

POTTON TOWN COUNCIL  
Minutes of a Town Council Special Meeting held on  
Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre  
following a meeting of the Planning Committee

**Present:** Cllrs Dr C. Craig, Mr J. Day, Mrs V. Gwilliam, Mr A. Inkersole, Mrs E. Horsfall, Mr G. Horsfall, Mrs C. Leggatt, Mr A. Macdonald, Mr D. Norman, Mr J. Price Williams (Chairman) and Mr A. Zerny.

**Absent:** Cllr Mr J. Hobbs.

**Also present:** CBC Ward Cllr Ms T. Wye. The Town Clerk and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Formal apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Hobbs.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Councillors were reminded that they should declare an interest in any matter of personal or prejudicial interest to be discussed at this meeting.

**3. Honorary Freeman of the Town of Potton**

Members were asked to consider making an award of the title of Honorary Freeman of the Town of Potton to Mr Peter Langridge.

A member of the public made a case of making Peter Langridge [and Alan Leggatt] - who served for many years as a town councillor, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of Potton Town Council - an Honorary Freeman of Potton. Mr Langridge is a very worthy candidate, he served six terms as Chairman and has had involvement with Christmas Lights since they began and volunteered with Party on Potton.

The Chairman asked what the town council feels should be a maximum number of members of the community who can be recognised as Freemen of Potton? There shouldn't be so many that the honour of being a Freeman of Potton is devalued, but it shouldn't be limited to the point where those people who have served within, and given back to, the community cannot be recognised for the honour.

A member suggested that it is a unique position that there is a generation of people who have made a significant contribution to Potton and the community, and it just so happens that there are two people that could be considered at the same time.

The Town Clerk advised that this meeting is to consider making the award to Mr Langridge, and making an award to Mr Leggatt should be considered at a separate meeting.

A member proposed that it would be wise to develop some criteria for making the award.

The Town Clerk advised that the town council should consider each person on their individual merits.

The Chairman acknowledged that developing criteria has its merits, but would need to be considered at a separate meeting.

A member said that Mr Langridge put a lot of time and effort into this town, and a lot of that time into the town council and every committee and he always made sure that he had the interests of Potton in his heart. Peter had some tough years, as did Mr Leggatt, leading this council through some really hard times with certain parts of the community, with housing developers wanting to take over the town. Mr Langridge gave his free time, time and again for the benefit of the community.

The Vice-Chairman proposed that the town council make the award of the title of Honorary Freeman of the Town of Potton to Mr Langridge. This was duly seconded.

It was **resolved** to make Mr Peter Langridge an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Potton.

The Town Clerk suggested that the award is made at the Chairman's Community Celebration on Monday 28th April 2025 and appealed to all those present, including members of the public, to not discuss the content of the town council special meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Chairman

Mission Statement

The aim of Potton Town Council is to serve the people of this town to the best of its ability.