

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH MAY, 2003

### BOROUGH OF SPELTHORNE

At the Annual Meeting of the COUNCIL of the Borough of Spelthorne, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines  
On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 at 7.30pm

Amos Mrs P C	Fullbrook J	Paton J M
Ayers F	Grant Mrs D L	Pinkerton J D
Bain Miss M	Hirst A P	Pinkerton Mrs J E
Beardsmore I J	Hyams Mrs M	Ponton Mrs J E
Bhadye S	Jaffer H R	Royer M R
Bouquet M L	James P R	Searancke E J
Ceaser G S	Langridge-John Mrs J B	Sider R W
Chouhan K	Leighton Mrs V J	Spencer Mrs C L
Colinson-Crawford R B	Lorch S B S	Strong C V
Culnane E K	Madams Mrs M J	Trussler G F
Davies F	Napper Mrs I	Turner Mrs D
D'Sa R V	O'Hara E	Weston Mrs P
Forsbrey G E	Packman J D	Wood-Dow Mrs J M

#### 112/03 112/03 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The retiring Mayor, Councillor R.W. Sider, welcomed all Members to the Annual General Meeting of the Council.

He reported that it had been an honour to have been Mayor during the Queen's Golden Jubilee year. He referred to many of the functions and interesting people he had met during the year including the visit to Spelthorne by the High Sheriff of Surrey, Penelope Keith, who had opened the new Memorial Gardens and the pedestrianisation of Staines High Street. He went on to pay tribute to many people including his friends and associates who had given support in raising funds for the Mayors' charities and Pam Cross the Mayor's secretary.

Finally the Mayor publicly thanked his wife, Mrs Jean Sider, for helping to make the Mayoral Year so successful and enjoyable.

He extended his very best wishes to his successor, who would become the 30<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Spelthorne, and hoped that his term in office would be both interesting and rewarding.

It was moved by Councillor E. O'Hara and seconded by Councillor Mrs J. Wood-Dow that Councillor G.S. Ceaser be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2003/2004.

In moving the motion Councillor O'Hara reminded members that Councillor Ceaser had been the 13<sup>th</sup> Mayor and he felt sure he would undertake his duties as the 30<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the Borough with his usual dignity. He also referred to the high regard in which Councillor Ceaser was held by the local community. Councillor Mrs J.M. Wood-Dow in seconding the motion referred to Councillor Ceaser's commitment to his duties.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor G.S. Ceaser be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2003/2004.

Councillor G.S. Ceaser 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 those who had supported him in his election as Mayor, which he accepted with pride and honour. He presented Councillor R. W. Sider with the past Mayor's badge, a scrapbook commemorating his year in office and a small gift.

The Mayor reported that his Mayor's Charity Fund would be supporting three main charities which were the Sunbury Millenium Embroidery Building Fund, the Riverside Arts Appeal for the Barclays Bank building and the Spelthorne Young Voice Choir, with any remaining funds being given to other deserving causes identified during the Mayoral Year.

### **113/03 113/03 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2003, be approved as a correct record.

### **114/03 114/03 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor R.W. Sider and seconded by Councillor J.M. Paton and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor G.F. Trussler be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Spelthorne for the Municipal Year 2003/2004.

Councillor G.F. Trussler then 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.

### **115/03 115/03 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor referred to the Housing Best Value Inspection undertaken by the Audit Commission, at the beginning of the year, which initially gave the Council a 'fair' rating with uncertain prospects for improvement. Since then further evidence had been provided and the inspector had accepted that there were 'promising' prospects for improvements. He reminded members that this judgement together with the "average" assessment for the Housing Strategy would make a positive contribution to the Council's CPA assessment.

He welcomed Sue Sturgeon to her first meeting of the Council in her new role as Strategic Director (Support).

He reminded Members of his first civic event, which would be the Spelthorne Fun Day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2003.

### **116/03 116/03 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER**

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

**RESOLVED** that Councillor F. Davies be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2003/2004.

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane and

**RESOLVED** that Councillor J.D. Packman be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2003/2004.

### **117/03 117/03 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE, ITS SIZE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FUNCTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor J.D. Packman and

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) (a) That an Executive of 6 members be appointed comprising the Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Council and Councillors E.K. Culnane, G.E. Forsbrey, Mrs D.L. Grant and E.J. Searancke, with the terms of reference and functions set out in Part 3 (a) of the Council's Constitution; and
- (b) (b) that the members of the Executive should hold the following portfolios:

Community Safety and Community Liaison	Councillor J.D. Packman
Adult and Elderly Services	Councillor E.K. Culnane
Children and Young People Services	Councillor Mrs. D.L. Grant
Environment and Planning	Councillor G.E. Forsbrey
Corporate Services	Councillor E.J. Searancke

### **118/03 118/03 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.

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor J.D. Packman and

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) (a) That the Council appoint the six committees indicated in [Appendix A](#) with the terms of reference and functions as set out in Part 3 (a) of the Council's Constitution and that the political allocation of seats and the Members serving on committees be as shown on [Appendix A](#); and
- (b) (b) That Mr M. Litvak and Mr C. Tamlyn be appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Standards Committee.

### **119/03 119/03 CHAIRMEN OF AREA FORUMS**

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor J.D. Packman and

**RESOLVED** that the Chairmen of the five Area Forums for the Municipal Year 2003/2004 be appointed as follows:

Ashford	Councillor Mrs P. Weston
Shepperton	Councillor R.W. Sider
Staines and Laleham	Councillor E. O'Hara
Stanwell and Stanwell Moor	Councillor Mrs M. Hyams
Sunbury	Councillor A.P. Hirst

### **120/03 120/03 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS REVIEW BOARD**

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor J.D. Packman and

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

### **121/03 121/03 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL TO OUSIDE BODIES**

#### **(a) (a) South West Middlesex Crematorium Board**

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor J.D. Packman and

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

#### **(b) (b) Surrey County Districts Film Licensing Joint Committee**

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor J.D. Packman and

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Mrs D.L. Grant and Mrs J.M. Wood-Dow be appointed as the Council's representatives to serve on the Surrey County Districts Film Licensing Joint Committee.