

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, DEVIZES
ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009 AT 6.45PM**

Present: The Town Mayor (Mrs Burton)

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

1. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR 2009/2010

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. The Town Mayor entered the Assembly Room preceded by the Mayor's Officer, the Macebearers and the Town Clerk and took his place at the table. The Hanap Cup and the Maces were laid on the table with the other insignia.

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

THAT Councillor John Leighton is elected Town Mayor of Devizes for 2009/2010.

The outgoing Mayor (Councillor Jane Burton and 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 Jane Burton 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 Leighton 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 Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Kits and Kats and Dorothy House Hospice.

3. MAYORAL THANKS

Councillor Leighton then 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

Mr Richard Burton passed the Mayoress badge to Mrs Julie Leighton for the coming Mayoral year.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2009 having previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman.

6. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

7. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: VOTE OF THANKS

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

THAT This council resolves that a vote of thanks be given to Jane Burton, Mayor for Devizes 2008/2009, for the conscientious and enthusiastic manner in which she has carried out her duties as Mayor for the benefit of all the residents of Devizes.

8. IMMEDIATE PAST TOWN MAYOR: REPLY

The immediate past Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Burton then suitably replied in response to this resolution and in turn thanked the members of the Council for their support during her Mayoral Year and also for the tributes just paid to her by Councillor C S Winchcombe and Councillor Smith. Councillor Mrs Burton concluded her address by formally handing over to the Town Mayor the bunch of keys he will be required to use during his year in office. She advised the Council that she had raised in excess of £6,000 for her charities.

9. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2009/2010

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

THAT Councillor Smith is elected Deputy Town Mayor for 2009/2010.

The Town Mayor thereupon invited Councillor Smith to come forward and take his designated place beside her at the Council table.

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

10. 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 Evans and Councillor A R Taylor
High Constables	-	Mr Richard Burton and Mr Philip Winchcombe
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

11. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The Council received and noted the report.

12. 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.

13. 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, 7 June 2009 (Inaugural Service) and hoped that as many members as possible together with their partners would support him on this occasion.

14. QUESTIONS

The Town Clerk replied that there were no questions.

15. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS IN 2009/2010

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.

16. 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 Evans and RESOLVED

THAT The Sealing Resolution be adopted.

17. CLOSURE

The Town Mayor then declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm and the Town Clerk 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