

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Council Offices,
Farnborough on Tuesday, 24th May, 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. JACQUI M. VOSPER)
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. SOPHIA CHOUDHARY, L.L.B.)

CR. MRS. D.B. BEDFORD	CR. B. JONES, M.Sc., A.R.C.S.,
CR. D.M.T. BELL	M.N.E.I.M.M.E., C.Eng., M.I.E.T.,
CR. T.D. BRIDGEMAN, B.A. (Hons.)	M.B.C.S., C.I.T.P.
CR. SUE CARTER	CR. G.B. LYON, B.A. (Oxon)
CR. M.S. CHOUDHARY, M.A.	CR. J.H. MARSH, C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.
CR. D.E. CLIFFORD, M.P.A., M.C.M.I.	CR. S.J. MASTERSON
CR. R. COOPER	CR. P.J. MOYLE
CR. LIZ CORPS, N.N.D., A.T.D.	CR. MARINA MUNRO
CR. A.H. CRAWFORD, J.P., B.Sc.,	CR. K.H. MUSCHAMP
A.R.C.S., Dip.Man. (Open).	CR. A.R. NEWELL
CR. P.I.C. CRERAR, B.A. (Hons.),	CR. J.J. PREECE
M.Arch., M.A.	CR. P.F. RUST, A.I.M.E.E., M.I.S.M.
CR. K. DIBBLE, M.A.F.M., B.I.F.M.	CR. M.L. SHEEHAN
CR. SUE DIBBLE	a CR. M.D. SMITH
CR. R.L.G. DIBBS	CR. M. STAPLEHURST
CR. JENNIFER M. EVANS, B.Sc.,	CR. L.A. TAYLOR
M.Sc.	CR. P.G. TAYLOR, A.C.I.B.
CR. D.S. GLADSTONE	CR. M.J. TENNANT, B.Sc.
CR. C.P. GRATAN	CR. B.A. THOMAS
CR. BARBARA J. HURST, B.A., M.A.	CR. J.E. WOOLLEY, B.Sc., L.L.B
CR. A. JACKMAN, B.Sc.	

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

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cr. M.D. Smith.

THE MAYOR (CR. M.J. TENNANT) IN THE CHAIR

The Meeting commenced with Prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain,
Reverend Steve Stewart.

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 2016/17. It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. S.J. Masterson - That Cr. Jacqueline Mary Vosper be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor **JACQUELINE MARY VOSPER** be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

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. JACQUI VOSPER) 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 Amanda Mullard-Hicks as Mayoress. She also signified the appointment of the Reverend Steve Stewart as the Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor looked forward to the Mayoral Year before her. She then stated that the charities she would be supporting during the year would be the Brain Tumour Charity, Broadhurst Welcome Home Community Ltd. and The Leah Wigmore Melanoma Research Fund.

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

2. VOTE OF THANKS -

It was MOVED by Cr. Diane Bedford; SECONDED by Cr. B. Jones and

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Cr. M.J. Tennant and Mrs. Jill Tennant as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough during the Municipal Year 2015/16.

The Mayor then presented an illuminated scroll to Cr. Tennant, together with a past Mayor's Badge. The Mayor also presented a past Mayoress' Badge to Mrs. Tennant. Several Members then spoke in tribute of the excellent service given by Cr. Tennant as Mayor of the Borough.

In response, Cr. Tennant thanked Crs. Bedford and Jones for their kind words and the Council for having elected him Mayor of the Borough.

Cr. Tennant spoke of his enjoyable Mayoral Year and said it had been an honour to be the Mayor of the Borough. He paid tribute to the wonderful support he had received from his Mayoress, Mrs. Jill Tennant and his two children, Hazel and Miles.

Cr. Tennant spoke of the many engagements he had attended during the year, including visits to schools, voluntary groups, Military events and sports clubs and associations. Particularly memorable had been the granting of Freedom of the Borough to 10 The Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment and the visit of the Dalai Lama to the Borough. Cr. Tennant thanked all the members of his Charity Fundraising Committee who had assisted in raising funds for the nominated charities for his Mayoral Year: BGWS Radio, Hospitality Action and Mike Jackson House and estimated that over £12,000 had been raised.

Cr. Tennant stated that taking on the role of Mayor had made him appreciate even more the value of the mayoralty to the people of the Borough and that this had been a humbling experience.

Cr. Tennant then paid tribute to the Macebearer, Mr. Jonathan Jones, who would be retiring at the end of his duties that evening. Mr. Jones had been an excellent Macebearer, always carrying out his duties with great ability and such aplomb. Mr. Jones had been an excellent ambassador for the Borough and would be greatly missed. Cr. Tennant asked Mr. Jones to step forward to receive a small gift.

3. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR –**

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough. It was **MOVED** by Cr. A. Jackman; **SECONDED** by Cr. P.F. Rust - That Cr. Sophia Choudhary be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor **SOPHIA CHOUDHARY** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017.

The Mayor congratulated Cr. Sophia Choudhary and invested her with the Deputy Mayor's Badge. Cr. Choudhary then made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office. She then proceeded to signify the appointment of Miss. Attika Choudhary as Deputy Mayoress and invested her with her Badge of Office.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for the confidence placed in her and she pledged her dedication and support to the Mayor and Mayoress in the coming year.

