

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL,  
HELD IN THE LARGE COURT OF THE GUILDHALL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009, STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor J A Harding: Chairman for item 1/09 only

Councillors:

G P Balaam	D G Mortimer
R F W Brame	A Paines
Mrs M P Chapman-Allen	Mrs P P Quadling
S H Chapman-Allen	M G Spencer
T J Jermy	Mrs P A Spencer (Mayor-Elect)
R G Kybird	S N H Wright
T J Lamb	

1/09 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

Moved by Councillor D G Mortimer and seconded by Councillor A Paines, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P A Spencer be elected Mayor for Mayoral Year 2009/10.

The newly elected Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Spencer, thereupon read out and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the chair.

2/09 PRAYERS

Prayers were said by David Freeman, the Town Clerk having first announced that Canon Bob Baker would serve as Mayor's Chaplain in Mayoral Year 2009/10 (Canon Baker had been unable to attend that evening owing to prior commitments.)

3/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

*(Note for the record: all 14 Councillors were present, with by-elections for the two vacancies imminent)*

4/09 MINUTES FROM LAST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLVED that, in light of the essentially ceremonial nature of that evening's meeting (also known as Mayor-Making), consideration of the minutes from the meeting of the Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009

take place at the next ordinary meeting of the Council, scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

5/09 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Moved by Councillor R F W Brame and seconded by Councillor S H Chapman-Allen, it was:

RESOLVED that a sincere vote of thanks be given to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor R G Kybird.

Councillor J A Harding duly replied.

6/09 NEW MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Spencer, announced that her Civic Service would take place on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009, at St Cuthbert's Church.

Her Reception would take place on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009, in the Carnegie Room.

Her nominated charities for the Year were the Air Ambulance and St Nicholas' Hospice.

7/09 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY-MAYOR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

Moved by Councillor S N H Wright and seconded by Councillor Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor J A Harding be elected Deputy-Mayor for Mayoral Year 2009/10.

Councillor Harding thereupon read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8/09 MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

Moved by Councillor Mrs P P Quadling and seconded by Councillor T J Jermy, it was:

RESOLVED that Document A, annexed hereto, be duly adopted.

9/09 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

Moved by Councillor R G Kybird and seconded by Councillor G P Balaam, it was:

RESOLVED that Document B, annexed hereto, be duly adopted.

10/09 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

Moved by Councillor M G Spencer and seconded by Councillor Mrs P P Quadling, it was:

RESOLVED that Document C, annexed hereto, be duly adopted.

*Note: The Document included in the agenda papers mistakenly included Councillor Pearson in the list of Amenities Committee members. His name has been omitted from the version annexed hereto.*

11/09 APPOINTMENT AND NOMINATION OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES IN MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

Moved by Councillor A Paines and seconded by Councillor D G Mortimer, it was:

RESOLVED that Document D, annexed hereto, be duly adopted.