

SHERBORNE TOWN COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the SHERBORNE TOWN COUNCIL held at The Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne, on **MONDAY 18th May 2009** at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllr D Elliott (Town Mayor)
Cllr M Boustead (Deputy Town Mayor)

Cllrs K Batten, V Clark, S Clayton, S Cook, S Greene,
D Gurzynski, K Pike, J Smith, M Snowden and M Waldron

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

Canon Woods 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 2009/2010. On the proposition of Cllr Elliott, seconded by Cllr Batten it was

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

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

3. RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

The Mayor called upon Cllr Snowden to pass a vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor. Cllr Snowden thanked Councillor Elliott and Mrs Jenny Vickers for all they had done over the past year. She noted that Councillor Elliott's family had resided in Sherborne for many generations and had left their mark on various significant buildings within the town, including Sherborne Abbey where some of the pews were carved by one of his predecessors. However she noted that no Elliott had been involved in the civic side of running the town and congratulated Councillor Elliott on his achievement.

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

Having paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Snowden proposed, seconded by Cllr Batten that

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

Cllr Elliott replied to the vote of thanks and stated that his family moved to Sherborne, from Scotland, in 1768. Cllr Elliott said how much he had enjoyed his time in office and thanked both the outside staff, the Area Partnership and the office staff for their support throughout the year. He also gave special thanks to Mrs Jenny Vickers for her support in the role of Mayoress and for accompanying him to 65 civic occasions throughout his term.

4. DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Inauguration of the Deputy Town Mayor for 2009/2010. On the proposition of Cllr Boustead and seconded by Cllr Gurzynski it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Smith is appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

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

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 20th April 2009, 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 26th May 2009 at 7 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 and introduced his Mayoress, Councillor Mrs Drusilla Gurzynski. He noted that some previous Mayor's were present at the meeting and gave some historical details on those who had held the office in recent years. Councillor Boustead thanked his fellow councillors and the Town Council staff for their help and looked forward to working with them in the coming year. He noted that some recent press reports were apparently inaccurate and cast the council staff in a bad light, and he hoped that the standard of reporting would improve in the coming year. He outlined the Council's intentions to create a new Arts Centre in the town and that General Sir Robert Fry would say a few words on the plans for this new facility after the close of the meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

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Town Mayor

