

17th May 2016 pm

Minutes of the proceedings of the adjourned **FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING** of **WOKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL** held this day in the **MAIN HALL, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM**, from 7.30pm to 7.50pm.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Mrs G S Hewetson (Mayor)
Cllrs: M Ashwell, M Bishop, C J Bowering, N Campbell-White, Mrs U K Clark, DOH Davies, A Drake, L Forbes, C R George, S C Gurney, T Lack, D G Lee, P M Lucey, J P Mirfin, S Odedra, M L Richards, I L Shepherd-Dubey, S Steatham, A Waters, R J Wyatt.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jan Nowecki – Town Clerk
Nicky Harmsworth – Responsible Finance Officer

PRAYERS

No Prayers were spoken this evening.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr J McGhee-Sumner, M S Monk, C D Moore, K G Morgan,

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda Item 12)

No declaration of interests from any Members present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Agenda Item 13)

It was proposed by Cllr R J Wyatt and seconded by Cllr J P Mirfin

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that the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 19th April 2016 (pages 15137 to 15141), be accepted and signed as a true and correct record.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS (Agenda Item 14)

The Mayor thanked all Councillors for their support at the earlier Mayor Making Ceremony and advised that flyers for the Queen's birthday celebrations had been left for all Councillors and asked if they could be distributed in their wards. A list of the Mayor's engagements from 18 April 2016 to 16 May 2016 was received.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 15)

No questions from either Council Members or the Public had been received.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER (Agenda Item 16)

The Attendance Chart extracted from the Attendance Register of Members at Council and Committee meetings for the past year was received.

STANDING COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP (Agenda Item 17)

The Town clerk advised that the Standing Committees be elected for the ensuing year subject to Local Government Act 1972, Section 101 (1)(a) and

- (i) In accordance with Standing Order No 19b - if other Members wish to stand, then no Member shall serve on more than two Standing Committees.
- (ii) Relevant Standing Orders 18 and 19.

(a) AMENITIES COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

The Town Clerk announced the following Councillors nominated for Membership of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year and asked that they stand in order to distinguish them from the main Council body. This committee has delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 18.3b and shall consist of no more than nine members;

Cllrs P M Lucey, M L Richards, N J Campbell-White, M A Ashwell, C R George, C D Moore, T Lack, S Odedra, L Forbes and Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson (ex officio)

CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr M A Ashwell nominated Cllr N J Campbell-White as Chairman of the Amenities Committee who then in turn nominated Cllr M A Ashwell as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee. The Town Clerk asked for a vote to be taken.

It was proposed by Cllr M Richards and seconded by Cllr T Lack and it was

**RESOLVED
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- (i) that Cllrs P M Lucey, M L Richards, N J Campbell-White, M A Ashwell, C R George, C D Moore, T Lack, S Odedra, L Forbes and Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson (ex officio) be elected as Members of the Amenities Committee and
- (ii) that Cllr N Campbell-White be elected as Chairman and Cllr M A Ashwell be elected as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor duly announced that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year would be Cllrs M A Ashwell and N J Campbell-White respectively, and that members would be Cllrs P M Lucey, M L Richards, N J Campbell-White, M A Ashwell, C R George, C D Moore, T Lack, S Odedra, L Forbes and Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson (ex officio).

(b) PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk announced the following Councillors nominated for Membership of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year and asked that they stand in order to distinguish them from the main Council body. This committee has delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 18.3c and shall consist of no more than nine members;

Cllrs M L Richards, A N Waters, N J Campbell-White, C R George, C D Moore, D G Lee, K G Morgan, A N Drake, I L Shepherd-Dubey, and Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson (ex officio).

CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr A N Waters nominated Cllr D G Lee as Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee who then in turn nominated N Campbell-White as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee. The Town Clerk asked for a vote to be taken.

It was proposed by Cllr A N Waters and seconded by Cllr C L Richards and it was

**RESOLVED
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(i) that Cllrs M L Richards, A N Waters, N J Campbell-White, C R George, C D Moore, D G Lee, K G Morgan, A N Drake, I L Shepherd-Dubey, and Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson (ex officio) be elected as Members of the Planning and Transportation Committee and

(ii) that Cllr D G Lee be elected as Chairman and Cllr N Campbell-White be elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee for the ensuing year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor duly announced that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee for the ensuing year would be Cllrs D G Lee and N J Campbell-White respectively, and that members would be Cllrs M L Richards, A N Waters, C R George, C D Moore, K G Morgan, A N Drake, I L Shepherd-Dubey and Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson (ex officio).

(c) FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk announced the following Councillors nominated for Membership of the Finance & Personnel Committee for the ensuing year and asked that they stand in order to distinguish them from the main Council body. This committee has delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 18.3d and shall consist of no more than nine members;

Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson, M Bishop, M S Monk, J P Mirfin, N J Campbell-White, C J Bowring, D G Lee, DOH Davies, R J Wyatt, S C Gurney

CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr R J Wyatt nominated Cllr DOH Davies as Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee who then in turn nominated R J Wyatt as Vice Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee. The Town Clerk asked for a vote to be taken.

