

BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Council Offices,
Farnborough on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (CR. SOPHIA CHOUDHARY, L.L.B.)
THE DEPUTY MAYOR (CR. S.J. MASTERSON)

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

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. T.D. Bridgeman, Marina Munro and M.J. Roberts.

THE MAYOR (CR. JACQUI VOSPER) 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 2017/18. It was **MOVED** by Cr. M.L. Sheehan; **SECONDED** by Cr. K. Dibble - That Cr. Sophia Choudhary be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor **SOPHIA CHOUDHARY** be elected Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.

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. SOPHIA CHOUDHARY) IN THE CHAIR

The Mayor extended a warm welcome to all those present and particularly the new Chief Executive, Mr. Paul Shackley, who was attending his first Council Meeting.

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. Attika Choudhary as Mayoress. She also signified the appointment of the Reverend Steve Stewart as the Mayor's Chaplain.

The Mayor stated that she could not have achieved the honour of being elected Mayor without the support of her family, friends and the residents of Rushmoor and she intended to carry out her civic duties with energy, commitment and pride. She spoke of the values learned from her parents; that life was not about one's name or status but what one got done and that more could be achieved when working with others and that challenges should be taken on to make a real difference in people's lives. The Mayor looked forward to the Mayoral Year before her and intended making working together her theme throughout her Mayoral year and would look for opportunities to play a part in further strengthening partnerships, tolerance and understanding throughout the community, including amongst young people and between faiths.

The Mayor then stated that the charities she would be supporting during the year would be the Alzheimer Café Farnborough, Creating Futures Charity and Parkside (Aldershot and District Learning Disability).

The Mayor concluded by thanking the Council once again for the honour conferred upon her and promised to do her very best in her new role as First Citizen of the Borough.

2. VOTE OF THANKS -

It was **MOVED** by Cr. M.J. Tennant; **SECONDED** by Cr. A.H. Crawford and

RESOLVED: That the Council place on record its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by Cr. Jacqui Vosper and Miss. Amanda Mullard-Hicks as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough during the Municipal Year 2016/17.

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

In response, Cr. Vosper thanked Crs. Tennant and Crawford for their kind words and the Council for having elected her Mayor of the Borough.

Cr. Vosper spoke of her enjoyable Mayoral Year and said it had been an honour to be the Mayor of the Borough. She paid tribute to the wonderful support she had received from her Mayoress, Miss. Amanda Mullard-Hicks.

Cr. Vosper then spoke of the many engagements she had attended during the year, including visits to schools, voluntary groups, Military events and sports clubs and associations. Cr. Vosper thanked all the members of her Charity Fundraising Committee who had assisted in raising funds for the nominated charities for her Mayoral Year: the Brain Tumour Charity, Broadhurst Welcome Home Community and the Leah Wigmore Melanoma Research Fund and that in excess of £20,000 had been raised.

Cr. Vosper thanked Members and officers for their support during her Mayoral year and particularly mentioned former Chief Executive – and now Honorary Freeman of the Borough - Mr. Andrew Lloyd, for his advice and guidance, which she had gratefully appreciated.

Cr. Vosper concluded by wishing the new Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor well in the year ahead of them.

3. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR –**

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough. It was MOVED by Cr. M.D. Smith; SECONDED by Cr. J.H. Marsh – That Cr. S.J. Masterson be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.

RESOLVED unanimously: That Councillor **STEPHEN JOHN MASTERSON** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.

The Mayor congratulated Cr. Masterson and invested him with the Deputy Mayor's Badge. Cr. Masterson then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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

4. **MINUTES –**

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

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th April, 2017 (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. I. Harrison, submitted his report (as set out in the appendix to these Minutes) on the results of the St. John's Ward Election held on Thursday, 4th May, 2017.

The Mayor welcomed Cr. Jonathan Canty to his first meeting in the Council Chamber following the election.

