

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Special Meeting** of the **Marlborough Town Council** held on **Tuesday 19th March, 2002** at **St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church, Marlborough** at **6.00 p.m.** for the admission of **Mr. John Wemyss Seamer** to the roll of **Honorary Freeman of the Town of Marlborough.**

PRESENT

Councillor Dr. D. Watson
Councillor Mrs M. Boulton

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor

Councillor S.R. Dobson
Councillor Mrs J.C. Evans
Councillor M.P. Cooper
Councillor I.J. Perryman
Councillor D.I. Smithers
Councillor Mrs J.E. White
Councillor Mrs H.A. Cripps
Councillor G. Francis
Councillor Mrs M.R. Rose
Councillor W.B. Cavill
Councillor B. Castle
Councillor Mrs A.E. Peck
Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford

Councillor K.R.F. Beard
Mr. J.W. Seamer

Chairman of Kennet District Council

Mr. Graham Gittins

Town Clerk

658/01 WELCOME

The Town Mayor Councillor Dr. D. Watson welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending.

659/01 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain Rev. Father Philip Thomas said a short prayer.

660/01 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs P. Dow.

661/01 PROPOSER AND SECONDER

The Town Mayor called upon Councillor Mrs J.C. Evans to propose and Councillor S.R. Dobson to second the Motion that the Council confirms the decision at its ordinary Meeting on the 29th October, 2001 to admit Mr. John Wemyss Seamer and Honorary Freeman of the Town of Marlborough.

Copies of the proposer's, seconder's and the Mayor's speeches can be obtained from the the Council Offices.



662/01 MOTION

The Council unanimously RESOLVED to admit Mr. John Wemyss Seamer as an Honorary Freeman of the Town of Marlborough.

663/01 OATH

The Town Mayor invited Mr. Seamer to take the Oath which is customarily made by those about to be enrolled as an Honorary Freeman of the Town.

'DO YOU, JOHN WYMESS SEAMER, SWEAR TO BE TRUE TO OUR SOVEREIGN LADY, THE QUEEN, TO BE OBEDIENT TO THE TOWN MAYOR FOR THE TIME BEING OF THIS TOWN AND SHALL AS MUCH AS LIES IN YOUR POWER CONTRIBUTE AND DO EVERY ACT AND THING FOR THE GOOD GOVERNMENT AND SAFETY OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THIS ANCIENT TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF, SO HELP YOU GOD'.

Mr. Seamer replied –

' I DO SO SWEAR, SO HELP ME GOD.'

664/01 ROLL OF HONORARY FREEMAN – SIGNING

The Town Mayor explained the role of the Chairman of the District Council in the admittance of Freemen and called upon Councillor K.R.F. Beard, Chairman of Kennet District Council to invite Mr. Seamer to subscribe his name to the book containing the Roll of Honorary Freeman of Marlborough.

665/01 READING OF CONTENT OF ROLL

The Town Mayor asked the Town Clerk to read out to the Meeting the content of the Scroll.

A copy of the text of the Scroll can be obtained from the Council Offices.

666/01 PRESENTATION

The Town Mayor Councillor Dr. D. Watson presented the framed Scroll to Mr. Seamer, which is his Certificate of Admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Town.

667/01 RESPONSE BY MR. J.W. SEAMER

Mr. Seamer thanked all concerned for bestowing this honour upon him.

668/01 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Town Mayor Councillor Dr. D. Watson declared the Meeting closed and invited Mr. Seamer, his family and friends and the guests to partake of refreshments provided by the Town Council.

John Wemyss Seamer
7th May 2004