

**WILLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
29 JUNE 2021**

Present : Parish Councillors C Bailey, S Brazier, A J Cutts, N Keegan, N Lane,
W Salisbury, C F Todd, K Ward & J Webb.
Apologies : Parish Councillors E Angier & F R Morton.

19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

20 MRS EDITH RIDGWAY

The Chairman gave a detailed account of Mrs Edith Ridgway’s life of service within Willaston as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Willaston Coronation Committee in 1952, a volunteer fund raiser for more than 50 years for St Luke’s Church and Willaston Social Club, where she became a founding member of the Catering Committee in the late 1960’s ensuring that quality refreshments were provided at hundreds of events over a 40 year period. Her biggest contribution has been her work with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, which she has been involved with throughout her life. In 1998 she was awarded for outstanding service to the Poppy Appeal and in 2015 she received a long service medal for 60 years of volunteering with the Royal British Legion, something she continued to do until just a few years ago when in her mid 90’s. The Chairman proposed a motion that the council admit Mrs Edith Ridgway to be an Honorary Freewoman of the Parish of Willaston in recognition of her eminent services rendered to the community, an honour which is not conferred lightly and the first time that this council has considered such a motion.

Councillor Brazier then gave her own account of the life exceptional service given by Mrs Ridgway and seconded the above motion.

RESOLVED : Pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 29 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009) the council resolves to admit Mrs Edith Ridgway to be an Honorary Freewoman of the Parish of Willaston in recognition of her eminent services rendered. A private presentation to Mrs Ridgway will take place this coming weekend at the care home where she now resides.

Chairman..... Date.....