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 15th September, 2017, two Mayoress' Afternoon Tea events and a Charity Ball on 9th March, 2018.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –

It was **MOVED** by Cr. P.G. Taylor; **SECONDED** by Cr. M.L. Sheehan - That Cr. D.E. Clifford be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

There voted **FOR:** 23; **AGAINST:** 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

8. APPOINTMENTS 2017/18 –

It was **MOVED** by Cr. Barbara Hurst and **SECONDED** by Cr. D.E. Clifford –

(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 2017/18 had been made by the Leader of the Council:

- 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. M.L. Sheehan – Leisure and Youth Portfolio
- Cr. P.G. Taylor – Corporate Services Portfolio
- Cr. M.J. Tennant – Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio

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

That the appointments to Committees and the Policy and Review Panels for the 2017/18 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. R. Cooper
Cr. P.I.C. Crerar
Cr. D.S. Gladstone
Cr. J.H. Marsh
Cr. A.R. Newell
Cr. B.A. Thomas

Cr. Sue Dibble
Cr. Jennifer Evans
Cr. C.P. Grattan

Cr. D.M.T. Bell

Standing Deputies

Conservative:

Labour:

Cr. S.J. Masterson

Cr. P.F. Rust

NOTE: The Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder 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. Sue Carter
Cr. Sophia Choudhary
Cr. Liz Corps
Cr. A. Jackman
Cr. S.J. Masterson
Cr. M.D. Smith
Cr. Jacqui Vosper
Cr. J.E. Woolley

Cr. Jennifer Evans
Cr. B. Jones
Cr. L.A. Taylor

(b) **POLICY AND REVIEW PANELS –**

BOROUGH SERVICES

Conservative: 6

Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs
Cr. S.J. Masterson
Cr. Marina Munro
Cr. A.R. Newell
Cr. B.A. Thomas
One vacancy

Labour: 2

Cr. T.D. Bridgeman
Cr. A.H. Crawford

UKIP: 1

Cr. M. Staplehurst

COMMUNITY

Conservative: 6

Cr. M.S. Choudhary
Cr. R. Cooper
Cr. J.H. Marsh
Cr. S.J. Masterson
Cr. Marina Munro
Cr. M.D. Smith

Labour: 3

Cr. J.J. Preece
Cr. M.J. Roberts
Cr. P.F. Rust

CORPORATE SERVICES

Conservative: 6

Cr. M.S. Choudhary
Cr. R.L.G. Dibbs
Cr. D.S. Gladstone
Cr. Jacqui Vosper
Cr. J.E. Woolley
One vacancy

Labour: 2

Cr. B. Jones
Cr. P.F. Rust

UKIP: 1

Cr. D.M.T. Bell

ENVIRONMENT

Conservative: 6

Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford
Cr. J.B. Canty
Cr. Sophia Choudhary
Cr. D.S. Gladstone
Cr. A. Jackman
Cr. Marina Munro

Labour: 3

Cr. K. Dibble
Cr. C.P. Grattan
Cr. J.J. Preece

LEISURE AND YOUTH

Conservative: 6

Labour: 3

Cr. Mrs. D.B. Bedford

Cr. T.D. Bridgeman

Cr. J.B. Canty

Cr. Sue Dibble

Cr. Sue Carter

Cr. L.A. Taylor

Cr. Liz Corps

Cr. P.I.C. Crerar

Cr. J.H. Marsh

- (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. J.E. Woolley

- (4) That the appointments to the Management Boards for Council Trusts for the Municipal Year 2017/18 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: 22; AGAINST: 0 and the Motion was **DECLARED CARRIED.**

The Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 23RD MAY, 2017

ST. JOHN'S WARD ELECTION
4TH MAY, 2017

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

No. of Electors 5227	No. of Ballots Completed 1630	Percentage 31.2%
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RESULT OF POLL

Surname	Other Names	Total No. of Votes
CANTY	Jonathan Bartholomew	870
FRASER-FLEMING	Charles Dennis	190
GADSBY	Suzan Dawn	262
HARDING	Christopher John	305

Candidate Elected
JONATHAN BARTHOLOMEW CANTY