It was proposed by Cllr R J Wyatt and seconded by Cllr M Bishop and it was

**RESOLVED
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(i) that Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson, M Bishop, M S Monk, N J Campbell-White, C J Bowring, D G Lee, DOH Davies, R J Wyatt, S C Gurney be elected as Members of the Finance & Personnel Committee and

(ii) that Cllr D OH Davies be elected as Chairman and Cllr R J Wyatt be elected as Vice Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee for the ensuing year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor duly announced that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance & Personnel Committee for the ensuing year would be Cllrs DOH Davies and R J Wyatt respectively, and that members would be Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson, M Bishop, M S Monk, N J Campbell-White, C J Bowring, D G Lee, S C Gurney.

(d) CIVIC COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk announced the following Councillors nominated for Membership of the Civic Committee for the ensuing year and asked that they stand in order to distinguish them from the main Council body. This committee has delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 18.3f and shall consist of no more than nine members;

Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson, M Bishop, P M Lucey, S Steatham, Mrs U K Clark, J P Mirfin, T Lack, J P McGhee-Sumner, R J Wyatt.

CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr M Bishop nominated Cllr J P Mirfin as Chairman of the Civic Committee who then in turn nominated M Bishop as Vice Chairman of the Civic Committee. The Town Clerk asked for a vote to be taken.

It was proposed by Cllr M Bishop and seconded by Cllr R J Wyatt and it was

(i) that Cllrs J P Mirfin, Mrs G S Hewetson, M Bishop, P M Lucey, Mrs U K Clark, T Lack, J P McGhee-Sumner, S Steatham, R J Wyatt be elected as Members of the Civic Committee and

(ii) that Cllr J P Mirfin be elected as Chairman and Cllr M Bishop be elected as Vice Chairman of the Civic Committee for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor duly announced that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Civic Committee for the ensuing year would be Cllrs J P Mirfin and M Bishop respectively, and that members would be Mrs G S Hewetson, P M Lucey, Mrs UK Clark, T Lack, J P McGhee-Sumner, S Steatham, R J Wyatt.

(e) ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk announced the following Councillors nominated for Membership of the Arts & Culture Committee for the ensuing year and asked that they stand in order to distinguish them from the main Council body. This committee has delegated authority in accordance with Standing Order 18.3g and shall consist of no more than nine members;

Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson, A N Drake, S Steatham, A N Waters, M S Monk, D G Lee, K G Morgan, S C Gurney.

CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr D G Lee nominated Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson as Chairman of the Arts & Culture Committee who then in turn nominated A Waters as Vice Chairman of the Arts & Culture Committee. The Town Clerk asked for a vote to be taken.

It was proposed by Cllr D G Lee and seconded by Cllr S Steatham and it was

(i) that Cllrs S Steatham, M S Monk, D G Lee, S C Gurney, K G Morgan, A N Drake, be elected as Members of the Arts & Culture Committee and

(ii) that Cllr Mrs G S Hewetson be elected as Chairman and Cllr A N Waters be elected as Vice Chairman of the Arts & Culture Committee for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor duly announced that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Arts & Culture Committee for the ensuing year would be Cllrs Mrs G S Hewetson and A Waters respectively, and that members would be Cllrs S Steatham, M S Monk, D G Lee, K G Morgan, S C Gurney.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (Agenda item 18)

The Town Clerk read out the nominations for the Emergency Committee in accordance with Standing Order 24 which, when convened, would consist of 7 members.

It was proposed by Cllr J P Mirfin and seconded by Cllr D O H Davies and it was

that the following Councillors constitute the Emergency Committee:

**RESOLVED
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Cllrs: J P Mirfin, Mrs G S Hewetson, M Bishop, N J Campbell-White, M A Ashwell, D G Lee, D O H Davies.

MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 19)

It was confirmed that the Mayoral Selection Committee for 2016/2017 will be in accordance with Standing Order 23.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 20)

The following representation on outside bodies was confirmed

Emmbrook Village Hall Management Committee - Cllr P Mirfin, deputy Cllr K Morgan, Cllr S Odedra

Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGS) –
Emmbrook & Woosehill: Cllr Martin Bishop, Cllr Mrs G Hewetson,
Evendons & Town: Cllr M Ashwell
Norreys & Wescott: Cllr A N Waters, Cllr C R George

Wokingham Borough/Parish Liaison Group – Cllr M Bishop

Wokingham United Charities – Cllr R J Wyatt

Wokingham Volunteer Centre – Cllr S Steatham

North Wokingham Forum – Cllr C R George

South Wokingham Forum – Cllr S C Gurney

Wokingham & Borough Sports Council – Cllr Mrs U K Clark

Grant Awards Representation

Wokingham Town Mobility (Wokingham Volunteer Centre) – Cllr S Steatham

Wokingham Citizens Advice Bureau – Cllr N J Campbell-White

Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee (The Mayor) – Cllr J P Mirfin, Cllr C George

Wokingham Lions (May Fayre) – Cllr P Lucey

Just Around the Corner (JAC) - Cllr I Shepherd-Dubey

CHAIRMAN