

**Minutes of the Annual Mayor Making Ceremony and First Meeting
of the Council held at the
Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 20 May 2019**

PRESENT Councillors David Amphthill, David Bookless, Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Cheryl Creaser, Rebekah Gilbert, Pat Hughes, Jo Kirkham, Ian Potter, Andi Rivett, Sam Souster, Andy Stuart, Sam Wood

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Paul Goring - Town Sergeant; David Paine – Second Mace Bearer; Jessica Neame – Deputy Town Clerk Designate; Martin Wight – Town Hall Attendant; Steve Lippross – Town Hall Keeper; The Reverend Canon David Frost – Chaplain to the Mayor; approximately 50 members of the public - including Distinguished and Invited Guests

Prior to the meeting commencing Prayers were said by the Mayor’s Chaplain.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR & CHAIRMAN 2019-20
The Mayor, Cllr Michael Boyd invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for 2019-20.

Cllr John Breeds proposed, and Cllr Cheryl Creaser seconded, Cllr Michael Boyd. There being no other nominations Cllr Michael Boyd declared himself re-elected.

2 OATH AND DECLARATION
Cllr Boyd swore the Traditional Mayoral Oath and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 1951 PENNIES
The Mayor passed the Pennies to the Clerk, for safe keeping, who then explained their historical significance.

4 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk - were accepted from Cllrs Chris Hoggart and Shaun Rogers.

5 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR & DEPUTY CHAIRMAN 2019-20
The Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2019-20.

Cllr Jonathan Breeds proposed, and Cllr Cheryl Creaser seconded, Cllr Rebekah Gilbert.

There being no other nominations Cllr Rebekah Gilbert was declared re-elected.

6 OATH AND DECLARATION
Cllr Gilbert 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 re-appointed Mr Paul Goring to the Office of Mayor’s Sergeant and Mace Bearer.

9 APPOINTMENT OF SECOND MACE BEARER

The Mayor re-appointed Mr David Paine as Second Mace Bearer.

10 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CHAPLAIN

The Mayor re-appointed the Reverend Canon David Frost as Chaplain to the Mayor.

11 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CADETS

The Mayor appointed Cadet Alfie Hayes and Cadet 1st Class Hayden Cope and presented each with a Mayor’s Cadet Badge.

12 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

RESOLVED To note that the prescribed conditions for exercising the General Power of Competence have been met – namely:

- (a) A minimum of two-thirds of the vacancies on the Council were filled at the last ordinary elections (2 May 2019);
- (b) The Clerk holds a relevant sector-specific qualification

- and to confirm that the Council is eligible to exercise the General Power of Competence until the annual meeting following the next ordinary elections.

13 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Clerk advised that one Member only, Cllr Hoggart, had not yet signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

RESOLVED To give Cllr Hoggart a further period of 14 days within which to sign his declaration. **Cllr Hoggart, Clerk**

14 MAYOR’S ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending; explained that, because of a (now resolved) staffing matter, the Council had not been able to undertake everything it had hoped to in the last year – and welcomed the new Members of the Council.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 6.50pm.

Date Chairman

Members of the public and the Distinguished and Invited Guests remained at the Town Hall for a glass of wine and to throw hot pennies to a small group of young people waiting on the street below.

Toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and the Antient Town of Rye followed.

The Distinguished Guests attending the meeting were: Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Andrew Blackman; The Speaker of the Cinque Ports and Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hastings, Cllr Nigel Sinden; Rother District Councillor for Rye, Gennette Stevens; the East Sussex County Councillor for Rye, Keith Glazier.