

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 19 May, 2005 at 7.30pm

Amos Mrs P C	Grant Mrs D L	Pinkerton J D
Ayers F	Hirst A P	Ponton Mrs J E
Bhadye S	Hyams Mrs M	Royer M T
Bouquet M L	James P R	Searancke E J
Ceaser G S	Langridge-John 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 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
Fullbrook J M	Pinkerton Mrs J M	

Davies T (Co-opted Member)

139/05 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The retiring Mayor, Councillor G.F. Trussler, welcomed all Members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of the Council. He thanked Members for allowing him to serve as Mayor, and gave a report on his year in office. He noted that the press had covered 255 events during his year in office, and in particular, he highlighted his attendance at the Royal garden party, the Civic Service, the Queen's Award for Kingston Technology at Sunbury, the River Day, the inauguration of the Bishop of Guildford, the opening of HMP Bronzefield, the Charity Ball, and the silk painting exhibition at Staines Methodist Church. Councillor Trussler also spoke about the memorial service, held for the victims of the Trident disaster, in June 2004, and his attendance at the funerals of former Mayors, Geoff Kaye and Albert Sawyer.

Councillor Trussler noted that this was the 15th year of twinning with Melun, and spoke warmly of recent celebrations, his opening of the French cheese market and visit of the Deputy Mayor of Melun during the year.

He thanked his organising group for their support, and the press. In particular he thanked Councillor Sider for producing a video record of his year in office, and his secretary, Sue Hulme for her helpfulness. Having witnessed their hard work, he also praised the many volunteers in the Borough and thanked them for their dedication.

Finally, he thanked his wife for her support as Mayoress, and presented her with a gift.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs D. Grant and seconded by Councillor G.S. Ceaser that Councillor Mrs P. Weston be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

In moving the motion Councillor Mrs Grant reported that Councillor Mrs Weston would be a great ambassador for Spelthorne, and praised her great resolve. She noted Councillor Mrs Weston's active community involvement and her service on many committees. In particular she highlighted her role as a school governor, with the sea cadets and as a Charitable Trustee. Councillor G.S. Ceaser in seconding the motion referred to Councillor Mrs Weston's commitment and integrity, and her diligence as a councillor.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P. Weston be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

Councillor Mrs P. Weston 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 as Mayor, which she accepted with pride. She thanked Councillor

G.F. Trussler for his advice to her as Deputy Mayor, and presented him with the past Mayor's badge and a scrapbook commemorating his year in office. In return Councillor Trussler offered his best wishes to the Mayor for her forthcoming year in office.

The Mayor reported that her Mayor's Charity Fund would be supporting three main local charities which were the Breast Cancer Unit at Ashford and St Peter's Hospital, the Crest information and support centre for cancer patients, and the One to One friendship scheme.

She thanked Members, friends and family for their support during her year as Deputy Mayor, and stated that she was honoured and privileged to be the Mayor.

140/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss Bain, I.J. Beardsmore, H.R. Jaffer and J.M. Paton, and Mr M. Litvak.

141/05 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2005, be approved as a correct record.

142/05 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor E. O'Hara and seconded by Councillor F. Ayers and

RESOLVED that Councillor M.T. Royer be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

Councillor M.T. Royer 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.

143/05 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor reminded Members that a Seminar on flooding issues facilitated by the Environment Agency would take place on 23 May 2005.

She announced the following civic events with full details being obtained from the Mayor's Secretary.

Ashford on the Map Fete and Mayor's Raffle – 5 June 2005.

Mayor's Civic Service at St Matthew's Church, Ashford – 12 June 2005.

144/05 ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Mrs J. Wood-Dow and seconded by Councillor Mrs C. Spencer and

RESOLVED that Councillor G.S. Ceaser be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

It was moved by Councillor A. Hirst and seconded by Councillor E.J. Searancke and

RESOLVED that Councillor E.K. Culnane be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2005/2006.

The Council was informed that the Liberal Democrat Group had appointed Councillor C.V. Strong as the new Leader of their Group and that Councillor I.J. Beardsmore would be the new Deputy Leader.

145/05 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane and

RESOLVED:

- (a) That an Executive of 6 members be appointed comprising the Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Council and Councillors G.E. Forsbrey, Mrs D.L. Grant, Mrs V.J. Leighton

and E.J. Searancke, with the terms of reference and functions set out in Part 3 (a) of the Council's Constitution; and

(b) that the members of the Executive hold the following portfolios:

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

146/05 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 G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane and

RESOLVED:

- (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;
- (b) That the allocation of seats on the six committees be as shown on **Appendix A**;
- (c) That Part 4 (a) of the Council's Constitution, Standing Order 8.2 (e) (i) be amended to revise the wording to read "that no more than two members of the executive shall be appointed as members of the Planning Committee or the Licensing Committee";
- (d) That the Members appointed to serve on the six committees be as shown on **Appendix A**; and
- (e) That Mr M. Litvak and Mr T. Davies be appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, respectively.

147/05 CHAIRMEN OF AREA FORUMS

It was moved by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane and

RESOLVED that the Chairmen of the five Area Forums for the Municipal Year 2005/2006 be appointed as shown on **Appendix B**, as follows:

Ashford	Councillor F. Ayers
Shepperton	Councillor R.W. Sider
Staines and Laleham	Councillor E. O'Hara
Stanwell and Stanwell Moor	Councillor Mrs C.L. Spencer
Sunbury	Councillor A.P. Hirst

148/05 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS REVIEW BOARD

It was moved by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane 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 could be drawn, as necessary.

149/05 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL TO OUSIDE BODIES

(a) South West Middlesex Crematorium Board [Appendix C refers]

It was moved by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane 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) Surrey County Districts Film Licensing Joint Committee [Appendix C refers]

It was moved by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor E.K. Culnane and

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

Mayor _____

23 June, 2005