



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the first part of the **Annual General Meeting** held on **Tuesday 14th April 2013** at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber.

Present: Cllr Pritchard (Chairman) Cllr Clinch
Cllr Cook Cllr Dibben
Cllr Harvey Cllr Hicks
Cllr Lewer Cllr Proctor
Cllr Thompson Cllr Toms

In attendance: Mrs Nicola Merefield (CEO and Town Clerk)
Mrs Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)

2013/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND TOWN MAYOR

Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED** Cllr Pritchard to serve as Chairman and Town Mayor for 2013/2014. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr Lewer and **RESOLVED**.

2013/2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having signed his statutory declaration of acceptance of office Cllr Pritchard resumed the Chair.

2013/3 MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The Mayor spoke about the 700 years of civic leadership as the first position held was that of a Praepositus Burgi and therefore a commander rather than the currently understood position of Mayor. The Mayor extended a vote of thanks to all who had served as Mayor before him of which many were in the room that evening. Past Mayor badges were presented to Mr Roger Booth, Mr Malcolm Case, Mr Colin Howes and Cllr Philip Proctor.

The Mayor announced that his escort for the year would be his wife, Mrs Stephanie Pritchard and his cadet was hoped to be from St John Ambulance but was still in the process of being organised. He announced that his charity for the year would be HOPE not only because they were a charity he wanted to support but because of the support they had shown him during the previous municipal year.

2013/4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Proctor **PROPOSED** Cllr Harvey as Vice-Chairman and Deputy Mayor for 2013/2014. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr Lewer and **RESOLVED**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7.30 pm.

The Mayor then invited all present for refreshments in The Ship Inn.

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