

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 18 May, 2006 at 7.30pm

Bain Ms M	Grant Mrs D L	Pinkerton Mrs J M
Beardsmore I	Hirst A P	Pinkerton J D
Bhadye S	Hyams Mrs M	Ponton Mrs J E
Bouquet M L	James P R	Royer M T
Ceaser G S	Langridge-John J B	Sider R W
Colison-Crawford R B	Leighton Mrs V J	Spencer Mrs C L
Culnane E K	Lorch S B S	Trussler G F
Davies F	Napper Mrs I	Turner Mrs D
Forsbrey G E	O'Hara E	Weston Mrs P
Fullbrook J M	Packman J D	Wood-Dow Mrs J M

Davies T (Co-opted Member)

124/06 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs P. Weston, welcomed all Members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of the Council. She reported that it had been a pleasure and privilege to have been Mayor and hoped that she had been a good ambassador for Spelthorne. She referred to the many events and interesting people she had met during the year which included attending and speaking along side Alistair Darling MP at the opening of the widening of the M25 and attending a concert at the house of Prince Edward the Earl of Wessex and his wife Sophie. She paid tribute to numerous people including her friends and fellow councillors who had given support in raising funds for the Mayor's charities.

She thanked Councillor Sider for producing videos of her year in office and her secretary, Sue Hulme for her hard work and helpfulness throughout the year and to Richard Powell for his help at full council meetings.

Finally, she thanked her husband for his support as her Consort.

It was moved by Councillor E. O'Hara and seconded by Councillor Mrs D.L. Grant that Councillor M. T. Royer be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

RESOLVED that Councillor M.T. Royer be appointed Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

Councillor M.T. Royer 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 the 33rd Mayor of Spelthorne. He presented Councillor Mrs Weston with the past Mayor's badge and a scrapbook commemorating her year in office.

The Mayor reported that his Mayor's Charity Fund would be supporting three main local charities, which were the Samaritans, Cross Roads and the ATC. The Mayor's Chaplain this year would be the Reverend R. Cosh.

He thanked Councillor Mrs Weston, Members, friends and family for their support during his year as Deputy Mayor.

125/06 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Amos, Ayers, Chouhan, D'Sa, Jaffer, Mrs Madams, Paton, Searancke and Strong. Honorary Alderman Peter Williamson also extended his apologies.

126/06 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2006, be approved as a correct record.

127/06 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor F. Davies and seconded by Councillor Mrs. J.M. Wood-Dow and

RESOLVED that Councillor A.P. Hirst be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

Councillor A.P. Hirst 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.

128/06 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

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

Civic Service – 25 June 2006

Charitable Music Event – 8 July 2006

Charity Lunch hosted by Councillor and Mrs Ceaser - 6 August 2006

River Day – 2 September 2006

Civic Reception to be held in October at Shepperton Studios

Charity Golf Day - date to be arranged

Charity Ball – 3 March 2007 at Kempton Park Racecourse

Civic Day – 2 May 2007

Civic Reception – 17 May 2007

129/06 ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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

RESOLVED that Councillor G.S. Ceaser be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

It was moved by Councillor G.S. Ceaser and seconded by Councillor Mrs. V.J. Leighton and

RESOLVED that Councillor E.K. Culnane be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2006/2007.

130/06 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 revised portfolios and the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect the changes:

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	Councillor G.E. Forsbrey
Corporate Services	Councillor E.J. Searancke
Planning Policy and Performance Management	Councillor G.S. Ceaser (In addition to the Leaders role and responsibilities)

131/06 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 seven 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 seven committees be as shown on **Appendix A**;
- (c) That the Members appointed to serve on the seven committees be as shown on **Appendix A**; and
- (d) That Mr M. Litvak and Mr T. Davies be appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, respectively.

132/06 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 2006/2007 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 E.K. Culnane

133/06 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.

134/06 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL TO OUSIDE BODIES

(a) South West Middlesex Crematorium Board]

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

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

135/06 INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE – GEOFF CHILTON

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G.S. Ceaser, reported on the outstanding service given by Geoff Chilton over the last six months in his role as a three-day a week interim Chief Executive. His performance was of a high standard and equalled that of a full time role. He thanked Geoff for his wisdom, guidance and help in progressing the councils aspirations to continue to improve on the Council's CPA rating of 'Excellence. On behalf of all members and staff he wished him well for the future.

Mayor _____

22 June 2006