**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF**

**NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday 16th February 2016**

Present: Councillor R Best

 Councillor Mrs E Blezard

 Councillor J Botterill

 Councillor J Farrar

 Councillor J Hepworth

 Councillor S Hudson

 Councillor F D Jones

 Councillor Mrs L Masterman

 Councillor Mrs A Moran

 Councillor Mrs C Moran

 Councillor R Seal

 Councillor B Smith

 Councillor A Wassell

 Councillor K Wilson

**165. Welcome & Apologies**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies from members’ for their inability to attend were recorded in the apology book.

**166. Members Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded of the requirement to make an appropriate declaration at the meeting on any item(s) in which they had an interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

**167. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

RESOLVED that the item on the Town Hall be taken in private due to the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.

**168. Normanton Town Hall**

Members considered a report on the future of the Town Hall and discussed the various options for the Town Council’s continued use of the building.

A number of options were put forward and debated.

Members agreed that they wanted to protect the future of Normanton Town Hall and to do that they would need to assume responsibility for the building.

RESOLVED that Normanton Town Council agree in principle to take over the ‘old Town Hall’ on a 99 year lease subject to clarification of terms and running costs from Wakefield MDC.