

WALLINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

Annual Meeting of Council held in the Town Hall, Wallingford
On Monday 8th May 2017

P R E S E N T

The Mayor, Councillor Ros Lester

Councillors Cripps, Davidson, Dolton, Holland, Kidley, Lloyd, McGregor,
Norton, Titchener and Upcraft

The Town Clerk, Mrs Paula Lopez

The Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend David Rice.

**Before the formal business of the agenda is transacted, prayers were said by
The Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend David Rice.**

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beatty, Cockman, Goddard and Hughes.

2. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

In Proposing Councillor Michael (Mike) Kidley Councillor Lloyd stated that it gave him great pleasure to Propose Councillor Kidley to be Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year. *

Councillor McGregor was pleased to Seconded the motion proposed by Councillor Lloyd that Councillor Kidley be elected as Mayor of Wallingford for the ensuing Municipal year.

Councillors voted on the motion.

It was Proposed by Councillor Lloyd, Seconded by Councillor McGregor and

R E S O L V E D : (Unanimously)

THAT Councillor Michael (Mike) Kidley be and is hereby elected Mayor of Wallingford for the ensuing Municipal Year.

On returning to the Main Chamber the newly elected Mayor made and subscribed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

3. ADDRESS BY THE NEW MAYOR

The Mayor, Councillor Kidley thanked Councillors for electing him and for having faith in him to represent the town in the next Mayor year.

Councillor Kidley's speech made reference to his military career, his family and how proud he is to present the town of Wallingford. *

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Dolton vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor referred to Councillor Lester's commitment and enthusiasm during a challenging year. *

It was Proposed by Councillor Dolton, Seconded by Councillor Kidley and

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

THAT this Council tender to Councillor Rosslyn Lester its sincere appreciation of the splendid service which she has rendered as Mayor of Wallingford during the past year and do assure her that by her never failing courtesy, thoughtfulness and care for the good of others and constant attention to the duties of the office, she has very ably maintained the traditions of her predecessors in office and has gained the esteem and appreciation of her fellow members of Council and all the residents of Wallingford.

5. THE RETIRING MAYOR'S REPLY.

Councillor Lester thanked Councillor Dolton and stated that it had been a very full year which she could not have completed without the help of some very special people including her husband Ken Lester. Councillor Lester's speech included references to the change of Councillors, all the property work, the community and events that she had attended

Councillor Lester stated that it had been a privilege and honour to be of service to the wonderful town of Wallingford. *

6. THE MAYOR'S CONSORT.

The Mayor, Councillor Kidley was pleased to announce that his Consort would be his wife, Mrs Christine Kidley and he presented her with her Badge of Office.

7. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

The Mayor announced his Deputy for the ensuing Municipal year to be Councillor Lee Upcraft. The Town Clerk escorted Councillor Upcraft to the front of the Chamber where The Mayor presented him with his Badge of Office. The Deputy Mayor's Consort, Mrs Upcraft was escorted to the front of the Chamber and presented with her Badge of Office.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN.

The Mayor announced that his Chaplain for the ensuing Municipal Year will be The Reverend David Rice. The Mayor presented him with his Badge of Office and The Reverend David Rice was invited to take his chair on the stage.

9. APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET

The Mayor announced that her Cadet for the ensuing Municipal Year will be Flt Sgt Cadet Chloe Sutherland. The Town Clerk escorted Cadet Sutherland to the front of the Chamber and The Mayor presented her with her Badge of Office.

10. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN EMERITUS

Councillor Upcraft Proposed, Seconded by Councillor Norton that Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Atkins, MBE be appointed Alderman Emeritus to the Town of Wallingford in recognition of her years of service to the Town.

Councillor Upcraft's proposal speech contained reference to

Councillor Norton stated on seconding the proposal that Mrs Atkins dedication and commitment to Wallingford and the Community had been undeniable and that she felt that she would undertake the role with the utmost sincerity and responsibility.

The Town Clerk presented Mrs Atkins with her robe.

11. THE HONORARY ALDERMAN EMERITUS WILL REPLY

Alderman Emeritus Atkins thanked The Town Council and stated it was a both an honour and a pleasure to accept this appointment. Her speech contained references to her past work with the Town Council and in particular saving the Community Hospital and taking the petition up to the Houses of Parliament.

12. APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGE CHAMBERLAIN

Councillor Cripps Proposed that the Mayor, Councillor Kidley, be elected Bridge Chamberlain for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor Davidson Seconded the appointment.

It was Proposed by Councillor Cripps, Seconded by Councillor Davidson and

R E S O L V E D : (Unanimously)

THAT the Mayor, Councillor Kidley, be appointed Bridge Chamberlain for the ensuing Municipal Year.

13. APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGEMEN.

Councillor Titchener Proposed, giving a brief history of Wallingford Bridge and its Bridgeman, that Councillors Dolton and Lester be appointed Bridgemen for the ensuing Municipal Year. * This was Seconded by Councillor Holland. On being put to the vote it was Proposed by Councillor Titchener, Seconded by Councillor Holland and

R E S O L V E D : (Unanimously)

THAT Councillors Dolton and Lester be appointed Bridgemen for the ensuing Municipal Year.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

The Mayor announced that the appointment of Members of the Council to Committees, Sub-Committees and Outside Bodies will be made at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 15th May 2017.

The formal business of the Council having been concluded the Mayor invited The Deputy Lieutenant, Freeman, The High Steward, the Mayor's Chaplain, the Town Clerk and her fellow Councillors to join her in the ancient tradition of the Ceremony of the Loving Cup.

- Please note that the Mayor formally read and signed his Declaration of Office at this point in the meeting.
- Please note that full copies of the Councillors reports are available in the office.