

## Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Venue: Town Hall, Bridge Street, Downham Market PE38 9DW

Livestream Link: [YouTube Channel](#)

### Present

Chair – Cllr Wiles

Councillors Cain, Campbell - Robb, Dickson, Grover, Jordan, Lane, Leach, Leivers, B. Moyses, S. Moyses, Pegg, Perkin, & Sims (14)

Claire Dornan (Town Clerk)

Tina Griffin (Deputy Clerk)

B/Cllr Bullen, Mayor of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

B/Cllr Joshua Osborne

Ray Wales, Town Crier

Approx 30 members of the public – including local dignitaries and business representatives were present at the start of the meeting.

The emergency evacuation procedure was announced.

#### 1. Election of Mayor & Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Wiles described why he would be a good candidate for the role of Mayor of Downham Market.

Cllrs Leivers and Leach spoke in support of Cllr Wiles.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Barrie Wiles be elected Mayor of Downham Market Town Council for a 1-year term.

Proposer Cllr Leivers                      Seconder Cllr Leach                      All in favour.

Cllr Wiles signed the Acceptance of Office.

#### 2. Election of Deputy Mayor & Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Sims described why he would be a good candidate for the role of Deputy Mayor of Downham Market.

Cllrs Lane and Grove spoke in support of Cllr Sims.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Christopher Sims be elected Deputy Mayor of Downham Market Town Council for a 1-year term.

Proposer Cllr Lane                      Seconder Cllr Grover                      12 in favour, 2 against.

Cllr Sims signed the Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, Cllr Wiles thanked Councillors for the opportunity to represent the Council as Mayor for 2026-7. He announced that the Swan Youth Project would be his chosen charity for his term of office, and welcomed Anna Foster and Louise Ramsey who summarised the work of the charity. They invited all Councillors to visit the Project if they wished to know more about their work.

**3. To receive Members' apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brewer, Lewis, C Pyatt and J Pyatt all for personal reasons.

**4. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14 April 2026**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14 April 2026 were approved.

Proposed Cllr Lane

Seconded Cllr Leivers

All in favour.

**6. To suspend Standing Order 5j iii – xxi and resolve to hold a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2026 to complete the outstanding business**

**Resolved:** To suspend Standing Order 5j iii – xxi and resolve to hold a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2026 to complete the outstanding business.

Proposed Cllr Leach

Seconded Cllr Campbell-Robb

All in favour.

Meeting closed: 7.20pm