

## **SHERBORNE TOWN COUNCIL**

At the Annual Meeting of the SHERBORNE TOWN COUNCIL held at The Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne, on **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008** at 6.30 pm

*Present:* Mr K Batten (Town Mayor)  
Mr D Elliott (Deputy Town Mayor)

Mesdames S Greene, D Gurzynski, S Moody, K Pike,  
J Smith and M Snowden  
Messrs M Boustead, V Clark, S Clayton and M Waldron

*In attendance:* Mrs V Todd (Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Woodford (Minute Taker)

*The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer*

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2. TOWN MAYOR**

Inauguration of the Town Mayor for 2008/2009. On the proposition of Cllr Batten, seconded by Cllr Snowden it was

**RESOLVED: That Cllr D Elliott is appointed Town Mayor for the ensuing year.**

Cllr Elliott accepted the office, read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance and Cllr Batten invested him with the Chain of Office. Cllr Elliott thanked Members and took the Chair.

### **3. RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

The Mayor called upon Cllr Gurzynski to pass a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor. Cllr Gurzynski thanked Councillor Batten and Mrs Batten and assured them that it would be a year they would never forget. She congratulated Councillor Batten on his good humour, versatility, for doing so much within the Town during his year in office and his calm control of Council meetings.

Cllr Boustead said a few words in support of the motion.

Having paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Gurzynski proposed, seconded by Cllr Boustead, that it was

**RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its thanks to Cllr Batten for the way in which he carried out his duties as Town Mayor during the past year.**

Cllr Batten replied to the vote of thanks and highlighted some of the most memorable moments of his year in office. He thanked, above all, his wife Mrs Sonia Batten for her support and help during the year. He also thanked the office staff and especially the Town Clerk, Mrs Valerie Todd. Cllr Batten was particularly pleased with the progress made in the Pageant Gardens, he thanked the outside staff for their help and hard work, with special thanks to the Outside Team Leader for his advice and assistance. He recommended to all that they should visit the garden to see for themselves how good it is looking.

**4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

Inauguration of the Deputy Town Mayor for 2008/2009. On the proposition of Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Snowden it was

**RESOLVED: That Cllr M Boustead is appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.**

Cllr Boustead accepted the office, thanked Members and was invested with the Chain of Office.

**5. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008, having been circulated to the Members prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**6. SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor announced that a Special Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Manor House.

The order of business having been concluded, the Mayor made his inaugural speech.

He thanked all those present for attending. He introduced his Mayoress, Mrs Jenny Vickers, who has kindly agreed to accompany him during his term of office and thanked her for her offer of support. He expressed concern about the loss of employment opportunities in the town and stressed the need to encourage new employers to allow existing companies to expand and ensure prosperity in Sherborne. He thanked all the contributors to the Sherborne in Bloom competition and looked forward to further success this year. He praised the work in the Pageant Gardens saying that they are a credit to the town and to the outside workforce.

The Mayor's chosen charities for this year are The Sherborne Scout Group and the Sherborne Parochial Charities Fund.

The Mayor again thanked everyone for attending and invited them to remain for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

