

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD ON
MONDAY, 24th AUGUST 2009**

The Mayor, Councillor D R Poole

Councillors: Mrs A Emsley, Mrs B S Haddock, M A McCormick, Miss J Sartin, Miss C Geall, R A K Radford, Dr L E Radford, P A Ruffles.

Town Clerk, Mrs N L Villa
The Rev'd. Jo Loveridge, Mayors Chaplain

Prayers – The Rev'd. Jo Loveridge conducted prayers

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M McCormick declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 as the candidate is known to him.

98. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had no announcements

99. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 10th August 2009 be approved as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign.

100. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

101. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** that:

In view of the confidential nature of the following items, which relate to the business matters of other individuals and organisations, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed. This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972.

102. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN

It was **RESOLVED** that:

At a Special meeting of Hertford Town Council held on the 24th day of August 2009, it was resolved:

- a) That in pursuance of the statutory powers them enabling, Hertford Town Council hereby admits The Reverend Father Gladstone Wilfrid Liddle BA to be an Honorary Freeman of the town of Hertford as the highest mark of esteem and honour that the Town Council can bestow in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him to the said town as Parish Priest of the Roman Catholic Church of The Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Hertford from 1990 – 2009.

The Reverend Father Gladstone Liddle was ordained in 1980. Following various appointments during his ministry he became

Parish Priest of the Roman Catholic Church of The Immaculate Conception and St Joseph, Hertford in 1990.

In his role as Parish Priest he was closely involved with the Council in the arrangements for regular Civic Services at St Joseph's. He also served as Chaplain to two Mayors of Hertford.

As Parish Priest he worked tirelessly to promote social cohesion and interfaith dialogue within the said Town and in particular was instrumental in starting a fraternity for fellow clergy of all denominations; he has served continuously as a governor of St Joseph's Primary School. He was also involved with Hertford Civic Society supporting enthusiastically their vision and work for the ancient Borough of Hertford. He was instrumental in the refurbishment and restoration of his church back to its original Victorian Gothic decoration after an unsatisfactory re-ordering during the 1970's. Additionally he was able to build a new porch and cloister for the church of materials in total sympathy with those used in its original construction in 1858, enhanced the gardens and made it a place of refuge for all the people of Hertford, and visitors, of all faiths and none, that they might enjoy a place of peace and quietude.

The Town Council is delighted to have this opportunity of expressing its sincere appreciation of the outstanding and conscientious manner in which The Reverend Father Gladstone Liddle has served the town.

In conferring this honour upon The Reverend Father Gladstone Liddle, the Council desires to acknowledge the indebtedness of the Town Council to him for the untiring and notable manner in which he has always discharged the arduous duties and responsibilities of the sacred office to which he is called and has so ably occupied.

- b) That the Common Seal be affixed to the foregoing resolution and that proper entry be made in pursuance thereof upon the roll of the Honorary Freemen of the Town.