

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE LARGE COURT OF THE GUILDHALL ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY 2008, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

The Town Mayor, Councillor R G Kybird: Chairman for item 1/08 only

Councillors:

G P Balaam	PJ Pearson
R F W Brame	G M O Pickering
Mrs M P Chapman-Allen	Mrs P P Quadling
S H Chapman-Allen	M G Spencer
J A Harding (Town Mayor-Elect)	Mrs P A Spencer
T J Lamb	S N H Wright
D G Mortimer	

1/08 ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2008/9

Moved by Councillor P J Pearson and seconded by Councillor D G Mortimer, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor J A Harding be elected Town Mayor for Mayoral Year 2008/9.

The newly elected Town Mayor, Councillor J A Harding, thereupon read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and assumed the chair.

2/08 PRAYERS

The Mayor introduced his Chaplain, David Freeman, who proceeded to say a few prayers.

3/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Clerk presented apologies on behalf of Councillors A Paines and Mrs T I Paines.

4/08 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR

Moved by Councillor R F 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.

5/08 NEW MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor, Councillor J A Harding, announced that his Civic Service would take place on Sunday, 15th June at St Cuthbert's Church, with the service to be taken by the Bishop of Thetford.

He confirmed the date of this year's Open Gardens Event, namely, Sunday 22nd June.

His Civic Reception would take place on the evening of Friday 27th June (venue to be confirmed). *Afternote: Now confirmed as the Carnegie Room.*

His nominated charity was the Youth Development Team (run by Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service).

6/08 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2008/9

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

RESOLVED that Councillor R G Kybird be elected Deputy Town Mayor for Mayoral Year 2008/9.

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

7/08 AGREEING THE MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2008/9

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

RESOLVED that Document A, annexed hereto, be adopted.

8/08 AGREEING THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2008/9

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

RESOLVED that Document B, annexed hereto, be adopted.

9/08 AGREEING THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2008/9 WILL BE DECIDED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 28TH MAY 2008

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

RESOLVED that Committee Membership for Mayoral Year 2008/9 be decided at the Council Meeting scheduled for 28th May 2008.

10/08 AGREEING THE APPOINTMENT AND NOMINATION OF TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON OTHER BODIES IN MAYORAL YEAR 2008/9

Moved by Councillor P J Pearson and seconded by Councillor D G Mortimer, it was:

RESOLVED that Document C, annexed hereto, be adopted.