

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2007
BOROUGH OF SPELTHORNE**

**AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, KNOWLE GREEN, STAINES ON TUESDAY
23 OCTOBER AT 7.30PM**

Ayers F.	Grant Mrs. D.L.	Packman J.D. (Leader)
Bain Miss M.M.	Hirst A. P. (Mayor)	Pinkerton J.D.
Bell Mrs. E.	Hyams Ms. N.A.	Pinkerton Mrs. J.M.
Bhadye S. (Deputy Mayor)	Jaffer H.R.	Royer M.T.
Budd S.E.W.	Leighton Mrs. V.J.	Sider R. W.
Colison-Crawford R.B.	Napper Mrs. I.	Smith-Ainsley R.A. (Deputy Leader)
Davis C.A.	Nichols Mrs. C.E.	Spencer Mrs. C.L.
Dunn Mrs. S.A.	Nichols L.E.	Trussler G.F.
Flurry K.E.	O'Hara E.	Weston Mrs. P.
Forsbrey G. E.		

Councillor A.P. Hirst, The Mayor, in the Chair

338/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms. P.A. Broom, M.J. Collis, T.W. Crabb, Mrs. M.W. Rough and C.V. Strong, County Councillors Mrs. D. Saliagopoulos and Mrs. D.M. Turner, Murray Litvak, Nigel Lynn and Sue Sturgeon and from invited guests, Colin Squire, Mr. and Mrs. Derek White, David Godfrey and Mrs. Martine Hyams.

339/07 APPOINTMENT OF AN HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

In the light of the Council resolution contained in Minute 251/07 of the Council Meeting held on 19th July 2007, the Council convened this Special Meeting to consider the adoption of a resolution pursuant to section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Spelthorne upon Gerald Ceaser, FRICS, MBEng.

It was moved by Councillor J.D. Packman, seconded by Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley, endorsed by Councillor R.W. Sider and

RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Spelthorne, in pursuance of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act, 1972, do confer the Title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Spelthorne upon Gerald Ceaser, FRICS, MBEng in recognition of the eminent service rendered by him to the Borough and to the Council.

We accordingly admit Gerald Ceaser, FRICS, MBEng, to be the seventh Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Spelthorne.

(The motion was approved unanimously.)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor J.D. Packman, on behalf of the Borough Council, paid tribute to Gerald Ceaser for the services he had rendered to the Borough and to the Council. He referred to his significant service to the Spelthorne Borough Council as a Member for nearly 34 years and as both Leader and Mayor of it twice, including him having served on the Executive and all the Council's Committees. The Leader summarised some of the highlights of Gerald's outstanding contribution which were, a key role in the redevelopment of Staines Town Centre; a key role in the redevelopment of the Sunbury Walled Garden, in particular the Millennium Embroidery Gallery Exhibition located there, initiation of the Surrey Youth Games;

and Spelthorne as the first local authority in Surrey to attain the coveted Investors in People Award. His eminent voluntary service to the local community for over 30 years, included Governor of Bishop Wand School since 1974, setting up and serving on local and South East Regional sports bodies, in particular Surrey Sport and Surrey Youth Games, his contribution to the welfare of young people as Trustee of the National Association of Clubs for Young People and Chairman of the Middlesex Young Peoples Clubs and his drive in setting up local Charity events like the Mayor's Fun Day, Sunbury's Picnic in the Park and Christmas Carols in the Meadow.

Personal tributes were also made by Councillors R.A. Smith Ainsley, R.W. Sider and E. O'Hara and by Councillor R.B. Colison-Crawford on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group. Several invited guests also presented their personal tributes at the meeting. The Mayor, Councillor A.P. Hirst, invited Gerald Ceaser to sign the Roll of Honorary Freeman. Following this, the Mayor presented him with a framed scroll as a record of his formal appointment as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Spelthorne.

At the Mayor's invitation, Honorary Freeman Gerald Ceaser addressed the meeting.