BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL held at the Council Offices, Farnborough on Tuesday, 10th June, 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD)
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.)

CR. T.D. BRIDGEMAN, B.A. (Hons.) CR. R. HUGHES
CR. SUE CARTER CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.
CR. A.M.J. CHAIN Ey CR. B. JONES, M.Sc., A.R.C.S.,
CR. M.S. CHOU DHARY, M.A. M.N.E.I.M.M.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.T.,
CR. SOPHIA CHOU DHARY, L.L.B. M.B.C.S., C.I.T.P.
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CR. A.H. CRAWFORD, J.P., B.Sc., a CR. P.J. MOYLE
CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.), CR. J.J. PREECE
M.Arch., M.A. CR. M.J. ROBERTS, B.Sc., F.R.S.A.
CR. SUE DIBBLE CR. M. SMALL
CR. R.L.G. DIBBS CR. M. STAPLEHURST
CR. BARBARA DONAGHUE CR. L.A. TAYLOR
CR. JENNIFER M. EVANS, B.Sc., CR. P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.
M.Sc. CR. B.A. THOMAS
CR. A.M. FERRIER CR. JACQUI VOSPER
CR. D.S. GLADSTONE CR. D.M. WELCH
CR. C.P. GRAT TAN

Honorary Alderman C. Balchin J.P.
Honorary Alderman R.J. Debenham, M.B.E.
Honorary Alderman R.J. Kimber
Honorary Alderman G.J. Woolger

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Crs. Sophia Choudhary, Barbara Hurst and P.J. Moyle.

THE MAYOR (CR. T.D. BRIDGEMAN) IN THE CHAIR

The Meeting commenced with Prayers led by the Mayor’s Chaplain, the Very Reverend James Martin.

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all those present.
1. **ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH -**

   Nominations were invited for the election of the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/15. It was MOVED by Cr. J.H. Marsh; SECONDED by Cr. P.G. Taylor - That Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2015.

   **RESOLVED unanimously:** That Councillor MRS. DIANE BEVERLEY BEDFORD be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2015.

   The Mayor then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and took the Chair.

   **THE MAYOR (CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD) IN THE CHAIR**

   The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all those present.

   The Mayor expressed her pleasure at the honour and privilege of being elected Mayor of Rushmoor. She thanked her proposer and seconder and the Council for supporting her nomination. She then proceeded to signify the appointment of Miss. Alison Bedford as Mayoress and invested her with her Badge of Office. She also signified the appointment of the Reverend Ian Hedges as the Mayor’s Chaplain.

   The Mayor looked forward to the Mayoral Year before her. She then stated that the main charities she would be supporting during the year would be Parent Action Group, Parity for Disability and the Vine Day Centre.

   The Mayor concluded by thanking the Council once again for the honour conferred upon her.

2. **VOTE OF THANKS -**

   It was MOVED by Cr. Sue Dibble; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp and

   **RESOLVED:** That the Council place on record its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Cr. Terry Bridgeman and Miss Pam Edwards as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough during the Municipal Year 2013/14.

   The Mayor then presented an illuminated scroll to Cr. Bridgeman, together with a past Mayor’s Badge. The Mayor also presented a past Mayoress’ Badge to Miss Edwards.

   In response, Cr. Bridgeman thanked Crs. Sue Dibble and K.H. Muschamp for their kind words and the Council for having elected him Mayor of the Borough.
Cr. Bridgeman spoke of his enjoyable Mayoral Year and said it had been an honour to have been elected as Mayor of the Borough. He paid tribute to the wonderful support he had received from his Mayoress, Miss Pam Edwards.

Cr. Bridgeman spoke of the many engagements he had attended during the year, which had amounted to over 250 appointments, including visits to schools, several voluntary groups, Military events and sports clubs and associations. One of the most memorable experiences during his Mayoral Year had been to undertake a skydive in aid of charity. Cr. Bridgeman thanked all the members of his Fundraising Committee who had assisted in raising funds for the nominated charities for his Mayoral Year: Parkside Day Centre, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Frimley Park Hospital Breast Care Appeal. It was estimated that over £20,000 had been raised. He also thanked the Mayor’s Chaplain for his assistance and guidance during the Mayoral Year.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR –

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough. It was MOVED by Cr. Sue Carter; SECONDED by Cr. K. Dibble - That Cr. M.J. Tennant be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2015.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor MARTIN JOHN TENNANT be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2015.

The Mayor congratulated Cr. M.J. Tennant and invested him with the Deputy Mayor’s Badge. Cr. Tennant then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He then proceeded to signify the appointment of Mrs. Jill Tennant as Deputy Mayoress and invested her with her Badge of Office.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for the confidence placed in him and he pledged support to the Mayor and Mayoress in the coming year.

4. MINUTES –

Subject to an amendment to the numbering of the items of the Minutes, it was MOVED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp; SECONDED by Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 8th May, 2014 (copies having been circulated previously) be taken as read, approved and signed as a correct record.

