

**Minutes of an Additional Meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall,
Market Street, Rye on Monday 22 December 2025**

PRESENT Councillors David Bookless, Mike Boyd, John Breeds, Jonathan Breeds, Cheryl Creaser, Willy Everett, Bernardine Fiddimore, Vagn Hansen, Chris Hoggart (**Deputy Mayor**), Pat Hughes, Sue Learoyd Smith, Andy Stuart (**Mayor**), Sophie Thorpe

IN ATTENDANCE Richard Farhall – Town Clerk

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

115 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence – and the reasons as lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Councillors Rivett, Rogers and Smith Ellis.

116 CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no disclosures of interest nor requests for dispensation.

117 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2), to exclude the public and press from item 118 on the grounds that it may include discussion about the candidate recommended for appointment – or other shortlisted candidates.

118 APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TOWN CLERK (PROPER OFFICER)

Council was asked to consider approving the appointment of the Human Resources Working Group's recommended candidate.

RESOLVED To offer the post to the recommended candidate – subject to:

- Them completing CiLCA within 12 months of appointment
- Satisfactory references
- The RFO role being incorporated within the Deputy Town Clerk post
- A starting salary of up to £48,000pa until 31 March 2027, which would be reviewed as assets are transferred from Rother District Council.

Clerk

The meeting ended at 6.53pm.

Date Chairman