

Present: Councillor Mrs J Bland
Councillor T B Buckett MBE
Councillor Mrs G M Dodds
Councillor A J Follett
Councillor C W Gibson
Councillor Miss L M Hillier
Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin
Councillor Mrs R Myer
Councillor D R Nimmo-Smith
Councillor C I Pye
Councillor Miss L H Pye
Councillor S R Smith
Councillor Dr P J Skolar
Councillor Dr B G Wood
Councillor Mrs J Wood

Also Present: The Town Clerk – Mr M Kennedy
Minute Taker – Ms N Taylor

In attendance: 1 Member of the Press
183 Members of the Public

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2009 - 2010**

The Processional Party headed by the Mace Bearer, Retiring Mayor Councillor G M Dodds, retiring Deputy Mayor Councillor E Hodgkin, Town Clerk and Mayor's Chaplain entered the meeting.

The Reverend Canon Martyn Griffiths open the proceedings with prayers

Councillor T B Buckett proposed and Councillor Mrs J Wood seconded

that Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Hodgkin be elected Mayor of this town for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, the motion was put.

It was RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Hodgkin be elected Mayor for the Municipal year 2009-2010.

2. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin made her Declaration of Acceptance, was invested with the Mayoral Chain of Office and gave a speech of thanks.

3. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

A vote of thanks to Councillor Mrs G Dodds was proposed by Councillor C W Gibson and seconded by Councillor A J Follett.

It was RESLOVED

that the Council's thanks and appreciation to Councillor Dodds be recorded in the minutes.

4. **MAYOR'S RELIEF AND CONVALESCENT FUND**

Councillor Mrs G Dodds responded to the Council's expression of thanks and then presented her Relief and Convalescent fund report.

Councillor Dodds Presented cheques to her three chosen Charities:
Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children
Citizens Advise Bureau
Headway Thames Valley

Mr M Dodds invested the New Mayor's escort, Mr R Hodgkin with the Badge of Office for Mayor's Escort

5. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor A J Follett proposed and Councillor Miss L H Pye seconded

that Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood be elected Deputy Mayor of this town for the ensuing year.

There being no further nominations, the motion was put.

It was RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 2009-2010.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin invested Councillor Mrs J Wood with the Chain of Office for Deputy Mayor.

Mr R Hodgkin invested Councillor B G Wood with the Badge of Office for Deputy Mayor's Escort.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councillor A J Follett proposed and Councillor Mrs G Dodds seconded the appointment of Standing Committees and membership thereof for the Municipal year 2009-2010.

It was RESOLVED

that the appointment of Standing Committees and the membership thereof be adopted as set out on the attached schedule

8. **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor A J Follett proposed and Councillor Mrs G Dodds seconded the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies for the Municipal year 2009–2010.

It was RESOLVED

that the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies be adopted as set out on the attached schedule.

9. **DATES OF MEETINGS**

Councillor A J Follett proposed and Councillor Mrs G Dodds seconded the Calendar of Meetings for the ensuing Municipal Year 2009–2010.

It was RESOLVED

that the Calendar of Meetings be adopted as set out on the attached schedule.

Meeting closed 12.20pm

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Mayor