our grateful thanks."

The Mayor called upon Councillor G R Brookes to speak. Councillor Brookes stated *"Mike Barratt befriended me when I first ran for election as a local Councillor. He provided me with much help and support as I was learning just how things are done. It is both a pleasure and an honour for me to second the proposal that he be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of the Town of Droitwich Spa. "*

Councillor A Humphries, Leader of the Opposition on the Town Council also spoke in support of the motion, stating *"on behalf of the Labour Group both now and in previous administrations I am more than happy to support the proposal."*

The motion, upon being put to the vote, was carried unanimously and it was

RESOLVED That We, the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Droitwich Spa, hereby admit Michael Cephias James Barratt to be an Honorary Alderman of the Town of Droitwich in recognition of the eminent service he has rendered to the community as an elected member of the town and for his meritorious services to the town in a non-civic capacity.

By permission of the Mayor, the Town Clerk then proceeded to administer the Alderman's Oath, this being duly taken and sworn by Michael Cephias James Barratt. The Oath was then signed and witnessed by the Town Clerk. The Mayor presented an illuminated Certificate of Admission as an Honorary Alderman of the town of Droitwich Spa to ex-Councillor Barratt and offered congratulations on behalf of the Council and people of the Town. Mr Barratt responded, thanking the Town Council for the honour bestowed upon him.

The Mayor then declared the meeting closed and retired from the Chamber in procession.

The Meeting ended at 5.55pm.

Chairman of Council _____
20 June 2016