

the adjournment or dissolution of such meeting; and provided also, that the person or persons so guilty of such disorderly or riotous conduct, or of disturbing or interrupting the Poll in any way or manner whatever, as hereinbefore specified, shall be liable, notwithstanding such restraint and imprisonment, to be otherwise prosecuted and punished as if no such arrest had been made.

26. The Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors, before entering upon the duties of their offices respectively, shall file with the Clerk the assessment receipts given to them severally by the Collector of Rates as hereinbefore provided, and shall also severally be sworn, or in case of Quakers, shall make affirmation, by taking and subscribing the following oath of office before any Justice of the Peace, that is to say:—

‘I, A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a British subject, and am qualified as by law required in every respect, for the office of Mayor, (Councillor, or Assessor, as the case may be,) to which I have been elected, and that I will diligently, faithfully, and impartially, and to the best of my ability, discharge the several duties which appertain to the said office of Mayor, (Councillor, or Assessor, as the case may be,) while I hold the same.—So help me God.’

27. If at any election any person shall be elected as Councillor for more than one Ward of the said Town, he shall within three days after receiving notice thereof, make his option and declare for which he shall serve, or in his default, the Mayor for the time being shall declare for which one of the said Wards such person shall serve as Councillor, and thereupon such person shall be held to have been elected in that Ward only, and another election shall thereupon be held in the Ward so left vacant as in other cases of extraordinary vacancies.

28. At the annual election to be held under this Act, all the officers whose term shall then expire shall be eligible for immediate re-election, if duly qualified in other respects.

29. The Councillors and Assessors to be elected under this Act shall severally go out of office on the day hereinbefore prescribed for holding the annual election.

30. The said Town Council shall meet for the transaction of business at such time and place as the Mayor or any four Councillors may from time to time appoint, giving at least three days public notice of such meeting; provided always, that there shall be four quarterly meetings in each and every year, to be held at such time and place as the Council may by any bye law appoint.

31. In all meetings of the Council to be held under this Act, three members with the Mayor or Chairman, shall constitute a Court for the purpose or purposes for which they had been convened as aforesaid, and a majority of the members present shall determine the questions and matters submitted for consideration; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk at all meetings to keep a minute of the proceedings, in which he shall enter the names of the members who shall be present at the opening or during the continuance of such meeting, and the persons whose names have been so entered, shall be deemed and taken to be to all intents and purposes present at such meeting, until the same shall be finally adjourned or dissolved by the presiding officer; and the rules, orders and regulations, enactments, and decisions of such meeting shall not be deemed illegal, or contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Act, notwithstanding some of the members shall withdraw therefrom previous to such adjournment or dissolution.

32. At all meetings of the Council, the Mayor if he be present shall preside, and in case of his absence the Councillors present shall choose one of their own number to act as Chairman and preside at such meeting; and the Mayor or Chairman so presiding shall not vote, except in case of equal votes upon any question, and he shall then have a casting vote, and all meetings of the Council shall be held with open doors.

33. The minutes of proceedings of all meetings of the said Council to be held as aforesaid, shall be drawn up and fairly entered in a book to be kept for that purpose by the Clerk, and shall be signed by the Mayor or Chairman presiding at such meeting, and the said Minute Book shall be open on payment of the fee of one shilling, to the inspection of all persons qualified to vote at the election of Councillors.

34. If any candidate or duly qualified elector be dissatisfied with the decision of the officer or person holding any election under this Act, in any case relating to the return of a Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, such candidate or elector shall within ten days next after the day of such election, make application in writing through the Clerk to the Council, setting forth the cause of complaint and demanding an investigation thereon, and the said Council are hereby authorized and required to assemble and examine, and determine the matter of such complaint without delay, but the Mayor or Councillor whose return or seat is in dispute shall not vote on the examination of such complaint, and if it shall appear to the Council by satisfactory evidence on complaint as aforesaid, that any person has been returned and is serving as Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, contrary to the provisions of this Act, the said Council shall declare his election to be void, and shall direct a new election to be held to supply his place, as in the case of other extraordinary vacancies.

35. It shall be lawful for the said Council to appoint from out of the members composing such Council, such and so many Committees, and consisting of such number of persons as they may think fit, for the transaction of the business before such Council, and for the discharge of such duties as by the said Council may be prescribed, but subject in all things to the approval, authority, and control of the said Council, and in all questions coming before any such Committee, a majority of the members present shall determine such question, provided that a majority of the persons composing such Committee be present.

36. If at any meeting of the said Council to be held under this Act, any member of the Council shall be guilty of grossly violent or improper conduct, or shall make use of language indecent, or profane, or insulting to the presiding officer, or to any member of the Council present at the meeting, the Council, if five members in all, or more, besides the offender, be then present and concur in the sentence, may expel such offending Councillor from the Council, or another meeting may be specially summoned to adjudicate upon the subject, the time and object of such meeting being previously notified in writing to every member, or to be left at his usual place of abode; and if five members at least, including the offender, be present at such special meeting, the Council so assembled shall have power in such manner as may be determined at such meeting, to punish the offender by reprimand, fine, or expulsion, as any five of the members then present shall think fit; provided that in case of expulsion, the person so expelled shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Council, and forfeit all rights, powers, and privileges enjoyed by him as such, and the Mayor shall