

**Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting of Ashton Parish Council
held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at Ashton Primary School**

Present: Councillors Turvey (Chairman), Lemon, Day, Gardiner, Johnson

Clerk : John Marshall

6 members of the public.

- 132. Public session:** **Action**
A member of the public asked about the process for nominating candidates and awarding the status of Honorary Freeman or Woman of the Parish of Ashton. The process was explained by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- 133. Declarations of interest:**
Cllr Day, item 135; admission of Honorary Freeman.
- 134. Apologies for absence:**
Green (ill-health), Beber (prior engagement)
- 135. To consider admission as Honorary Freeman to the Parish of Ashton a person who has rendered eminent service to the Parish of Ashton:**
Cllr Turvey advised that the purpose of this extra-ordinary meeting was to consider admitting Bernard Day as an Honorary Freeman to the Parish of Ashton Bernard in recognition of his eminent service to the parish over a period of more than 30 years. The power to admit freemen and freewomen had been made possible by a recent change in the law and this would be the first time that the honour had been bestowed by the Council.
- Cllr Lemon proposed the Resolution that *'by virtue of section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 Ashton Parish Council resolves by all Councillors present to admit Bernard Ralph Day to be an Honorary Freeman of Ashton Parish in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him to the Parish of Ashton'*; the Resolution was unanimously approved.
- Cllr Johnson then proposed the Resolution that *'by virtue of section 249 (6) of that Act, the Council resolves to commission an address in the form of a framed scroll or similar, to be presented to Cllr Day at a suitable time and place in the future'*; the Resolution was unanimously approved.
- The Clerk was asked to obtain a framed scroll and to make the arrangements for a presentation, hopefully by Andrea Leadsom MP, ideally at a 'Drop-in' morning in the Knights Hall on either 21 February, 21 March or 18 April 2015, depending on availability. **Clerk**

Cllr Turvey closed the meeting at 7.10pm