

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held via Zoom on
Monday 19 October 2020**

PRESENT Councillors David Amphill, David Bookless, Michael Boyd, Cheryl Creaser, Rebekah Gilbert (**Mayor** – Speaker of the Cinque Ports), Chris Hoggart, Jo Kirkham, Andi Rivett (**Deputy Mayor**), Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall - Town Clerk (Host); Jessica Neame – Deputy Town Clerk (Co-Host); Rother District Cllr Gennette Stevens; East Sussex County Cllr Keith Glazier; 11 members of the public (including Christine Emson).

The meeting commenced at 6.32pm.

18 PRAYERS

The Mayor’s Chaplain, The Reverend Canon David Frost was not present and so Payers were not said.

19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Jonathan Breeds, Pat Hughes, Ian Potter and Sam Wood.

20 CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no disclosures of interest – nor requests for dispensation.

21 CHRISTINE EMSON

As the sponsor of the nomination, Cllr Stuart outlined why Mrs Christine Emson should be made an Honorary Freeman of Rye.

RESOLVED (unanimous) That, in pursuance of sections 249(5) and 249(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council of the Antient Town of Rye, assembled especially for this purpose, hereby admits CHRISTINE EMSON as an Honorary Freeman of the Town, this being the highest distinction within the Council’s power to bestow, in recognition of her rendering over 30 years of voluntary service to the Town and its Townsfolk.

Mrs Emson thanked members for their nomination.

It was noted that Mrs Emson’s commemorative scroll would be presented by the Mayor at a later date.

The meeting ended at 6.41pm.

Date Chairman