

## MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines on Thursday 20 May 2010 at 7.30pm

Ayers F.	Forsbrey G.E.	Pinkerton Mrs J.M.
Bain Miss M.M.	Grant Mrs D.L.	Pinkerton Jack. D.
Bell Mrs E.M.	Hirst A.P.	Rough Mrs M.W.
Bhadye S.	Hyams Ms N.A.	Royer M.T.
Broom Ms P.A.	Jaffer H.R.	Sider R.W.
Budd S.E.W.	Leighton Mrs V.J.	Smith-Ainsley R.A.
Crabb T.W.	Nichols Mrs C.E.	Spencer Caroline
Davis C.A.	Nichols L.E.	Thomson H.A.
Dunn Mrs S.A.	O'Hara E.	Trussler G.F.
Flurry K.E.	Packman J.D.	

### **160/10 SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO COUNCILLOR ROBIN SIDER**

The Mayor, Councillor Caroline Spencer, and the Leader of the Council, Councillor John Packman, presided over the surprise special presentation of the MSS Shining Star Award to Councillor Robin Sider, by representatives of the Multiple Sclerosis Society [MSS], in recognition of his invaluable voluntary work on behalf of local people affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

Under this distinguished announcement, Members noted that the MS Society's annual Shining Star Award Scheme was designed to recognise outstanding individual contributions by volunteers who were working with, or on behalf of, people affected by Multiple Sclerosis. The recipients of the awards were volunteers who had been nominated by other volunteers.

### **161/10 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Caroline Spencer, welcomed all Members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of the Council. She reported that it had been a great honour to serve as Mayor and that she had represented the Borough at over 700 events during her term of office. She highlighted some of the many and varied community events which she and her husband had enjoyed during the year and, in particular she had appreciated the outstanding work of the voluntary organisations within the Borough.

She thanked the local community for their support and expressed special thanks to her husband, Alan, for his commitment to the role of Mayor's Consort.

She thanked Councillor O'Hara for his support as Deputy Mayor and wished him well in his term of office as Mayor and his Mayoress, Ms. Gillian Karaviotis.

It was moved by Councillor G.F. Trussler and seconded by Councillor A.P. Hirst that Councillor Euan O'Hara be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

Councillor Trussler spoke about Councillor Euan O'Hara and said he would make an excellent ambassador for Spelthorne and would place the Council at the forefront of the Surrey Districts. In addition, he would undertake the role of Mayor for his second term with enthusiasm and dignity.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Euan O'Hara be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

Following the election of the Mayor, there was a short adjournment whilst Councillor Caroline Spencer [retiring Mayor] left the Council Chamber with Councillor Euan O'Hara [new Mayor] to go to the Mayor's Parlour to hand over the Mayoral robes and the badge of office. They were accompanied by the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer. During the short adjournment the Staines Lammas Brass Band played a special recital of "Fame and Glory" by Albert Matt.

The Town Crier [Bill Wright] announced the new Mayor, Councillor Euan O'Hara, as he entered to the Council Chamber wearing the Mayoral robes and the badge of office.

Councillor Euan O'Hara made the declaration of acceptance of office as Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne and took the Chair. He thanked his proposer and seconder and the Council for supporting him in his election as Mayor. He presented Councillor Caroline Spencer with the past Mayor's badge and a scrapbook commemorating her year in office.

The retiring Mayor's consort, Mr Alan Spencer presented the new Mayoress, Ms Gillian Karaviotis, with the Mayoress' Badge and she in turn presented him with the past Mayor's Consort badge.

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Caroline Spencer and her husband, Alan, for their excellent service during the past year. He recalled that the retiring Mayor, Councillor Caroline Spencer, had acted with distinction and that she can have pride in her achievements as Mayor.

The Mayor had appointed a Chaplain for his Mayoral Year, the Reverend Rod Cosh, Area Dean of Spelthorne and he invited him onto the dais to receive a badge of office.

The Mayor was delighted to be given the opportunity to promote Spelthorne for a second term as Mayor and he wished to continue building a community spirit with the help of the Council, its partners and the voluntary groups. He said it was a great honour to be elected as Mayor for a second term and he would work tirelessly to put Spelthorne "on the map" so that people know where we are. His Mayor's Charity Fund would be supporting Daybreak Respite Care, Staines Brass Band and MidasPlus.

#### **162/10 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.C. Amos, I.J. Beardsmore, M.L. Bouquet, R.B. Colison-Crawford, S.J. Fairfax, D.L. McShane, Mrs. I. Napper, S. Rough and C.V. Strong and from Independent members Mr M. Litvak and Miss S. Faulkner, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, respectively.

#### **163/10 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2010 were approved as a correct record.

#### **164/10 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor G.E. Forsbrey and seconded by Councillor Miss M.M. Bain and **RESOLVED** that Councillor S.E.W. Budd be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

Councillor S.E.W. Budd made the declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne and thanked his proposer and seconder and the Council for appointing him to this office.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Budd on his election and invested him with the Badge of Office of Deputy Mayor.

The Mayoress, Ms Gillian Karaviotis presented the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs. Rosemary Budd, with the Deputy Mayoress' Badge.

