MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames on Thursday, 22 October 2026 at 7.00 pm

Present:
Councillor S.A. Dunn, The Mayor, in the Chair

Councillors:

M. Gibson	M. Buck	S. Gyawali
M. Arnold	T. Burrell	K. Howkins
M.M. Attewell	J.R. Boughtflower	N. Islam
L. Barker	J. Button	S.C. Mooney
C. Bateson	R. Chandler	G. Neall
S.N. Beatty	D.C. Clarke	L. E. Nichols
M. Beecher	J.T.F. Doran	K.E. Rutherford
S. Bhadye	S.M. Doran	J.R. Sexton
M. Bing Dong	R.V. Geach	J.A. Turner
H.S. Boparai	D.L. Geraci	H.R.D. Williams
L.H. Brennan	K.M. Grant	

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors J.P. Caplin, M.J. Lee, A. Mathur, D. Saliagopoulos, B. Weerasinghe and P.N. Woodward

93/26 Disclosures of Interest

Councillors Attewell, Boparai, Mooney, and Sexton advised they were also Surrey County Councillors.

Councillors Attewell, Barker, Bateson, Boparai, Mooney and Sexton advised they were also West Surrey Councillors.

94/26 Motion

Councillor Geraci arrived 19:15

It was proposed by Councillor Boughtflower, seconded by Councillor Howkins and **resolved** to allow an alteration to Councillor Boughtflower's motion to read as follows:

1. Vote of no confidence and removal from office in the Leader and Deputy Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council; and
2. Propose Councillor Boughtflower as the new Leader and Councillor Matthew Lee as the new Deputy Leader.

The Mayor advised that as the second part of the motion was dependent on the first being successful, the motion would be considered in two parts.

A recorded vote was requested and the results were as follows:

For (12):	Attewell, Bhadye, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Brennan, Buck, Chandler, Clarke, Howkins, Islam, Mooney, Williams
Against (9):	Dunn, Barker, Bateson, Boparai, Grant, Gyawali, Neall, Nichols, Turner
Abstain (12):	Gibson, Arnold, Beatty, Beecher, Burrell, Button, J Doran, S Doran, Geach, Geraci, Rutherford, Sexton

The Council **resolved** to approve the vote of no confidence and removal from office of the Leader and Deputy Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council.

Meeting adjourned: 20:02
Meeting reconvened: 20:17

It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Gibson that the motion be amended to as follows:

“Propose Councillor Sexton be elected as the new Leader and Councillor Bateson be Deputy Leader for the remaining five months of the Council.”

A recorded vote was requested on the amended motion and the results were as follows:

For (16):	Dunn, Gibson, Arnold, Bateson, Beatty, Beecher, Burrell, Button, J Doran, S Doran, Geach, Geraci, Grant, Rutherford, Turner, Williams
Against (11):	Attewell, Bhadye, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Brennan, Buck, Chandler, Clarke, Howkins, Islam, Mooney
Abstain (6):	Barker, Boparai, Gyawali, Neall, Nichols, Sexton

The Council **resolved** the motion be amended to:

“Propose Councillor Sexton be elected as the new Leader, and Councillor Bateson be Deputy Leader for the remaining five months of the Council.”

Meeting adjourned: 20:31
Meeting reconvened: 20:36

Meeting adjourned: 20:46
Meeting reconvened: 20:57

A recorded vote was requested and the results were as follows:

For (15):	Dunn, Gibson, Bateson, Beatty, Beecher, Burrell, Button, J Doran, S Doran, Geach, Geraci, Grant, Sexton, Turner, Williams
Against (11):	Attewell, Bhadye, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Brennan, Buck, Chandler, Clarke, Howkins, Islam, Mooney
Abstain (7):	Arnold, Barker, Boparai, Gyawali, Neall, Nichols, Rutherford

Meeting ended: 21:07