

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Borough Council held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames on Thursday 24 May
2012 at 7.30pm

Present:

Ayers F.	Forbes-Forsyth P.C.	Mitchell A.J.
Ayub A.	Forsbrey G.E	Napper Mrs I.
Bannister Mrs C.A.	Francis M.P.	Nichols Mrs C.E.
Beardsmore I.J.	Frazer C.M.	Patel Ms D.
Budd S.E.W.	Friday A.E.	Patterson A.C.
Bushnell Ms M.	Gething N.	Pinkerton Mrs J.M.
Colison-Crawford R.B.	Gohil D.	Rough Mrs M.W.
Dale Mrs J.A.	Grant Mrs D.L.	Sider R.W.
Davis C.A.	Harman A.C.	Smith-Ainsley R.A.
Dunn R.D.	Leighton Mrs V.J.	Taylor S.
Dunn Mrs S.A.	Madams Mrs M.J.	Watts R.
Evans T.J.M.		Webb Mrs S.

In attendance: Murray Litvak, Chairman of Standards Committee and Sue Faulkner, Vice-Chairman of Standards Committee.

139/12 Election of Mayor

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Sam Budd, welcomed all Members and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council. He said it had been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Mayor for the past year and to have the opportunity to meet many residents of, and visitors to, the Borough. He was pleased to report that he had represented the Borough at over 300 events during his term of office and raised in the region of £17,000 for local charities, in particular Spelthorne Young Voices; reSTORE and the Penrose Club. He thanked his charity committee for their hard work throughout the year, which had made his events so successful.

He thanked the Chief Executive, Roberto Tambini for his help and advice and all the councillors and staff for their support. Additionally, he expressed his thanks to Chaplain Father Rod Cosh for his kindness and support, especially before Christmas when he was unwell.

He gave special thanks to Councillor Robin Sider and Mrs. Jeanette Sider, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, for their help, support and friendship and wished them both a great year as Mayor and Mayoress of Spelthorne.

Lastly, the Mayor presented bouquets to the following individuals: his daughter, Mayoress Miss Helen Budd with thanks for her continued support; Mrs. Margaret Lloyd, his Mayors' Consort with thanks for her support with Civic Engagements; Mrs. Jeanette Sider to wish her a successful year as Mayoress and finally his secretary Mrs. Gillian Vince for her hard work during the year.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs V.J. Leighton and seconded by Councillor G.E. Forsbrey that Councillor R.W. Sider be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

Councillor Mrs Leighton spoke about Councillor Sider, focusing on the dedication he had shown to people from all walks, and in all aspects, of life.

Before undertaking the role of a councillor in 1999, Councillor Sider had served some 40 years in the army and had climbed the ranks from Private to being the youngest ever regimental Sergeant Major in his corps, and by the time he retired he was a Major.

She listed the many and varied activities in which he had been involved within the community, giving his time and support, including: a previous term as Mayor from 2002-03; managing the Army's UK Swimming Team while in the services; as a Governor of Matthew Arnold School for 8 years; as Chairman of the Staines Swimming Club; as a Shepperton Rotarian; as Chairman of Shepperton Horticultural Society; as President of the Hope Stroke Club; as a member of the Spelthorne Schools Sports Association and as the Chairman of the St. Nicholas Shepperton Scout Group during which time he coached their swimming team which went on to win the Surrey County Championship for the first time in their history. He received the coveted Thanks badge from the Scout Association for this achievement.

Councillor Mrs Leighton recalled a more recent accolade that Councillor Sider had received. He had been presented with the Shining Star Award by the Multiple Sclerosis Society at the 2010 Annual Council Meeting. This was the Society's highest award whose recipients are nominated by other volunteers. It was given to recognise Councillor Sider's invaluable voluntary work on behalf of local people affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

RESOLVED that Councillor R.W. Sider be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

The new Mayor, Councillor Robin Sider, 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 Sam Budd with the past Mayor's badge and a scrapbook commemorating his year in office.

At the Mayor's request the outgoing Mayoress, Miss Helen Budd presented the new Mayoress, Mrs Jeanette Sider with the Mayoress' Badge and she in turn presented her with the past Mayoress' badge. Mrs Jeanette Sider also presented the outgoing Mayor's Consort, Mrs Margaret Lloyd with a Past Mayor's Consort Badge.

The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Sam Budd for his excellent service during the past year. The Mayor said that although Councillor Budd was small in stature, he had the heart of a lion and it had been both a great privilege and honour to have served as his Deputy.

The Mayor announced that he had appointed the Reverend Christopher Swift, Rector of St. Nicholas Church, Shepperton as his chaplain for his Mayoral Year.

The Mayor announced that his Mayor's Charity Fund would be supporting Spelthorne Multiple Sclerosis Society, Spelthorne Alzheimer's Society, Spelthorne Gymnastics Club and the Swan Sanctuary.

140/12 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms P.A. Broom, J.R. Sexton and Mrs C. Spencer.

141/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2012 were approved as a correct record.

142/12 Election of Deputy Mayor

It was moved by Councillor P.C. Forbes-Forsyth and seconded by Councillor S.E.W. Budd and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs I. Napper be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

Councillor Isobel Napper made the declaration of acceptance of office as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne.

The Mayor congratulated Councillor Mrs Isobel Napper on her election and invested her with the Badge of Office of Deputy Mayor.

The Mayoress, Mrs Jeanette Sider presented the Deputy Mayor's Consort Badge to the Deputy Mayor's Consort, Mr Tom Napper.