Councillor Budd briefly addressed the Council and said he and the Deputy Mayoress looked forward to supporting the Mayor and the Mayoress over the coming Mayoral year.

### **165/10 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

#### **Mayoral Events**

The Mayor announced the following civic and charity events with full details being notified nearer the time:

Civic Service, St. Peter's Church, Staines – 11 July 2010

Charity Golf Day, Ashford Manor Golf Club – 8 July 2010

Buckingham Palace - Special Reception – 5 August 2010

### **166/10 ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor J.D. Packman be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman and seconded by Councillor A.P. Hirst and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

### **167/10 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET**

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman and seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the seven Members of the Council to be appointed to the Cabinet, in addition to the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader, be Councillors F. Ayers, S. Bhadye, C.A. Davis, G.E. Forsbrey, Mrs. D.L. Grant, Mrs. V.J. Leighton and Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton, with the terms of reference and functions as set out in Part 3 (a) of the Council's Constitution; and
- (b) That the Areas of Responsibility for individual Members of the Cabinet be as follows:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Packman
Community Safety	Councillor Ayers
Independent Living	Councillor Bhadye
Economic Development	Councillor Davis
Environment	Councillor Forsbrey
Young People and Culture	Councillor Mrs. Grant
Finance and Resources	Councillor Mrs. Leighton
Communications	Councillor Mrs. Pinkerton
Planning and Housing	Councillor Smith-Ainsley

**168/10 COMMITTEES**

Details of the Committees, their size, the political allocation of seats and the members to serve on them had been circulated as **Appendix A** to all Members of the Council. The Council also had regard to the information set out at Agenda item 9.

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman and seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and

**RESOLVED** to agree:

- (a) The appointment of the Committees shown at Agenda Item 9(1), of the size indicated and with the terms of reference and functions set out in Part 3 (a) of the Council's Constitution.
- (b) The allocation of seats as shown at Agenda Item 9(2).
- (c) The Members to serve on Committees as shown on Appendix A [**shown at the end of these Minutes**].
- (d) That Mr Murray Litvak and Miss Sue Faulkner be appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Standards Committee.

**169/10 CHAIRMEN OF "HAVE YOUR SAY" EVENTS**

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman and seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and

**RESOLVED** that Chairmen of "Have Your Say" Events for the Municipal Year 2010/2011 be appointed as follows:

Ashford	Councillor G.F. Trussler
Charlton	Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley
Shepperton, Halliford and Charlton	Councillor R.W. Sider
Staines and Laleham	Councillor S.E.W. Budd
Stanwell and Stanwell Moor	Councillor F. Ayers
Lower Sunbury	Councillor A.P. Hirst
Sunbury Common	Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley

**170/10 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS REVIEW BOARD**

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman and seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and

**RESOLVED** that all Members of the Council, other than those appointed to the Cabinet, be appointed to form a Panel from which Discretionary Housing Payments Review Boards could be drawn, as necessary.

**171/10 APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL TO AN OUTSIDE BODY**

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman and seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs. D.L. Grant be appointed as the Council's representative on the South West Middlesex Crematorium Board and that Councillor A.P. Hirst be appointed as her Deputy.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

#### Audit Committee

[7 seats – 6 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

##### Councillors

M.L. Bouquet  
H.R. Jaffer  
L.E. Nichols  
S.J. Rough  
M.T. Royer  
Mrs. C. Spencer  
H.A. Thomson

#### Licensing Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

##### Councillors

Mrs. P.C. Amos  
Miss M.M. Bain  
S. Bhadye  
S.E.W. Budd  
R.B. Colison-Crawford  
Mrs. S.A. Dunn  
K.E. Flurry  
Ms. N.A. Hyams  
Mrs. V.J. Leighton  
D.L. McShane  
Mrs. I. Napper  
Jack D. Pinkerton  
M.T. Royer  
R.W. Sider  
C.V. Strong

#### Overview and Scrutiny Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

##### Councillors

Miss M.M. Bain  
Mrs. E.M. Bell  
Ms. P.A. Broom  
S.E.W. Budd  
K. Chouhan  
A.P. Hirst  
H.R. Jaffer  
D.L. McShane  
Mrs. I. Napper  
Mrs. C.E. Nichols  
L.E. Nichols  
Jack D. Pinkerton  
Mrs. M.W. Rough

S. Rough  
G.F. Trussler

Planning Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

Mrs. P.C. Amos  
I.J. Beardsmore  
M.L. Bouquet  
S.E.W. Budd  
T.W. Crabb  
Mrs. S.A. Dunn  
S.J. Fairfax  
G.E. Forsbrey  
Ms. N.A. Hyams  
Jack D. Pinkerton  
Mrs. M.W. Rough  
M.T. Royer  
R.W. Sider  
R.A. Smith-Ainsley  
H.A. Thomson

Standards Committee

[6 seats – 5 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

T.W. Crabb  
C.A. Davis  
K.E. Flurry  
A.P. Hirst  
Mrs. C. Spencer  
G.F. Trussler

Staff Appeals Committee

[5 seats – 4 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

*[Nominations as and when required]*