

**Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Ceremony held at the
Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 16 May 2011**

PRESENT Councillors Lord Ampthill, Granville Bantick, Gemma Blumire, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Mike Eve, Bernardine Fiddimore, Heidi Foster, Sonia Holmes, Nigel Jennings, Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter, Shaun Rogers, Adam Smith, Mary Smith, Sam Souster

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Kevin Barry – Town Sergeant; David Paine – Second Mace Bearer; Judy Pettitt - Assistant Town Clerk; Captain Paul Tyler - Mayor’s Chaplain; Rex Swain - Town Crier; approximately 65 members of the public - including Distinguished and Invited Guests

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Prayers were said by the Mayor’s Chaplain.

1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN 2011-12

The Mayor welcomed the Distinguished, Invited Guests and members of the public.

The Mayor took the opportunity to thank – and in some cases make gifts to – a number of people for their contributions to the Council/Mayorality - including former Councillors Mrs Lorna Hall and Mr Frank Palmer, Captain Paul Tyler, Mrs Judy Pettitt, Mr Richard Farhall and Mrs Geraldine Breeds.

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Mayor/Chairman for 2011-12.

Cllr Lord Ampthill proposed, and Cllr Ian Potter seconded, Cllr John Breeds. Cllr Lord Ampthill spoke to his proposal.

There being no other nominations Cllr John Breeds declared himself to be re-elected.

2 OATH AND DECLARATION

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

3 1951 PENNIES

The Mayor passed the 1951 Pennies to the Clerk (to look after on the Mayor’s behalf) who then explained their historical significance.

4 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2011-12

The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman for the year 2011-12.

Cllr Mary Smith proposed and Cllr Adam Smith seconded, Cllr Granville Bantick. Both Members spoke to their proposal.

Cllr Fiddimore proposed and Cllr Ian Potter seconded Cllr Shaun Rogers. Cllr Fiddimore spoke to her proposal.

Following a show hands it was declared that each candidate had received 7 votes each. The Mayor exercised a casting vote in favour of Cllr Rogers – who was declared elected.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to facilitate the robing of Councillor Rogers in the Parlour.

6 OATH AND DECLARATION

Cllr Rogers 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 Kevin Barry to the Office of Mayor's Sergeant and Mace Bearer.

Mr Barry 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 the Reverend Canon David Frost as the Mayor's Chaplain.

11 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADETS

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

12 MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor explained that because he had not managed to organise any charity fund raising events he had decide to donate most of his remaining Mayoral Allowance as follows:

Rye & District Community Transport	£250
ARRCC	£250

Rye Museum Association (Women's Tower)	£250
St Michaels Hospice	£250

Where they were present, representatives of the charities were presented with a cheque.

The Mayor expressed his hope that the issue of 'which supermarket would construct a store on the former Lower School site' would not drag on; looked forward to the Council continuing to negotiate the return of the allotments and other assets to the town; and advised that Rye could expect to be beset by road works over the next year or so.

The Mayor re-appointed Mrs Geraldine Breeds as his Mayoress.

13 CLOSURE

The Mayor closed the meeting at 7.01pm

Date Chairman

Members of the public, Distinguished and Invited Guests joined the Mayor and Council for a glass of wine and to throw hot pennies to a group of young people below, accompanied by the Town Crier.

The Distinguished Guests attending the meeting were: The High Sheriff of East Sussex and Mr Jack Gore; The Chairman of Rother District Council and Mrs Robert Elliston; The Right Worshipful Deputy Mayor of Hastings and Guest; The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchelsea and Mayoress.