Councillor Mrs. Isobel Napper briefly addressed the Council and said she looked forward to supporting the Mayor and the Mayoress over the coming Mayoral year.

143/12 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

144/12 Announcements from the Mayor

Mayoral Events

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

Sunday 15 July – Lunch on behalf of the Mayor's charities at the home of Gerry and Sandra Ceaser

Sunday 1 July – The Mayor's Civic Service to be held at St. Nicholas Church Square in Shepperton

Wednesday 18 July – Continuing Councillor Budd's tradition of the Mayor's dining evenings with a meal at Mama Mia in Staines-upon-Thames.

Thursday 4 October – Civic Reception for the Business fraternity

Friday 19 October – A Mayoral dining evening held at Stanwell Hall

Friday 22 February 2013 – A concert by Spelthorne Young Voices on behalf of the Mayor's charities at Halliford School

Saturday 9 March 2013 – The Mayor's Ball to be held at the Runnymede Hotel

Saturday 16 March 2013 – A concert by the Weybridge Male Voice Choir to be held in St. Peter’s Church, on behalf of the Mayor’s charities.

145/12 Announcements from the Leader

The Leader made an announcement as follows:

“Thank you, Mister Mayor. I do have a number of announcements to make.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your election as Mayor and I wish you every success for your Mayoral year. I feel sure that you will find it a very fulfilling role and that you will be an excellent ambassador for the Borough. I hope that I speak for all of the Chamber when I say that you take with you our very best wishes and fullest possible support as you start your Mayoral year.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate Councillor Napper on her election as Deputy Mayor. I know that you will bring a great deal of experience to the role and you will be a tremendous support for the Mayor in the year ahead. You have my very best wishes as you start this new appointment.

Thirdly, on behalf of the Council, I’d like to thank Councillor Sam Budd for representing our wonderful borough in such a sterling fashion.

Mr. Mayor, I’d like to make two further announcements.

Late on Tuesday afternoon, I accepted the resignation from the Cabinet of Councillor Davis, the reason being that he has been pleased to accept the nomination as a prospective Conservative candidate for the Surrey County Council elections in May 2013 and wants to concentrate all his efforts on winning in that election.

I’d like to thank Councillor Davis for all his good work since being appointed to the Cabinet, particularly the historic Staines-upon-Thames project. I wish him success in his political career. We will continue to work together for the betterment of the Spelthorne community.

This leaves Councillor Davis’ former position on the Cabinet of Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, vacant. I intend to move Councillor Gething into that position on the Cabinet. I believe he will fulfil that role with a great deal of success. I don’t intend to fill the remaining vacant position at this moment in time. I will take on the responsibility for the Portfolio of Communications myself, for the time being and will notify the Cabinet and Council of my decision about the future of this Portfolio, in due course.

Finally, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank those councillors who attended and all the officers who helped to make the Staines-upon-Thames day such a successful and enjoyable event.

Thank you Mister Mayor.”

146/12 Committees 2012-13

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 8.

It was moved by Councillor F. Ayers and seconded by Councillor Mrs J.M. Pinkerton and

RESOLVED to agree:

- (a) The appointment of the Committees shown at Agenda Item 8(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 8(2).
- (c) The Members to serve on Committees as shown on Appendix A **[appended to 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.

147/12 Discretionary Housing Payments Review Board

It was moved by Councillor F. Ayers and seconded by Councillor Mrs J.M. Pinkerton 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 can be drawn, as necessary.

148/12 Appointment by the Council to Outside Bodies

It was moved by Councillor F. Ayers and seconded by Councillor Mrs J.M. Pinkerton and

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. D.L. Grant be appointed to the South West Middlesex Crematorium Board and Councillor Mrs. J.A. Dale be appointed as her Deputy.

APPENDIX (A)

Appointments to Committees

Audit Committee

[7 seats – 6 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

C.M. Frazer

D. Gohil

Mrs M. J. Madams

Ms D. Patel

A.C. Patterson

C.V. Strong

Mrs S. Webb

Licensing Committee

[15 seats – 13 Conservative – 2 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

A. Ayub

S.E.W. Budd

Mrs C.A. Bannister

Ms M. Bushnell

R.B. Colison-Crawford

Mrs J.A. Dale

C.A. Davis

Mrs S.A. Dunn

P.C. Forbes-Forsyth

Mrs V.J. Leighton

Mrs M. J. Madams

Mrs. I. Napper

Mrs. M.W. Rough

R.A. Smith-Ainsley

S.D. Taylor

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 3 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

A. Ayub

I.J. Beardsmore

Ms. P.A. Broom

Ms M. Bushnell

R.D. Dunn

M.P.C. Francis

A.E. Friday

A.C. Harman

A.J. Mitchell
Mrs. I. Napper
Mrs C.E. Nichols
Ms D. Patel
A.C. Patterson
Ms J.R. Sexton
Mrs S. Webb

Planning Committee

[15 seats – 12 Conservative – 2 Liberal Democrat – 1 Independent]

Councillors

I.J. Beardsmore
S.E.W. Budd
Mrs S. A. Dunn
G.E. Forsbrey
M.P.C. Francis
C.M. Frazer
A.E. Friday
N. Gething
D. Gohil
A.C. Harman
Mrs V.J. Leighton
Ms J.R. Sexton
R.A. Smith-Ainsley
Mrs C.L. Spencer
S.D. Taylor

Standards Committee

[6 seats – 5 Conservative – 1 Liberal Democrat]

Councillors

Ms M. Bushnell
Mrs J.A. Dale
R.D. Dunn
G.E. Forsbrey
Mrs M.J. Madams
S.D. Taylor

