

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, DEVIZES
ON THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010 AT 6.45PM**

Present: Chairman (Councillor Pete Smith)

Councillors: Beinhorn Mrs S Bridewell Mrs J Burton
Callow East Evans
Mrs S Evans Gagen Gudgeon
Hopkins Nash Parsons
A R Taylor Mrs M Taylor C S Winchcombe
Mrs P Winchcombe

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2010/2011

The Meeting having assembled, it was brought to order by the Mayor's Officer who called upon the assembly to rise and receive the Town Mayor's Chain of Office. The Mayor's Officer entered the Assembly Room followed by the Macebearers and the Town Clerk. The Mayoral Chain of Office was laid on the table alongside the Hanap Cup and the Maces and other insignia.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Burton, seconded by Councillor Beinhorn and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Pete Smith is elected Town Mayor of Devizes for 2010/2011.

The newly elected Town Mayor then retired into the Grand Jury Room in order to enable the latter to robe.

On returning to the Assembly Room, Councillor C S Winchcombe formally invested the Town Mayor with the Chain and Badge of Office.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Upon the Town Clerk's invitation, Councillor Smith made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which both he and the Town Clerk then signed. The Town Mayor thereupon assumed the Chair. He advised the meeting that his Mayor's Appeal charities would be Age Concern, Contact-a-Family and Devizes & District Association for the Disabled.

3. MAYORAL THANKS

Councillor Smith rose in his place and suitably thanked his proposer and seconder and the members of the Council for his election and for the confidence they had placed in him.

4. MAYORESS' BADGE OF OFFICE

Mrs Julie Leighton passed the Mayoress badge to Mrs Sonia Smith for the coming Mayoral year.

5. MINUTES

There were no minutes for ratification.

6. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

7. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: VOTE OF THANKS

It was proposed by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans and RESOLVED

THAT This council resolves that a vote of thanks be recorded to the late Councillor John Leighton, Mayor for Devizes 2009/2010, for the conscientious and courageous manner in which he carried out his duties as Mayor for the benefit of all the residents of Devizes.

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs Winchcombe and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

THAT Councillor Mrs Evans is elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2010/2011.

The Town Mayor thereupon invited Councillor Mrs Evans to come forward and take her designated place beside him.

The Town Mayor then invested Councillor Mrs Evans with her Badge of Office after which Councillor Mrs Evans addressed the Council and thanked the members for her election.

9. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Town Mayor announced to the meeting the prerogative appointments he had made and suitably thanked those named for accepting them. The appointments are as follows: -

Chamberlains	-	Councillor Mrs Taylor Councillor Parsons
High Constables	-	Miss Naomi Smith and Mr Tony Waller
Mayor's Chaplain	-	Reverend Cannon Paul Richardson
Macebearers	-	Mr Peter Powell and Mr Andrew Bewley
Mayoress' Macebearer	-	Mr Pete Eagles
Mayor's Officer	-	Mr Marcus Hopgood

10. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The Council received and noted the report.

11. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Town Mayor then asked the Town Clerk whether she had any matters to bring to the Council's attention at this time. The Town Clerk indicated there were none.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Mayor reminded members of the Council of the invitation extended to them to process in State and attend morning service at St John's Church on Sunday, 13 June 2009 (Inaugural Service) and hoped that as many members as possible together with their partners would support him on this occasion.

13. QUESTIONS

The Town Clerk replied that there were no questions.

14. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS IN 2010/2011

Councillors were asked by the Town Mayor to note the dates of meetings during the forthcoming year, a copy of which had previously been circulated and which would be annexed to and form part of these minutes.

15. COMMON SEAL

In accordance with custom the Town Clerk read out to the meeting the Sealing Resolution which is as follows:-

THAT The Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds, or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or other decisions of the Council taken thereat.

It was proposed by Councillor C S Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Taylor and RESOLVED

THAT The Sealing Resolution be adopted.

16. CLOSURE

The Town Mayor then declared the meeting closed at 7.05m and the Mayor's Officer made an announcement inviting Councillors, their partners and the Mayor's family and personal guests to join him for the civic reception, once the Assembly Room had been made ready.

CHAIRMAN