



Melton Mowbray Town Estate

1.15(c) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

The term of appointment for a Feoffee is for a period of four years, with the potential for re-appointment for a further four years subject to being re-elected.

The appointment for Senior and Junior Townwardens is for a period of one year, with the potential for re-appointment; these appointments to be recommended and verified at the Annual Town Meeting.

There are 12 Feoffees and 2 Townwardens who serve on the board of Feoffees. The 14 trustees have equal responsibility and liability for the management of the charity.

At the first ordinary meeting, following the Annual Town Meeting the first business shall be:

- To elect a Chairman (until such appointment is made, the meeting shall be presided by the Senior Townwarden).
- To elect a Vice Chairman

The Elections for the positions of Chairman (and Vice-Chairman) should follow the protocols.

- Each individual wishing to stand as either Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) needs to have a proposer and seconder.
- If the number of nominations for Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) is *1 then the person standing for the position is elected unopposed.*
- If the number of nominations for Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) is greater than 1 then an election will take place.
 - The election will take place by means of a secret ballot.
 - Every member of the board receives a piece of paper.
 - Every member writes the name of their preferred *candidate* for the position on the piece of paper, once the vote is cast the paper should be folded to ensure secrecy.
 - All the papers are then collected up, this will be done by the circulation of container (to further ensure secrecy).
 - The votes are then counted by the Feoffees secretary, in the event of a tie the *feoffee presiding over the meeting* would have the casting vote.
 - At which point the *Feoffee* with the higher number of votes would be elected.

The feoffee' elected to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will hold that position to the first ordinary meeting, following the Annual Town Meeting.