

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 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 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 at 7.00pm**

Appleyard M.A.	Grant Mrs. D.L.	Searancke E.J.
Beardsmore I.J.	Hirst A.P.	Sider R.W. (Deputy Mayor)
Blampied G.G.	Hyams Mrs. M.	Smith-Ainsley R.A.
Ceaser G.S.	James P.R.	Stubbs T.
Culnane E.K.	Martin Mrs. M.J.	Trussler G.F.
Davies F.	Napper Mrs. I.	Wood-Dow Mrs. J.M.
Drinkwater H.V. (Mayor)	Norcross Mrs. G.A.	
Fullbrook J.M.	O'Hara E.	
Forsbrey G E	Read E.I.J.	

*Councillor V. Drinkwater, Mayor, in the Chair*

**323/01 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V. Agarwal, Mrs. P. Amos, F. Ayers, L.J.W. Burrell, T.W. Crabb, C.M. Fisher, A.W. Hermes, Mrs. H.E.L. Mellett, J.D. Packman, J.M. Paton, J.E.H. Smith, Mrs. P.A. Smith, R. Watkins and Mrs. P. Weston.

**324/01 LALEHAM WARD BY-ELECTION**

The Mayor announced the results of the Laleham By-Election and welcomed Councillor James Fullbrook to his first meeting.

**325/01 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2001 were approved as a correct record.

**326/01 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH**

In the light of the Council resolution contained in Minute 194/01 of the Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2001, the Council met at this Special meeting convened for the purpose, to consider the adoption of a resolution pursuant to section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough upon Ian Allan, O.B.E.

It was moved by Councillor G.G. Blampied and seconded by Councillor F. Davies and

**RESOLVED** unanimously that we, the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Spelthorne, in

**pursuance of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, do hereby confer the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Spelthorne upon IAN ALLAN, O.B.E. in recognition of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Borough over a number of years, through his publication of an unique range of books, his operation of various businesses which employ a number of local people, undertaking charitable work, both nationally and locally, particularly for people with disabilities and for the part he played in the creating of the Bradbury Centre in Shepperton.**

**We accordingly admit Ian Allan O.B.E. to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Spelthorne.**

The Mayor then paid tribute to Mr Allan for the services he has rendered to the Borough and invited him to sign the Roll of Honorary Freeman after which he was presented with a framed scroll.

At the Mayor's invitation, Mr Allan then addressed the meeting.

### **327/01 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN OF THE BOROUGH**

It was further moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and

***RESOLVED* that we, the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Spelthorne, in pursuance of Section 249 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, do hereby confer the Title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Spelthorne upon PETER CHARLES WILLIAMSON J.P., in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him to the Council over a number of years. As a resident of Sunbury and a former Member and Chairman of the Sunbury Urban District Council, he was pre-eminent in the formation of the Borough of Spelthorne, following the merger of Staines and Sunbury Urban District Councils. He was the first elected Leader of the newly formed Authority in 1974 and served consecutively in that capacity until 1987.**

**We accordingly admit Peter Charles Williamson J.P to be the first Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Spelthorne.**

(The motion was approved by 22 Members voting in favour with one abstention).

The Mayor then paid tribute to Mr Williamson for the services he has rendered to the Borough and invited him to sign the Roll of Honorary Alderman after which he was presented with a framed scroll.

At the Mayor's invitation, Mr Williamson then addressed the meeting.

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Appleyard M.A.	Forsbrey G.E.	Read E.I.J.
Ayers F.	Grant Mrs. D.L.	Searancke E.J.
Beardsmore I.J.	Hirst A.P.	Sider R.W. (Deputy Mayor)
Blampied G.G.	Hyams Mrs. M.	Smith-Ainsley R.A.
Ceaser G.S.	James P.R.	Stubbs T.
Culnane E.K.	Martin Mrs. M.J.	Trussler G.F.
Davies F. (Leader)	Napper Mrs. I.	Wood-Dow Mrs. J.M.
Fisher C.M.	Norcross Mrs. G.A.	
Fullbrook J.M.	O'Hara E.	

*Councillor R.W. Sider, Deputy Mayor, in the Chair*

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**328/01 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June, 2001 at 7.00 p.m., were approved as a correct record.

**329/01 STAINES DAY CENTRE**

The Director of Community Services recalled Minute 230/01 of the Executive meeting held on 22nd May, 2001 when the vacant land at the rear of Debenhams was approved as the preferred site for the replacement of Day Centre facilities in Staines, subject to full information on outstanding issues being reported to this meeting. His report circulated in advance of the Council Meeting, updated Members on the inspection by Consultants of the Debenhams site; the costs of its redevelopment; details of the construction programme enabling completion by December 2001 or January 2002 and the results of 2500 responses to an Older Persons Survey showing support for a replacement Day Centre in Staines.

The site adjacent to Debenhams satisfied the requirement to find a readily accessible Town Centre location, and was achievable in construction and planning terms. Because of the reduced area available, a two-storey building had been designed which would satisfy existing users, generate extra interest and contribute generally to community development in Staines.

RESOLVED:-

1. That the site identified on Thames Street, Staines, South of Debenhams be developed as a proposed Staines Community Centre;
2. That a Supplementary Estimate in the sum of £880,000 be approved from the New Schemes Fund to cover the cost of the project;
3. That Standing Order for Contracts 3.1 be waived and the whole project be tendered to a select list of 3 specialist suppliers as indicated in the Director of Community Services's Report; and
4. That planning consent be sought from the Planning Committee for the development of a Community Centre on the site adjacent to Debenhams in Thames Street, Staines.

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