

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF GOSPORT** was held in the Ballroom of the **THORNGATE HALLS, BURY ROAD, GOSPORT** on **WEDNESDAY**, the **THIRTEENTH** day of **MAY 2009** at **11.00AM**.

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Kimber) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (P);

Councillors Allen, Mrs Bailey, Ms Ballard, Beavis (P), Bradley (P), Burgess (P), Carr (P), Carter (P), Champion, Chegwyn, Mrs Cully (P), Cully, Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Edwards (P), Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed, Geddes, Gill (P), Hicks, Hook (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Mudie, Murphy, Philpott (P), Mrs Salter, Salter, Smith, Ward (P), Miss West and Wright.

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman Mrs Simpson and Honorary Aldermen Flory, Foster, Hayward, Hewitt, Lucas, O'Neill, Rushton, Searle and Mrs Snaith.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allen, Champion, Cully, Geddes, Murphy, Smith, Miss West and Wright and Honorary Alderman O'Neill.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MRS CULLY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BURGESS

That Councillor Mrs Diane Searle be elected Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Retiring Mayor thereupon vacated the Chair, which was taken by the newly elected Mayor, who made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

REPLY BY HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

The new Mayor replied to the Council's resolution and returned thanks for her election.

THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BURGESS
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HOOK

That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor D R Kimber and Mrs P Kimber for their services as Mayor and Mayoress respectively during the past Municipal Year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR BRADLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR GILL

That Councillor Michael John Carr be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gosport for the Municipal Year ending May 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Deputy Mayor made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and returned thanks for his election.

GOSPORT CITIZEN AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Mayor awarded Citizen of the Year Certificates and medallions to Mr P Carroll and Mr P Patterson for their eminent services to the Borough. The Mayor also awarded a Young Citizen of the Year Certificate and medallion to Rhys White.

ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL

PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR
SECONDED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

That the Council do now adjourn until 6.00pm on Thursday, 14 May 2009 at the Town Hall, Gosport.

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 12.30pm