

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
25 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 5.15PM**

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Searle) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Carr) (P);

Councillors Allen (P), Mrs Bailey (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Bradley, Burgess (P), Carter (P), Champion, Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully (P), Cully, Dickson, Edgar (P), Edwards, Mrs Forder (P), Forder (P), Foster-Reed, Geddes (P), Gill (P), Hicks, Hook (P), Hylands (P), Kimber, Langdon (P), Mrs Mitchell-Smith (P), Mrs Mudie (P), Murphy (P), Philpott (P), Smith (P), Ward, Miss West (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance Honorary Freeman Mrs Simpson and Honorary Aldermen Foster, Hayward, Lucas, O'Neill and Searle.

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

In order to express their sympathy regarding the death of Honorary Freeman Syd Ashby on 19 November 2009, Members of the Council stood in silent tribute for one minute.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bradley, Champion, Dickson, Kimber and Ward and Honorary Alderman Rushton.

ELECTION OF HONORARY FREEMAN

COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

- (i) That, the Council, in pursuance of their powers under Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act, 1972, do hereby confer on 33 Field Hospital, the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Gosport in recognition and acknowledgement of their eminent services and

outstanding medical support not only to service personnel but also to the local populations in Iraq, Afghanistan and other war zones over many years and that they be granted the Right, Honour and Distinction of marching through the streets of the Borough on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying; and

- (ii) That a letter be written to Sergeant Simon Harmer with the best wishes of the Council and the hope that he could attend the Freedom March Past for 33 Field Hospital on 23 April 2010.**

The meeting ended at 5.30pm