4. **MINUTES –**

It was MOVED by Cr. P.J. Moyle; SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 21st April, 2016 (copy 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, 5th May, 2016.

The Mayor welcomed the newly elected councillors to the meeting following the elections.

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 Charity Golf Day on 16th September, 2016 and a Charity Ball on 10th March, 2017.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –**

It was MOVED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp; SECONDED by Cr. M.L. Sheehan - That Cr. D.E. Clifford be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

There voted FOR: 24; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. **APPOINTMENTS 2016/17 –**

It was MOVED by Cr. D.E. Clifford and SECONDED by Cr. K.H. Muschamp –

(1) **Appointment of Cabinet Members –**

That it be noted that the following appointments of Cabinet Members and the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2016/17 had been made by the Leader of the Council:

Cr. Sue Carter – Leisure and Youth Portfolio
 Cr. Barbara Hurst – Health and Housing Portfolio
 Cr. G.B. Lyon – 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
 Cr. M.J. Tennant – Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio

(2) **Committees and Policy and Review Panels –**

- (i) That, following the approval of the amalgamation of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee and the Standards and Audit Committee at the meeting on 21st April, 2016, approval be given to the adoption of the amendment of Standing Order 4 (1) to remove reference to the Standards and Audit Committee and the deletion of Standing Order 4 (2);
- (ii) That, following the swap in Committee membership of Crs. Sophia Choudhary and A.R. Newell from that shown on the published agenda, the appointments to Committees and the Policy and Review Panels for the 2016/17 Municipal Year be approved, in accordance with the allocations to achieve political balance indicated below:

(a) **COMMITTEES –**

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Voting Members

Conservative: 7	Labour: 3	UKIP: 1
Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford	Cr. Sue Dibble	Cr. D.M.T. Bell
Cr. R. Cooper	Cr. Jennifer Evans	
Cr. P.I.C. Crerar	Cr. C.P. Grattan	
Cr. D.S. Gladstone		
Cr. J.H. Marsh		
Cr. A.R. Newell		
Cr. B.A. Thomas		

Standing Deputies

Conservative:	Labour:
Cr. S.J. Masterson	Cr. P.F. Rust

NOTE: The Cabinet Member for Environment and Service Delivery is to be an ex officio non-voting member of the Development Management Committee.

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Voting Members

Conservative: 8

Labour: 3

Cr. Sophia Choudhary	Cr. A.H. Crawford
Cr. Liz Corps	Cr. B. Jones
Cr. A. Jackman	Cr. L.A. Taylor
Cr. S.J. Masterson	
Cr. M.L. Sheehan	
Cr. M.D. Smith	
Cr. Jacqui Vosper	
Vacancy	

(b) POLICY AND REVIEW PANELS -

BOROUGH SERVICES

Conservative: 6

Labour: 2

UKIP: 1

Cr. M.S. Choudhary	Cr. T.D. Bridgeman	Cr. M. Staplehurst
Cr. R. Cooper	Cr. C.P. Grattan	
Cr. Liz Corps		
Cr. Marina Munro		
Cr. A.R. Newell		
Cr. B.A. Thomas		

COMMUNITY

Conservative: 6

Labour: 3

Cr. M.S. Choudhary	Cr. Jennifer Evans
Cr. R. Cooper	Cr. J.J. Preece
Cr. A. Jackman	Cr. P.F. Rust
Cr. S.J. Masterson	
Cr. M.D. Smith	
Cr. J.E. Woolley	

CORPORATE SERVICES

Conservative: 6

Labour: 2

UKIP: 1

Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs	Cr. B. Jones	Cr. D.M.T. Bell
Cr. D.S. Gladstone	Cr. P.F. Rust	
Cr. P.J. Moyle		
Cr. Marina Munro		
Cr. A.R. Newell		
Cr. J.E. Woolley		

ENVIRONMENT

Conservative: 7

Labour: 2

Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cr. Sophia Choudhary
Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs
Cr. D.S. Gladstone
Cr. P.J. Moyle
Cr. Marina Munro
Vacancy

Cr. K. Dibble
Cr. J.J. Preece

LEISURE AND YOUTH

Conservative: 6

Labour: 3

Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cr. Liz Corps
Cr. P.I.C. Crerar
Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs
Cr. J.H. Marsh
Cr. M.L. Sheehan

Cr. T.D. Bridgeman
Cr. Sue Dibble
Cr. L.A. Taylor

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

Development Management

Chairman - Cr. B.A. Thomas
Vice-Chairman - Cr. J.H. Marsh

Licensing and General Purposes

Chairman - Cr. A. Jackman
Vice-Chairman - Cr. M.L. Sheehan

- (4) That the appointments to the Management Boards for Council Trusts for the Municipal Year 2016/17 be approved as follows, and that each Management Board be authorised to make decisions on behalf of the Council by majority vote:

The Aldershot Recreation Ground Trust

Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford Cr. K. Dibble Cr. A.R. Newell

Standing Deputy: Cr. T.D. Bridgeman

King George's Field, Farnborough Trust

Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs Cr. B. Jones Cr. P.G. Taylor

Standing Deputy: Cr. L.A. Taylor

The Alfred Henry Goode Will Trust

Cr. D.E. Clifford Cr. A.H. Crawford Cr. K.H. Muschamp

Standing Deputy: Cr. B. Jones

There voted FOR: 34; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

The Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.
