

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 30 April 2018** at 6pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Best (Mayor)
Councillor R G Beale
Councillor Mrs J Bolton
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor G R Brookes
Councillor G Duffy
Councillor Mrs S Harris
Councillor A Humphries
Councillor AH Laird
Councillor T J Noyes
Councillor A Roberts
Councillor A Sinton

APOLOGIES for absence: Councillors L Evans, RM Morris and WT Moy.

The Mayor preceded by the Mace-bearers and attended by the Town Clerk entered the Main Hall in procession. They were also accompanied by ex – Councillor Mrs PE Davey and Mr AE Davey who were then invited to be seated alongside.

308 HONORARY ALDERMAN – MRS PE DAVEY

Pursuant to Minute No 230 of the Meeting of Council held on 29 January 2018, the Mayor invited Councillor T Noyes to put forward his formal motion for the conferring of Honorary Alderman status upon ex-Councillor Mrs PE Davey.

Councillor Noyes proposed that ‘That the Town Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Droitwich Spa acting by the Town Council admit Pamela Elsie Davey to be an Honorary Alderman of the Town of Droitwich Spa in recognition of her eminent services rendered to the Council as a past member of the Town Council and for her meritorious services to the Town in both a civic and a non-civic capacity’.

Councillor Noyes spoke in support of the motion.

“Pam Davey has lived in Droitwich Spa for over 30 years and once here joined the Local Conservative association. 20 years ago, 1997, Pam was elected to WDC and became chairman – 2005/6. Pam was first elected to the Town Council in 1999 and was Leader of the Council until 2003. Likewise, Pam was the Chairman of the County Council and under the mantle of Chairman, has raised many thousands of pounds for charities both at County and District level. Pam has always been heavily involved in local volunteering and this has seen her as:-

Secretary of Droitwich Spa Town Plan Group

Chairman of Droitwich Waterways (Pamela May) Trust.

Chairman of Droitwich Heritage Project Group

Trustee of Coventry Homes

Member of Charles Corbett Trust for the Partially Sighted

Droitwich Horticulture Society

*Droitwich Civic Society and Droitwich Local Area Partnership.
Pam resigned from politics in 2017 in favour of her garden and her boat but continues her local interests.”*

In support of the proposal, Councillor Humphries advised:

“Mr Mayor, Honoured Guests, Town Clerk, fellow Councillors, invited guests and ladies and gentleman I have not known Pam very long so am unable to add anything to her impressive list of achievements as presented by Councillor Noyes.

However I am aware of her tremendous contributions to Droitwich Spa not only during her time serving as a Town, District and County Councillor but also outside of politics as well.

Pam has given her time and energy in serving Droitwich Spa selflessly and it is only right and proper that the Town bestow this great honour on her.

If I am able to contribute to Droitwich Spa only a tiny amount of what Pam has, I will consider myself very lucky.

Therefore, it is both my very great honour and privilege to be able to second the motion to bestow the title of Honorary Alderman of the Town Of Droitwich Spa on ex Councillor Mrs PE Davey.”

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 ex Councillor Mrs PE Davey to be an Honorary Alderman of the Town of Droitwich Spa in recognition of the eminent service she has rendered to the community as an elected member of the town and for her 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 ex- Councillor Mrs PE Davey. 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 Mrs PE Davey and offered congratulations on behalf of the Council and people of the Town. Mrs Davey responded, thanking the Town Council for the honour bestowed upon her and giving a brief summary of the actions and assistance she had received from many along the way and Family.

309 HON FREEMAN- MR AE DAVEY

Pursuant to Minute No 230 of the Meeting of Council held on 29 January 2018, the Mayor invited Councillor T Noyes to put forward his formal motion for the conferring of Honorary Freeman status upon Mr AE Davey.

Councillor Noyes proposed ‘That the Town Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Droitwich Spa, acting by the Town Council do hereby admit Alan Edwin Davey to be an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Droitwich Spa in recognition of his Inspirational and Unstinting Services to the Community’.

Councillor Noyes spoke in support of the motion.

Honorary Freeman

How unusual is this. If you've not twigged, Alan is Pam's other half. Not a politician, rarely in the spotlight, rarely on the photograph as he is usually the camera man, Alan likes to operate behind the scenes. Two completely different individuals being nominated concurrently for completely different reasons.

