

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, Rye, on Monday 1 February 2016**

**PRESENT** Councillors John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds (**Deputy Mayor**), Cheryl Creaser, Mike Boyd, Justin Erswell, Bernardine Fiddimore (**Mayor**), Rebekah Gilbert, Charlie Harkness, Pat Hughes, John Izod, Jo Kirkham, Andi Rivett, Shaun Rogers, Andy Stuart

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; Kevin Barry – Town Sergeant; Rother District Councillors David Amphthill and Gennette Stevens; Andy Hemsley - *Rye Observer*; 1 member of the public

*The meeting commenced at 7.23pm.*

**112 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reasons (as notified to the Clerk) - were accepted from Cllrs Ian Potter and Ray Prewer.

**113 CODE OF CONDUCT**

There was none.

**114 FRANK STEPHEN PALMER**

Councillor John Breeds nominated former Town Councillor and Mayor, Frank Stephen Palmer for the title of Honorary Freeman of Rye.

The Mayor supported the nomination, which was seconded by Cllr Creaser.

**RESOLVED (unanimous) That, in pursuance of sections 249(5) and 249(6) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council of the Antient Town of Rye, assembled especially for this purpose, hereby resolves to admit FRANK STEPHEN PALMER as an Honorary Freeman of the Town, this being the highest distinction within the Council's power to bestow, in recognition of his rendering of eminent service to the Town and Town Council.**

The Clerk confirmed that the requisite two-thirds of Council Members had voted in favour of the nomination – and advised that, once a design had been agreed, a suitable scroll would be presented to Mr Palmer at a future event.

*The meeting ended at 7.25.*

Date ..... Chairman .....