

MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council
held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-
upon-Thames on Thursday, 18 May 2017 at 7.30 pm**

Present:

Councillors:

M.M. Attewell	K. Flurry	A.J. Mitchell
C.B. Barnard	M.P.C. Francis	S.C. Mooney
R.O. Barratt	N.J. Gething	D. Patel
J.R. Boughtflower	A.L. Griffiths	J.M. Pinkerton OBE
S.J. Burkmar	A.C. Harman	D. Saliagopoulos
S. Capes	I.T.E. Harvey	A. Sapunovas
R. Chandler	N. Islam	R.W. Sider BEM
C.A. Davis	A.T. Jones	R.A. Smith-Ainsley
S.M. Doran	J.G. Kavanagh	H.R.D. Williams
S.A. Dunn	V.J. Leighton	
Q.R. Edgington	M.J. Madams	

In Attendance: Murray Litvak, Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

Councillor A.E. Friday, The Mayor, in the Chair

Apologies: Councillors I.J. Beardsmore, T.J.M. Evans, Miss Sue Faulkner, P.C. Forbes-Forsyth, O. Rybinski, J.R. Sexton, B.B. Spoor and H.A. Thomson and Miss Sue Faulkner, Vice- Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

410/17 Election of the Mayor

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Alfred Friday, welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council. He extended a special welcome to visitors from Spelthorne's twin town in Mauritius, Grand Port; Mr. Shyam Teeluck, Chief Executive and Mr Nirmal Domah, Chairperson. He thanked the officers of the Council and in particular the Chief Executive, Roberto Tambini and the Mayor's secretary, Mrs Sheila Kimpton, for their hard work and support during his Mayoral year.

Councillor Alfred Friday reported on his year as Mayor and the many enjoyable and entertaining events he had attended which had raised over £24k for his chosen charities. He was pleased to report that during his Mayoral year, the Mayor's Charity had been registered with the Charity Commission as a charitable fund and he thanked all those who had helped to

set this up. He wished the new Mayor and Mayor's Consort happiness and success in the coming year. Finally, he presented a gift to his secretary, Mrs Sheila Kimpton and a bouquet of flowers to his wife, Mrs Kaye Friday, as a small token of appreciation for their support.

It was moved by Councillor R.W. Sider BEM and seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and

Resolved that Councillor Vivienne Jane Leighton be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

A short adjournment took place to hand over the robes and badge of Office to the new Mayor during which a performance of three solo pieces was played on the saxophone by Isabella Bartlett.

Councillor Vivienne Jane Leighton made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne and took the Chair. She thanked her proposer and seconder and the Council for supporting her in her election as Mayor. She presented Councillor Alfred Friday with the past Mayor's badge and a scrapbook commemorating his time in office.

The outgoing Mayoress, Mrs Kaye Friday presented the Mayor's Consort badge to the new Mayor's Consort, Mr Chris Leighton, and he in turn presented Mrs Kaye Friday with a past Mayoress badge.

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Alfred Friday for his excellent service as Mayor.

The Mayor said that she hoped to appeal to different interests and different parts of the community and wanted to celebrate the river and its environment, support the frail and older, involve young people and celebrate their talents.

The Mayor thanked the Staines Business Improvement District for securing funding for the use of the Royal rowbarge *Gloriana* at the next Staines-upon-Thames day. She also thanked BP for agreeing to the use of their Links building for the Mayor's Ball.

The Mayor announced that she had appointed a Chaplain for her Mayoral Year, the Reverend Chris Swift, Rector of St. Nicholas', Shepperton. The Mayor presented Reverend Swift with the Chaplain's badge. During her term as Mayor, Councillor Leighton announced that she will be supporting the following charities:

- Spelthorne Dementia Support (Purple Angels) : helping to raise awareness of dementia-related illnesses and giving assistance to Alzheimer's sufferers and their carers;
- Impossible Dream: providing river trips for wheelchair users;
- Swan Sanctuary: a rescue centre and registered veterinary practice specialising in waterfowl.

