ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 24th May 2017

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Mrs Christine Cross, Cllr M Ashford, Cllr PS Birdi, Cllr Mrs L Bolton, Cllr JP Bromley, Cllr S Cross, Cllr Mrs D DaCruz, Cllr R Eddy, Cllr R Edgington, Cllr Mrs MA Grainger, Cllr J Holland, Cllr N Murphy

1. Welcome – The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Christine Cross made a formal welcome

2. Prayer Rev Vaughan Roberts said prayers. A minute’s silence was held for the families and friends who lost loved ones through the Manchester bombing.

3. Apologies – it was resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs G Guest and Cllr T Morris

4. Declarations of Interest – no declarations of interest were received.

5. Confirmation of minutes from the Council Meeting 27th April 2017 – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 27th April 2017 as a true record. The minutes were signed.

6. To receive and adopt the minutes of the Plans Committee held on the 18th May 2017 – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Plans Committee held on the 18th May 2017 as a true record. The minutes were signed.

7. Presentations. The Mayor Cllr Mrs C Cross presented the following awards:

   - Freedom of the Town scroll to Major(Retd), D Hardy – Chairman of the Yeomanry Museum - this award was presented posthumously to Bryan Johnson, who passed away a few months ago.
   - Certificate of service to Liam Payne Mayor’s cadet.
   - Champagne to the winner of the Mayoral Miles competition, actual 3628 miles – Mieke Phillips
   - Cheque for £3,000 to Birmingham Children’s Hospital
   - Cheque for £3,000 to the Brain Tumour Charity
   - Cheque for £3,000 to the Aylesford Unit
   - Cheque for £500 to St Mary’s Church
   - Cheque for £500 to the Lord Leycester Hospital
   - Cheque for £500 to 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts
8. **Election of Town Mayor** – Mayor Cllr Mrs C Cross invited nominations for the election for Town Mayor 2017/18 – Cllr Mrs M A Grainger made a speech and proposed Cllr S Cross. Cllr R Edington seconded the motion and made a speech. The Mayor Cllr Mrs C Cross – called for further nominations, there were none – the motion was put to the Council for adoption which was accepted unanimously. Cllr S Cross accepted the position of Town Mayor by making his declaration and signing the book.

9. **Vote of thanks to retiring Town Mayor** - Mayor Cllr S Cross presented the past Mayor badge to Cllr Mrs C Cross and invited a vote of thanks from Cllr Mrs L Bolton who made a formal vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor Cllr Mrs C Cross. Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn seconded the formal vote and the motion was unanimously accepted by all the Councillors. Cllr Mrs C Cross responded to the vote of thanks.

10. **Appointment of Mayor’s Chaplin** - Mayor Cllr S Cross announced the appointment of Rev. Dr V Roberts as his Chaplin for the municipal year 2017/18.

11. **Appointment of Mayor’s Cadet** - Mayor Cllr S Cross announced the appointment of Air Cadet Corp. Owuye as his Cadet for the municipal year 2017/18.

12. **Election of Deputy Town Mayor** - Mayor Cllr S Cross invited nominations for Deputy Mayor. Cllr Mrs M Littlejohn proposed the election of Cllr R Eddy and Cllr Mrs MA Grainger seconded the motion, the Councillors unanimously agreed. Cllr R Eddy accepted the role of Deputy Town Mayor by making his declaration and signing the book.

13. **Appointment of Petty Officers** - Mayor Cllr S Cross asked the Town Clerk for the names of the Petty Officers for the municipal year 2017/18. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Sargeant of Mace would remain as Terry Gardener, Deputy Sargeant of Mace William Spraggett and the Town Crier/Beadle would be Michael Reddy.

14. **To confirm the membership of committees – report attached** - Mayor Cllr S Cross asked the Councillors to confirm acceptance of committee members. The Councillors unanimously agreed with the committees proposed.

15. **To appoint a new Governor to the Lord Leycester Hospital** – Cllr C Cross was nominated, seconded and unanimously approved.

16. **To confirm that a special meeting of the Council will be held at 6.30pm on Friday 17th June 2016 to consider the End of Year Accounts for 2016/17 and Annual Return for submission to Grant Thornton Auditors.** Mayor Cllr S Cross advised Councillors that the Special Meeting was to be held on the 17th June and requested attendance.
Signed……………………………….            Dated……………………………………..