

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL,
HELD IN THE LARGE COURT OF THE GUILDHALL ON
WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY 2011, STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P P Quadling: Chairman for item 1/11 only.

Councillors:

Mrs S J Armes	R G Kybird
Mrs B J Canham	D G Mortimer (Mayor-Elect)
C S Clark	B J Skull
D M Crawford	M G Spencer
Miss C A Fulford	Mrs P A Spencer
J A Harding	S N H Wright
T J Jermy	

1/11 ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2011/12

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

RESOLVED that Councillor D G Mortimer be elected Town Mayor for Mayoral Year 2011/12.

The newly elected Mayor, Councillor D G Mortimer, thereupon read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Mayoral Office and assumed the chair.

2/11 PRAYERS

Prayers were said by Canon Bob Baker, the Mayor's Chaplain for Mayoral Year 2011/12.

3/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology had been received on behalf of Councillor-Elect* Mr Dennis Sully

Councillor T J Lamb was the other absentee.

[Mr Sully was away on holiday and had yet to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.]*

4/11 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 of the Council Meeting held on 27th April 2011 take place at the next ordinary meeting, scheduled for 25th May 2011.

5/11 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING TOWN MAYOR

Moved by Councillor D G Mortimer and seconded by Councillor S N H Wright, it was:

RESOLVED that the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs P P Quadling, be sincerely thanked for all she had accomplished in her Mayoral Year.

Councillor Mrs P P Quadling replied, thanking her fellow Councillors and Council staff for their support.

6/11 NEW MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor D G Mortimer addressed the meeting, acknowledging his election for the second time as Mayor and taking the opportunity to announce that his Civic Service would take place in St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday, 19th June 2011.

His Reception would be held in the Carnegie Room on the evening of Friday 24th June 2011.

His Nominated Charity for the Year was Cancer Research UK.

7/11 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY-TOWN MAYOR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2011/12

Moved by Councillor R G Kybird and seconded by Councillor Miss C A Fulford, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P P Quadling be elected Deputy-Town Mayor for Mayoral Year 2011/12.

Note:

A procedural oversight resulted in Councillor Mrs Quadling having to complete and sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office later in the evening, as agreed by the members present.

8/11 MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2011/12

Moved by Councillor Mrs P A Spencer and seconded by Councillor B J Skull, it was:

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

9/11 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2011/12

Moved by Councillor C Clark and seconded by Councillor Mrs B J Canham, it was:

RESOLVED that the Committee Structure be reviewed at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 25th May 2011.

10/11 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2011/12

Moved by Councillor T J Jermy and seconded by Councillor J A Harding, it was:

RESOLVED that Committee Membership be considered at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 25th May 2011.

11/11 APPOINTMENT AND NOMINATION OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES IN MAYORAL YEAR 2011/12

Moved by Councillor J A Harding and seconded by Councillor D M Crawford, it was:

RESOLVED that Appointments and Nominations be considered at the meeting of the Council scheduled for 25th May 2011.

Chairman