I have known Alan for many years. We were both married to Politicians and endured many a late evening waiting for our spouses to finish their debates (and their glasses of wine). We were the gophers, the nominated drivers, general door openers and rememberer's of names. Whilst supporting his wife in her political career, exceptional service in its own right, Alan has also maintained his own separate interests and so many have been to the benefit of the Spa.

Alan became interested in local history and has researched the history of Droitwich Spa for 29 years. His output of all things interesting is quite prolific.

In the world of Movers and Shakers Alan is one of the great movers.

The concept, artistry and manufacture of those magnificent banners in the Heritage Centre are his. (If you have not seen the write up that goes with them then you have been deprived of more of his talent.)

He has been making salt for public interest at Salt fest and other festivals for years. The "Blessing of the Upwich Brine Pit" is one of Alan's involvements and Wychavon have recognised his achievements with a photograph on page 24 in the "What's on 2018" dressed as a monk.

He is a leading member of Droitwich Arts Network, a leading member of Probus 87 and remains the main contact for them.

With the canal at the bottom of the garden, Alan spends as much time as possible on his own narrow boat. He is very involved with running of the "Pamela May" and you can therefore imagine correctly that Alan is a keen and very active member of the Droitwich Waterways Trust.

Alan has always been interested in photography and the arts. When Pam needed news articles then Alan would exercise his skills on the computer to generate finished artwork for newspaper or printers.

Scouting has remained a major interest of Alan's and he played Table Tennis to a high standard for many years. I used to play and he invited me to his club. I took my own bats out of my attic and we had a knock up. I had no idea that the game had moved on so far. He did allow me to win a few points but I had to give in gracefully.

Alan is currently working on restoring one of the old Town Signposts which welcomed people into Droitwich Spa. I have no idea what he intends to do with it but I'm sure we will all find out in the near future.

Through all his accomplishments (he does make an excellent cappuccino as well) and coming from the Bristol area, where they play a lot of skittles, I can honestly say that "sticking up" after Alan has had his go was rarely onerous. He could hit one, but give him a full set and three balls then it was a different story.

Through his membership of so many organisations, Alan continues to give exceptional Service to the Town and I have great pleasure in proposing him to be an Honorary Freeman of Droitwich Spa in recognition of his inspirational and unstinting services to the community'

The Mayor called for the motion to be seconded.

Councillor Brookes seconded the motion and spoke in support.

'Mr Mayor, I am very privileged to be able to second this motion. However you will be pleased to hear that I do not intend to make a long speech. Not because I don't want to, but because I don't need to.'

*There is a Latin legal phrase that neatly sums up the situation:
Res ipsa loquitur*

Which translates as "matters speaks for themselves."

A couple of weeks ago I picked up my Newspaper to see Alan mentioned on the front page, and I quote:

"Alan Davey, DAN's representative for the Mayflower 400 project, told the Standard there had been talks with Droitwich Heritage Centre and Museum, Droitwich High School, Droitwich Library, St Peters Church, and others to celebrate the man whose statue stands in St Andrew's shopping centre."

Last Friday, in the latest edition of the Standard there is a picture of Alan showing him making salt from Droitwich brine. He had slipped to Page 25 but he is still in there! As Councillor Noyes said – just look at the magnificent hand-crafted banners above our heads.

Just these three examples illustrate why I really don't need to say any more – Alan has contributed and continues to contribute so much to our Town that his work speaks for itself. It gives me great pleasure to second this motion to confer the status of Honorary Freeman of the Town of Droitwich Spa upon Mr Alan Davey in recognition of the inspirational and unstinting service rendered to the people and Town of Droitwich Spa'.

Councillor Humphries as Leader of the Labour Group expressed the support of the Opposition Group for the motion.

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 Mr AE Davey to be an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Droitwich Spa in recognition of his Inspirational and Unstinting Services to the Community.

By permission of the Mayor, the Town Clerk then proceeded to administer the Freeman's Oath, this being duly taken and sworn by Mr AE Davey. The oath was then signed and witnessed by the Town Clerk. The Mayor presented an illuminated Certificate of Admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Droitwich Spa to Mr AE Davey and offered congratulations on behalf of the Council and people of the Town. Mr Davey responded thanking the Town Council for the honour bestowed upon him and giving a brief summary of the actions and assistance he had from mANy along the way and Family.

The Mayor, Honorary Alderman & Honorary Freeman then invited all present to join them for refreshments in the John Corbett Room. The Mayor declared the meeting closed and retired from the Chamber in procession.

The Meeting ended at 6.30pm.

Chairman of Council _____
11 June 2018