5. RETURNING OFFICER’S REPORT –

The Returning Officer, Mr. J.A. Lloyd, submitted his report (as set out in the appendix to these Minutes) on the results of the Borough Council Elections held on Thursday, 22nd May, 2014.
The Mayor welcomed the newly elected councillors to the meeting following the elections. A special welcome was extended to Councillors Barbara Donaghe, David Gladstone and Jeremy Preece who were attending their first meeting and to returning Councillor Mike Smith. The Mayor also wished to place on record the Council’s thanks for the services provided to the Council and residents of the Borough of former Councillor Attika Choudhary who had not been re-elected.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS –

The Mayor advised the Council that she proposed to hold a number of events during her Mayoral Year. These would include a Mayoral Church Service on 27th July, 2014, a Charity Golf Day on 19th September, 2014 and a Banquet and Ball on 20th February, 2015.

7. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –

It was MOVED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp; SECONDED by Cr. Sue Carter - That Cr. P.J. Moyle be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

There voted FOR: 20; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was DECLARED CARRIED.

8. APPOINTMENTS 2014/15 –

Subject to the amendments tabled at the meeting, it was MOVED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp; SECONDED by Cr. Sue Carter –

(1) Appointment of Cabinet Members –

That it be noted that the following Cabinet Members and the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014/15 had been made by the Leader of the Council:

Cr. Sue Carter – Leisure and Youth Portfolio
Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs – Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio
Cr. R. Hughes – Health and Housing Portfolio
Cr. A. Jackman – Concessions and Community Support Portfolio
Cr. K.H. Muschamp – Business, Safety and Regulation Portfolio and Deputy Leader of the Council
Cr. P.G. Taylor – Corporate Services Portfolio

(2) Committees and Policy and Review Panels -

That the appointments to Committees and the Policy and Review Panels for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be approved, in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated below:
(a) COMMITTEES –

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Voting Members:

Conservative: 7  Labour: 4

Cr. A.M.J. Chainey  Cr. D. Cappleman
Cr. P.I.C. Crerar  Cr. Sue Dibble
Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs  Cr. Jennifer Evans
Cr. D.S. Gladstone  Cr. C.P. Grattan
Cr. G.B. Lyon
Cr. J.H. Marsh
Cr. B.A. Thomas

Standing Deputies:

Conservative:  Labour:

Cr. Barbara Hurst  Cr. P.F. Rust

NOTE: The Cabinet Member for Environment is to be an ex officio non-voting member of the Development Control Committee, unless appointed as a voting member.

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Voting Members

Conservative: 7  Labour: 3  UKIP: 1

Cr. Liz Corps  Cr. A.H. Crawford  Cr. M. Staplehurst
Cr. A.M. Ferrier  Cr. B. Jones
Cr. Barbara Hurst  Cr. L.A. Taylor
Cr. M.D. Smith
Cr. M.J. Tennant
Cr. Jacqui Vosper
Cr. D.M. Welch

STANDARDS AND AUDIT

Voting Members

Conservative: 3  Labour: 1  UKIP: 1

Cr. A.M. Ferrier  Cr. D. Cappleman  Cr. M. Staplehurst
Cr. J.H. Marsh
Cr. M.D. Smith
Co-opted Members

Mr. D. Austin
Mr. B. Hambleton

(b) POLICY AND REVIEW PANELS -

BOROUGH SERVICES

Conservative: 5  Labour: 3  UKIP: 1

Cr. A.M.J. Chainey  Cr. T.D. Bridgeman  Cr. M. Staplehurst
Cr. M.S. Choudhary  Cr. C.P. Grattan  Cr. M.J. Roberts
Cr. A.M. Ferrier  Cr. Jacqui Vosper
Cr. Barbara Hurst
Cr. Liz Corps
Cr. M.D. Smith

COMMUNITY

Conservative: 5  Labour: 3  UKIP: 1

Cr. M.S. Choudhary  Cr. Jennifer Evans  Cr. M. Small
Cr. Sophia Choudhary  Cr. M.J. Roberts
Cr. D.E. Clifford  Cr. P.F. Rust
Cr. Liz Corps
Cr. M.D. Smith

CORPORATE SERVICES

Conservative: 5  Labour: 3  UKIP: 1

Cr. D.E. Clifford  Cr. A.H. Crawford  Cr. Barbara Donaghue
Cr. D.S. Gladstone  Cr. B. Jones
Cr. Barbara Hurst  Cr. P.F. Rust
Cr. G.B. Lyon
Cr. Jacqui Vosper

ENVIRONMENT

Conservative: 6  Labour: 3

Cr. Sophia Choudhary  Cr. Sue Dibble
Cr. D.E. Clifford  Cr. J.J. Preece
Cr. P.I.C. Crerar  Cr. L.A. Taylor
Cr. D.S. Gladstone
Cr. J.H. Marsh
Cr. D.M. Welch
LEISURE AND YOUTH

Conservative: 6  
Labour: 2  
UKIP: 1

Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford  
Cr. T.D. Bridgeman  
Cr. Barbara Donaghue

Cr. Liz Corps  
Cr. K. Dibble

Cr. P.I.C. Crerar  
Cr. G.B. Lyon

Cr. B.A. Thomas  
Cr. D.M. Welch

(3) That the appointments of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the following Committees be approved as set out below:

**Development Control**
Nominated Chairman -  
Cr. G.B. Lyon

Nominated Vice-Chairman -  
Cr. B.A. Thomas

**Licensing and General Purposes**
Nominated Chairman -  
Cr. M.J. Tennant

Nominated Vice-Chairman -  
Cr. A.M. Ferrier

There voted FOR: 32; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was DECLARED CARRIED.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.