

23rd March 2022

At the Court of Wardmote held at the The Parish Hall, St Botolph's Churchyard, London, EC2M 3TL on 23rd March 2022 before the Right Honourable Baroness Patricia Janet Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC, GCMCO, Alderman of this Ward.

The Lord Mayor's Precept was read and the Alderman welcomed electors to this annual Wardmote which due to the COVID pandemic restrictions had last met in 2019.

Minutes of the previous Wardmote of 19th March 2019 having previously been circulated, were unanimously approved by the Wardmote.

The Honorary Ward Clerk then read the names of the 6 persons validly nominated for election as Common Councilmen of this Ward being:-

Simon D`Olier Duckworth
Wendy Marilyn Hyde
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi
Andrew Paul Mayer
Benjamin Murphy
Thomas Charles Christopher Sleigh

The candidates were then invited to address the Wardmote but this being an uncontested election and all candidates having previously been Common Councilmen for this Ward, none chose to speak.

The Alderman then invited electors of the Ward to raise questions of the candidates but no questions were raised.

The Alderman then declared the 6 persons validly nominated, as duly elected Common Councilmen of this Ward and in so doing praised the vigorous and appropriate way in which they had carried out their duties over the previous years. She also noted that HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations would play a significant part in the forthcoming year

Simon Duckworth then responded on behalf of all the successful candidates and thanked the Alderman and the electors of this Ward for their continued support.

The persons duly elected then made and subscribed their Declarations of Office and undertook to comply with the City of London Code of Conduct before the Alderman.

Prior to appointing her Deputies the Alderman paid special tribute to the work of retiring Deputies Wendy Hyde and Tom Sleigh.

She then appointed her Deputy for the Ward Within, being Simon Duckworth who had served on Common Council for more than 20 years and had recently

been elected as Chief Commoner. In addition she appointed her Deputy for the Ward Without, being Shravan Joshi, in both cases for the ensuing year.

The Alderman then appointed Mr T R Morris as Honorary Ward Clerk for the ensuing year,

The Alderman next gave special thanks to Mr Rod Brafield who had kindly agreed to stand in as Ward Beadle in the absence of our normal incumbents and proposed a vote of thanks to him which was approved by all.

In their absence, she nominated Mr Joseph Akoto Mensah as Beadle for the Ward Within and Mr James Shrubb as Beadle for the Ward Without and they were unanimously elected by those present to represent this Ward for the ensuing year.

The Return to Precept was then duly completed by the Alderman and the Honorary Ward Clerk in order that it might be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office together with the completed Declarations after conclusion of this Wardmote.

Turning to the general business of the Wardmote, it was noted that by a Resolution of 19th March 2018 this Wardmote has authorised that a Reference Sub Committee be established to deal with all future matters relating to the Central Foundation Schools of London (CFSL) comprising of three currently elected Common Councilmen of this Ward. The newly elected Common Councilmen then nominated Wendy Hyde, Ben Murphy and Deputy Shravan Joshi to form that Sub Committee.

The Alderman then invited any further questions or proposals from those present but no further matters were raised.

Wendy Hyde then proposed that the results of this election and the names of the candidates duly elected be published on the Ward Notice Board which resolution was seconded by Deputy Simon Duckworth and agreed by all and followed this by proposing a vote of thanks to the Alderman for her courtesy and ability in presiding at these proceedings and this was seconded by Deputy Shravan Joshi and unanimously approved by all.

The Alderman replied and thanked all those who had attended this Wardmote

There being no further business the proceedings were closed at 12.40pm