

**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 21 May 2009 at 7.30pm**

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

Co-Opted Member: Mr M. Litvak

**145/09 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The retiring Mayor, Councillor S. Bhadye, welcomed all Members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of the Council. He reported that it had been a great honour to serve as Mayor. He highlighted some of the many and varied community events which he and his wife had enjoyed and commented how much he appreciated the work of voluntary organisations within the Borough.

He thanked Members for their support and expressed special thanks to his wife, Candy, for her commitment to the role, his family and his secretary Sue Hulme for her hard work and helpfulness.

He thanked Councillor Mrs Caroline Spencer for her support as Deputy Mayor and wished her well in her term in office with the belief that she and her husband, Alan would make excellent ambassadors for Spelthorne.

It was moved by Councillor R.W. Sider and seconded by Councillor A.P. Hirst that Councillor Mrs Caroline Spencer be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Caroline Spencer be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

Councillor Mrs Caroline Spencer 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 those who had supported her in her election. She presented Councillor S. Bhadye with the past Mayor's badge and an album commemorating his year in office.

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor S. Bhadye and his wife, for their excellent service during the past year. She was delighted to be given the opportunity to promote Spelthorne and wished to continue to help build a community spirit with the help of the Council, its partners and voluntary groups. She reported that her Mayor's Charity Fund would be supporting One to One, a friendship

scheme for those with learning difficulties and the Guiding in Spelthorne Organisation.

**146/09 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I.J. Beardsmore, S.E.W. Budd, H.R. Jaffer, C.D.G. Kuun, Mrs I. Napper, S.J. Rough and C.V. Strong and Independent member, Miss S. Faulkner.

**147/09 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2009 were approved as a correct record, subject to insertion of amended wording for Minute 114/09 (2) to read:

“£2 million budget gap / capitalisation of salaries

The Leader of the Council, Councillor John Packman, referred to the recent publicity carried out by Councillor L.E. Nichols alleging there was a £2 million "gap" in the Council's budget plus investigation relating to the treatment of capitalisation of salaries.

The Leader supported the rights for any Councillor to raise concerns and undertake investigations. However, he felt that the Councillor had gone too far when, after discussing the matter with the Council's Chief Finance Officer, he raised the matter with KPMG (appointed by the Audit Commission as the Council's external Auditors) at a cost of £5000 to the Council. The Leader felt that in this economic climate, the funds could have been better spent in supporting local community groups."

**148/09 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor G.F. Trussler and seconded by Councillor Ms P.A. Broom and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor E. O'Hara be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.

Councillor E. O'Hara 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 for a second term. He looked forward to supporting the Mayor and her husband over the coming year.

**149/09 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

**Civic Events**

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

Civic Service – 5 July 2009

Charity Golf Day – 9 July 2009

Charity Lunch – 12 July 2009

Civic Business Reception – 17 July 2009

Trafalgar Lunch – 18 October 2009

Charity Ball – 20 March 2010

Civic Community Reception – 13 May 2010

**150/09 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 2009/2010.

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 2009/2010.

**151/09 APPOINTMENT OF THE CABINET [FORMERLY THE EXECUTIVE]**

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, M.L. Bouquet, C.A. Davis, G.E. Forsbrey, Mrs. D.L. Grant, A.P. Hirst and Mrs. V.J. Leighton, 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
Planning and Housing	Councillor Smith-Ainsley
Community Safety	Councillor Ayers
Corporate Services	Councillor Bouquet
Regeneration	Councillor Davis
Environment	Councillor Forsbrey
Young People and Cultural Services	Councillor Mrs. Grant
Communications and Engagement	Councillor Hirst
Health and Independent Living	Councillor Mrs. Leighton

**152/09 ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES, ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

Details of the proposed 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 in the agenda at item 9.

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

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the Council appoint the seven committees as attached at **Appendix A** with the terms of reference and functions as set out in Part 3 (a) of the Council's Constitution;
- (b) That the allocation of seats on the seven committees be as shown at **Appendix A** attached;
- (c) That the Members appointed to serve on the seven committees be as shown at **Appendix A** attached; and
- (d) That Mr M. Litvak and Miss S. Faulkner be appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, respectively.

**153/09 CHAIRMEN OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / "HAVE YOUR SAY" EVENTS [FORMERLY AREA FORUMS]**

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

**RESOLVED** that Chairmen of Community Engagement / "Have Your Say" Events for the Municipal Year 2009/2010, be appointed as follows:

Ashford	Councillor G.F. Trussler
Shepperton	Councillor R.W. Sider
Staines	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

**154/09 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 and when necessary.

**155/09 APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNCIL TO AN OUTSIDE BODY - SOUTH WEST MIDDLESEX CREMATORIUM BOARD**

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

### Audit Committee

[7 seats – 6 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

#### Councillors

M.L. Bouquet  
H.R. Jaffer  
D.L. McShane  
L.E. Nichols  
E. O'Hara  
S.J. Rough  
H.A. Thomson

### Improvement and Development Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

#### Councillors

Miss M.M. Bain  
Mrs. E.M. Bell  
S. Bhadye  
Ms. P.A. Broom  
K. Chouhan  
K.E. Flurry  
Ms. N.A. Hyams  
H.R. Jaffer  
C.D.G. Kuun  
Mrs. C.E. Nichols  
L.E. Nichols  
Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton  
Mrs. M.W. Rough  
S.J. Rough  
*[One Conservative vacancy]*

### Licensing Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

#### Councillors

F. Ayers  
S. Bhadye  
S.E.W. Budd  
R.B. Colison-Crawford  
Mrs. S.A. Dunn  
K.E. Flurry  
Ms. N.A. Hyams  
D.L. McShane  
Mrs. I. Napper  
E. O'Hara  
Jack D. Pinkerton  
S.J. Rough  
M.T. Royer  
R.W. Sider  
C.V. Strong

Performance Management and Review Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

Miss M.M. Bain  
Ms. P.A. Broom  
S.E.W. Budd  
K. Chouhan  
H.R. Jaffer  
D.L. McShane  
Mrs. I. Napper  
Mrs. C.E. Nichols  
L.E. Nichols  
Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton  
Jack D. Pinkerton  
Mrs. M.W. Rough  
M.T. Royer  
C.V. Strong  
G.F. Trussler

Planning Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

I.J. Beardsmore  
S. Bhadye  
S.E.W. Budd  
T.W. Crabb  
Mrs. S.A. Dunn  
G.E. Forsbrey  
Ms. N.A. Hyams  
C.D.G. Kuun  
Jack D. Pinkerton  
Mrs. M.W. Rough  
M.T. Royer  
R.W. Sider  
R.A. Smith-Ainsley  
H.A. Thomson  
*[One Conservative vacancy]*

Standards Committee

[6 seats – 5 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

T.W. Crabb  
C.A. Davis  
A.P. Hirst  
D.L. McShane  
E. O'Hara  
G.F. Trussler

Staff Appeals Committee

[5 seats – 4 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

*[Nominations as and when required]*