

Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Ceremony held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 3 May 2010

PRESENT Councillors Granville Bantick, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Brian Elliott, Bernardine Fiddimore, Lorna Hall, Sonia Holmes, Paul Osborne, Frank Palmer, Ian Potter, Shaun Rogers, David Russell, Sam Souster, David Wright

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; George Brown – Town Sergeant; David Paine – Second Mace Bearer; Judy Pettitt - Assistant Town Clerk; Captain Paul Tyler - Mayor's Chaplain; Rex Swain - Town Crier; approximately 70 members of the public - including Distinguished and Invited Guests

The meeting commenced at 11am.

Prayers were said by the Mayor's Chaplain.

1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN 2010-11

After welcoming Distinguished and Invited Guests, Cllr Souster thanked members of staff for their support over the past two years and presented them with gifts. He then presented the organisations following with £540 cheques (funded by his Mayoral Allowance): Rye & District Community Transport, Rye & District Sea Cadets, Rye & District Day Care Centre – as well a floral arrangement to the outgoing Mayoress, Rita Cox.

Cllr Souster invited nominations for the position of Mayor/Chairman for 2010-11.

Cllr Ian Potter proposed, and Cllr Paul Osborne seconded, Cllr John Breeds. There being no other nominations Cllr Souster declared Cllr John Breeds elected and adjourned the meeting for dis/robing. *The meeting reconvened.*

2 OATH AND DECLARATION

Cllr John Breeds swore the Traditional Mayoral Oath and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 1951 PENNIES

Cllr Souster passed the 1951 Pennies to the Mayor for safekeeping and the Clerk explained their historical significance.

The Mayor presented Cllr Souster with a Past Mayor's Badge.

4 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Jo Kirkham and Mary Smith.

5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2010-11

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman for the year 2010-2011.

Cllr David Russell proposed and Cllr Granville Bantick seconded, Cllr Lorna Hall

There being no other nominations the Mayor declared Cllr Hall to be elected and adjourned the meeting for robing. *The meeting reconvened.*

6 OATH AND DECLARATION

Cllr Hall swore the Traditional Oath and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7 TOWN CLERK'S OATH

Mr Richard Farhall swore the traditional Town Clerk's Oath.

8 APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S SERGEANT AND MACE BEARER

The Mayor appointed Mr George Brown to the Office of Mayor's Sergeant and Mace Bearer. Mr Brown swore the traditional Mayor's Sergeant Oath.

9 APPOINTMENT OF SECOND MACE BEARER

The Mayor appointed Mr David Paine as Second Mace Bearer.

10 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor appointed Captain Paul Tyler as the Mayor's Chaplain.

11 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADETS

The Mayor re-appointed Able Cadet Edward Jury and appointed Able Cadet Danielle McClean, presenting the latter with a badge of office.

12 MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked Councilors for their support and those present for attending – especially family members; noted that the Council had Quality Status as well as the Power of Well Being; and expressed the hope that, during his term office, the Council would gain more control over the planning process and secure affordable devolved services.

The Mayor appointed his wife, Geraldine Breeds as his Mayoress. The Mayor's Sergeant presented her with the Mayoress's Badge.

13 CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.37.

Date Chairman

Members of the public, Distinguished and Invited Guests joined the Mayor and Council in a short service in the Parish Church. The guests returned to the Town Hall for a glass of wine and to throw hot pennies to a group of young people below, accompanied by the Town Crier.

The Maces led those attending the Mayor's Luncheon to the Mermaid Inn.

The Distinguished Guests attending the meeting were: The High Sheriff of East Sussex and Mr M Bedford; The Chairman of Rother District Council and Mrs C Mooney; The Chairman of East Sussex County Council; The Speaker of the Cinque Ports, The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Dover and the Mayoress of Dover; The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hastings and Cllr E Martin; The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchelsea and the Mayoress of Winchelsea.