411/17 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 April 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

412/17 Election of the Deputy Mayor

It was moved by Councillor A.E. Friday and seconded by Councillor M. Francis that Councillor J.M. Pinkerton OBE be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

It was moved by Councillor S.A. Dunn and seconded by Councillor Q. Edgington that Councillor I.J. Beardsmore be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

Resolved that Councillor J.M. Pinkerton OBE be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

Councillor Jean Marian Pinkerton made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne.

The Mayor's Consort, Mr Chris Leighton, presented the Deputy Mayor's Consort Badge to the Deputy Mayor's Consort, Mrs Linda Burton.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jean Pinkerton, briefly addressed the Council and thanked her proposer and seconder for their support. She said it was a great honour and she looked forward to providing support to the Mayor in her Mayoral year.

413/17 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

414/17 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor announced a list of forthcoming events, to which all were invited. She especially mentioned her Civic Service on 11 June at St Nicholas Church, Shepperton; a River Day on Saturday 24 June with a flotilla led by the Queen's rowbarge, Gloriana; a Civic Day on 5 September to showcase the Borough to other Mayors across Surrey; an evening at the Riverside Arts Centre, Sunbury on 18 October to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele and the Mayor's Ball in April 2018 which will be held in the Link Building at BP, Sunbury.

415/17 Announcements from the Leader

The Leader, Councillor I.T.E. Harvey made the following announcements:

"I would like to be amongst the first to congratulate you Madam Mayor and your husband and Consort, Chris, on your accession and offer my and colleagues full support in ensuring that the forthcoming year is memorable. I would also like to congratulate Cllr Jean Pinkerton on her election as Deputy Mayor.

It has been an honour to welcome to Spelthorne Chairman Nirmal Domah and Chief Executive Shyam Teeluck from our twin district of Grand Port, Mauritius, who have spent the last two days in the Borough including a very successful civic symposium yesterday. We were also very honoured to welcome His Excellency Girish Nunkoo, High Commissioner of Mauritius to Spelthorne yesterday.

It is my sad duty to announce the departure of our excellent Principal Committee Manager, Greg Halliwell, who is retiring at the end of June. As a new councillor Greg is one of the first people that we are introduced to and he was invaluable in helping me learn the ropes. To this day he gives me excellent support and advice. Greg you will be sadly missed.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest Spelthorne Councillor, Alex Sapunovas as a member for the Ashford East ward. I would also like to welcome Cllr Burkmar back into the Conservative Group.

I would like to congratulate Spelthorne Borough Councillors Sinead Mooney, Naz Islam and Alison Griffiths on their election and Tim Evans on re-election as Surrey County Councillors. I know they will diligently serve and represent the interests of the residents of Spelthorne at Surrey County Council.

Finally, I would like to formally announce my Cabinet and their portfolios for the forthcoming municipal year:

Cabinet Member	Portfolio
Ian Harvey	Leader
Tony Harman	Deputy Leader
Maureen Attewell	Community Wellbeing
Colin Barnard	Planning and Economic Development
Mark Francis	Housing
Nick Gething	Environment and Legal
Tony Mitchell	Corporate Management
Olivia Rybinski	Customer Service, Estates and Transport
Howard Williams	Finance

416/17 Committees 2017-2018

Details of the Committees and their size were circulated on the agenda for the meeting. The political allocation of seats (revised Appendix A) and the members to serve on the various Committees (revised Appendix B) were laid round at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor I.T.E. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

Resolved that:

- a) The appointment of the Committees shown at Agenda Item 8 of the size indicated and with the terms of reference and functions set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.
- b) The allocation of seats as shown on revised Appendix A.
- c) The Councillors to serve on Committees as shown on revised Appendix B.
- d) That Mr. Murray Litvak and Miss Sue Faulkner be appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

417/17 Appointment by the Council to Outside Bodies

South West Middlesex Crematorium Board

It was moved by Councillor I.T.E. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

Resolved that Councillors R. Chandler and D. Patel be appointed as the Council's representative and deputy representative respectively on the South West Middlesex Crematorium Board.

Surrey Police and Crime Panel

It was moved by Councillor I.T.E. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

Resolved that Councillor N. Gething be appointed as the Council's representative on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel.