

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH APRIL, 2001
BOROUGH OF SPELTHORNE**

**At the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Borough of Spelthorne, held in the
Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines
on Thursday 26th April, 2001 at 7.30pm**

Agarwal V	Forsbrey G E	Paton J M
Appleyard M A	Grant Mrs D L	Ponton Mrs J E
Ayers F	Hermes A W	Read E I J
Beardsmore I J	Hirst A P	Searancke E J
Blampied G G	Hyams Mrs M	Sider R W
Burrell L J W	James P R	Smith J E H
Ceaser G S	Leedham Ms A	Smith Mrs P A
Crabb T W	Martin Mrs M J	Smith-Ainsley R A
Culnane E K	Mellett Mrs H E L	Stubbs T
Davies F (Leader)	Norcross Mrs G A	Trussler G F
Drinkwater H V (Deputy Mayor)	O'Hara E	Weston Mrs P
Fisher C M	Packman J D (Deputy Leader)	Wood-Dow Mrs J M (Mayor)

Councillor Mrs J.M. Wood-Dow, Mayor, in the Chair

189/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P. Amos, Mrs M. Hartley and Mrs I. Napper.

190/01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22ND February, 2001 were approved as a correct record.

191/01 PRESENTATIONS BY THE MAYORS

a) Civic Pride Environmental Awards

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Wood-Dow, reported that the Civic Pride Environmental Awards were made to individuals and groups who had contributed to enhancing the environment of the Borough, with sponsorship for the schemes being received from both local and national Companies. Since the beginning of the Group in 1991 the total number of hours worked on community projects by dedicated volunteers was 10,000 hours.

The Mayor introduced Jill Stephens, the Chairman of the Spelthorne Civic Pride Steering Group who together with the Mayor presented the Senior Environmental Award to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Junior Environmental Award to 12 year old Marc Nixey.

b) Staines Brass Band

The Mayor, reported on the success of the Staines Brass Band who were runners up in the regional heats of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain held in Stevenage Southern England for the second year running. She presented the Cable and Wireless trophy to Bob Hawkins and congratulated all members of the Band on their achievements and wished them every success in the National Championship being held in Preston. In view of their continued success, the Band would be promoted to the Championship section from 2002.

192/01 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded members that the Charity dinner at Shepperton Film Studios would be held on 12th May and the Garden Party would be held in Shepperton on 26th May. Full details and tickets for both events could be obtained from Pam Cross.

193/01 APPLICATIONS FOR WORK TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (TPO) TREES BY THE COUNCIL

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive on the need to alter the Scheme of Delegations to Officers, to enable applications by the Council for work to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order, in the ownership of the Council, to be approved by the Director of Resources and not the Director of Community Services.

RESOLVED:-

1. to approve an amendment to the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers, in order that the Director
2. of Resources be delegated to take decisions on applications for work to preserved trees (under TPO's)
3. made by the Council on its own land; and
4. that any site Notices in relation to such applications should be in the name of the Director of Resources.

194/01 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN AND FREEMEN OF THE BOROUGH

The Council considered the recommendations of the Executive on nominations received from the Conservative Group for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen and Honorary Freemen of the Borough. The Leader reported that at this stage one of the nominations had been withdrawn.

Councillors G.G. Blampied, J.D.Packman and F. Davies proposed that Mr Ian Allan be made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough Of Spelthorne. In supporting the nomination the Leader of the Council, Councillor

Frank Davies reported that Ian Allan had been nominated, in recognition of the eminent services which he had rendered to the Borough over a number of years through his publication of a unique range of books, various businesses which employ a number of local

people, charitable work, both nationally and locally, particularly for people with disabilities and for the part he played in creating the Bradbury Centre in Shepperton.

Councillors G.S. Ceaser, J.D. Packman and F.Davies proposed that former Councillor P. C. Williamson be appointed as an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Spelthorne. In supporting the nomination the Leader of the Council, Councillor Davies, reported that Peter Charles Williamson JP, a resident of Sunbury, and a former Member and Chairman of the Sunbury Urban District Council was pre eminent in the formation of the Borough of Spelthorne, following the merging of Staines and Sunbury Urban District Councils. He was the first elected Leader of the newly formed authority and served in that capacity from 1974 to 1987.

Arrangements for a special meeting of the Council to be held to make the formal appointments to Ian Allen and Peter C. Williamson were reported.

RESOLVED:

1. That approval, be given in principle, to the nominations of former Councillors P.C. Williamson as Honorary
2. Alderman of the Borough and of Mr Ian Allan for admission as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough; and
3. That a Supplementary Estimate of £2,000 be approved to cover the cost of the Honorary Aldermen/Honorary
4. Freeman presentations to be made at a special Council meeting being arranged for Tuesday 26th June,
5. 2001 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.

195/01 SOUTH STREET/THAMES STREET, STAINES – DUALLING – TOTAL COST OF WORKS

RESOLVED that as recommended by the Executive a Supplementary Estimate of £416,400 be approved to cover the costs of the Staines Town Centre Dualling works, to be met from the New Schemes Fund.

195/01 EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council, Councillor F. Davies, presented his report which outlined the various matters the Executive had dealt with since the last Council meeting and responded to a number of questions raised by Members.

196/01 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Economic Committee, Councillor Mrs D.L. Grant, presented her report which outlined the matters the Economic Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

197/01 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Councillor G.E. Forsbrey, presented his report which outlined the matters the Environment Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

198/01 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Councillor G.S. Ceaser, presented his report which outlined the matters the Planning Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting and responded to a number of questions raised by Members.

199/01 GENERAL QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 13 Councillor P.R. James asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor F. Davies, the following question: -

“Why are the utility services not made to re instate the paving blocks in the areas that we as a Council paid for? The practice of not making good is wide spread throughout the Borough Temporary fillings of cement and tarmac become permanent fillings. The High Street in Staines is a good example. From the old Police Station to the old cinema. What happens to the bricks that we as an authority paid for? Are they lost by the utilities?”

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Davies replied, as follows: -

“The New Roads and Street Works Act require the Utility Companies to repair areas with like for like materials. Utilities have to make an immediate temporary reinstatement to their works. They then have six months from the completion of their works to permanently reinstate. It is usual practice for the companies to replace the extracted blocks with the “originals” which they store or provide new. The only exception is where obsolete materials are not able to be replaced and the only obligation is to replace with as near a match as possible i.e. colour/shape. The High Street in Staines has some temporary repairs by our contractors which will be covered by our new scheme to pedestrianise the High Street.”

200/01 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES - ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLARE ROAD, STANWELL

RESOLVED that Mrs Nora Farrar of 33 Diamedes Avenue, Stanwell be appointed to serve on the Governing Body of St. Anne's Primary School, Stanwell until 26th April, 2005 in place of the existing representative Mr John Offord who had resigned.