

Newnham Parish Council & Burial Authority

Minutes of a special Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th December at 7.45 p.m. in the Armoury Hall, Newnham on Severn.

Present: Chair Cllr I Walker, Cllrs F. Bihlmeier, N Hughes, C. Kenny, J Larkham L Love, & T. Weeden.

In Attendance: The Clerk

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Murray

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None

3. To consider a proposal to initiate an award scheme “Freedom of the Parish” to recognise significant contributions to the parish by individuals.

After discussion it was **Resolved** to adopt a parish freedom scheme and further agreed the following.

- Candidates would be considered on an annual basis at a special meeting to be held after the November Parish meeting each year
- Nominations must be received by the clerk no later than 1st November.
- Award presentations would take place after the normal January parish council meeting
- Nominations maybe presented for any individual resident in the parish
- The award will only be considered for exceptional service to the parish over a long period of time.
- The decision of the Parish council will be final.

4. To nominate and approve candidates for the award should item 3 be approved.

It was proposed that Councillor G Murray be the first recipient of the award given his dedication and commitment to the village for the last 25 years as a parish councillor. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Walker took an action to advise Cllr Murray of the award. The clerk took actions (on acceptance by Cllr Murray) to arrange for a suitable framed certificate to be presented at the January meeting and to advise the local press of the award.

It was further agreed that light refreshments would be laid on for the presentation, funded by councillors and not from parish reserves.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 pm

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