

Present: Councillor M S Akehurst
Councillor Mrs J Bland
Councillor D Clenshaw
Councillor Miss S Evans
Councillor S J Gawrysiak
Councillor Miss K L Gehrman
Councillor W Hamilton
Councillor Miss L M Hillier
Councillor D Hinke
Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin
Councillor Ms L A Meachin
Councillor D R Nimmo-Smith
Councillor Mrs P A Phillips
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor D M Silvester
Councillor Mrs J Wood

In attendance: Mr M Kennedy – Town Clerk
Ms J Brazil – Committee Administrator
Mr C Austin – Town Sergeant

Also Present: Approximately 150 invited guests and members of the public

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR 2011 - 2012**

The Processional Party headed by the Mace bearer, Retiring Mayor Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood, retiring Deputy Mayor Mr Christopher Pye, Town Clerk and Mayor's Chaplain entered the meeting.

The Reverend Canon Martyn Griffiths opened the proceedings with prayers

Councillor Ian Reissmann proposed and Councillor Ms Laila Meachin seconded

that Councillor Mrs Pamela Ann Phillips 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 Pamela Phillips be elected Mayor for the Municipal year 2011-2012.

2. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

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

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

A vote of thanks to Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood was proposed by Councillor Ian Reissmann and seconded by Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Hodgkin.

It was **RESOLVED**

that the Council's thanks and appreciation to Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood be recorded in the minutes.

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

Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood responded to the Council's expression of thanks and then presented her Relief and Convalescent Fund report.

Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood presented cheques to her three chosen charities:

Sue Ryder
Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children
Kenton for Keeps

Dr Barry Wood invested the New Mayor's Escort, Mr Robin Phillips, The Mayor's son, with the Badge of Office for Mayor's Escort

5. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillor Stefan Gawrysiak proposed and Councillor Miss Kellie Gehrman seconded

that Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Hodgkin 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 Elizabeth Hodgkin be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal year 2011-2012.

The Mayor, Mrs Pamela Phillips invested Councillor Mrs Hodgkin with the Chain of Office for Deputy Mayor.

Mrs Sue Jennings invested Mr Richard Hodgkin with the Badge of Office for Deputy Mayor's Escort.

7. **ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Councillor Mrs Jennifer Wood proposed and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Hodgkin seconded the appointment of Standing Committees and membership thereof for the Municipal year 2011-2012.

It was **RESOLVED**

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

Meeting closed at 12.50pm

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Mayor