

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 18 September 2017**

**PRESENT** Councillors Sam Barnes, Mike Boyd (**Deputy Mayor**), John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (**Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Justin Erswell, Rebekah Gilbert, Charlie Harkness, Pat Hughes, Jo Kirkham, Andi Rivett, Andy Stuart

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Jessica Neame – Acting Town Sergeant; Colonel Anthony Kimber – RNPSG Vice Chairman; John Minter – *Rye News*; Lois Benton, 4 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 6.31pm.*

**64 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllrs Bernardine Fiddimore, Ian Potter, Ray Prewer and Shaun Rogers.

**65 CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no disclosures of interest nor dispensation requests.

**66 LOIS HARRISON BENTON**

Cllr Gilbert introduced her proposal (see **APPENDIX**).

**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 resolves to admit LOIS HARRISON BENTON as an Honorary Freewoman of the Town, this being the highest distinction within the Council’s power to bestow in recognition of four decades of contributing to the development of Girlguiding locally, as well as encouraging younger parishioners during thirty-four years of music teaching.**

The Mayor presented Miss Benton with a commemorative scroll.

Miss Benton thanked Cllr Gilbert and Town Councillors for the award and summarised her involvement in the community since she moved to the parish in 1963.

*The meeting ended at 6.38pm*

Date ..... Chairman .....