

**CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2007 AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Councillor M. Fayyaz, Town Mayor

Councillor V.M. Abraham	Councillor Mrs C. Littley
Councillor A.K. Bacon	Councillor Mrs C. M. Michael
Councillor E.L. Bamford	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Councillor M.Z. Bhatti	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet
Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Councillor N.L. Brown	Councillor Mrs G. Walker
Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford	Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson MBE
Councillor F.G. Holly	Councillor P.W. Yerrell
Councillor D.J. Lacey	

**Officer:** Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M.E. Brand

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor M. Fayyaz, Town Mayor, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for nominations for Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

Moved by	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford

that Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

**RESOLVED**

**that Councillor Mrs Merrin Molesworth be and is hereby elected  
Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.**

Councillor Mrs Molesworth then signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to which the Clerk of the Council thereupon subscribed.

Councillor Fayyaz proceeded to invest Councillor Mrs Molesworth with the Town Mayor's Chain of Office.

Councillor Mrs Molesworth replied to the Council's resolution and presented the Escort's badge to her husband, Mr A. Molesworth.

2. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor V.M. Abraham  
Seconded by Councillor A.K. Bacon and

**RESOLVED**

that a vote of thanks be **RECORDED** to Councillor Fayyaz for his services to the town during the past year.

Councillor Bhatti also paid a personal tribute to the work undertaken by Councillor Fayyaz in bringing communities together.

Councillor Fayyaz thanked his Council colleagues for their expressions of appreciation and also his Deputy and the staff for their support throughout his year of office.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR**

The Town Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year. It was

Moved by Councillor A.K. Bacon  
Seconded by Councillor V.M. Abraham

that Councillor Mrs A. M. Pirouet be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

**RESOLVED**

**that Councillor Mrs Alison, Margaret Pirouet be and is hereby appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.**

Councillor Mrs Pirouet thanked the Council for their endorsement and pledged her support to the Town Mayor during her term of office.

4. **MINUTES**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

5. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

Members had before them, and duly noted, the Immediate Past Town Mayor's engagements from 1 - 14 May 2007 inclusive.

Councillor Mrs Fulford voiced her concern over comments she believed could be construed as being racist, which she alleged to have heard at one of the mayoral engagements.. She further expressed her hope that the Council would be united in opposing all forms of bigotry. It was agreed by Members that tolerance of all faiths and races should be a guiding principle of the Council and the Clerk was requested to provide some training for all Members on anti-racism and anti-bullying.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2007/2008**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2007/2008, copy having been issued, was considered.

It was noted that, due to an administrative error, Councillor Bacon had inadvertently been left off the proposed Recreation and the Arts Committee and, accordingly, Councillor Yerrell graciously withdrew his nomination for that Committee.

It was further noted that the Performance Review Committee had only seven nominations for the eight places and it was agreed that the one vacancy remain open.

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the appointment of Standing Committees and membership thereof for the ensuing local government year be as follows:

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**

V.M. Abraham, A.K. Bacon, E.L. Bamford, M.Z. Bhatti, Ms J.E. Bramwell, M.E. Brand, N.L. Brown, M. Fayyaz, Mrs J.C. Fulford, F.G. Holly, D.J. Lacey, Mrs C. Littley, Mrs C.M. Michael, Mrs M. Molesworth, Mrs A.M. Pirouet, C.H. Spruytenburg, Mrs G. Walker, Mrs P.R. Wilkinson, P.W. Yerrell.

## **EXECUTIVE**

Mrs M. Molesworth, Mrs A.M. Pirouet, V.M. Abraham, Mrs J.C. Fulford, D.J. Lacey,  
Mrs P.R. Wilkinson

## **PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Mrs M. Molesworth, Mrs. A.M. Pirouet, M. Fayyaz, F.G. Holly, D.J. Lacey,  
Mrs C.M. Michael, P.W. Yerrell

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES**

Mrs M. Molesworth, Mrs A.M. Pirouet, V.M. Abraham, M.E. Brand, N.L. Brown,  
M. Fayyaz, F.G. Holly, C.H. Spruytenburg, Mrs P.R. Wilkinson, P.W. Yerrell

## **RECREATION AND THE ARTS**

Mrs M. Molesworth, Mrs A.M. Pirouet, A.K. Bacon, E.L. Bamford, M.Z. Bhatti,  
Ms J.E. Bramwell, Mrs J.C. Fulford, D.J. Lacey, Mrs C. Littley, Mrs C.M. Michael,  
Mrs G. Walker

## **7. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2007/08**

### **(a) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

#### **Election of Chairman**

It was

Moved by	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell	
Seconded by	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg	and

#### **RESOLVED**

that Councillor M. Fayyaz be and is hereby elected Chairman of the  
Development Control Committee for the ensuing local government year.

#### **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was

Moved by	Councillor A.K. Bacon	
Seconded by	Councillor M. Fayyaz	and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee for the ensuing local government year.

(b) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Election of Chairman**

Following her election as Town Mayor, it was

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing local government year.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

Following her election as Deputy Town Mayor, it was

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor Mrs A. M. Pirouet be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing local government year.

(c) **PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Election of Chairman**

It was

Moved by Councillor Mrs C.M. Michael  
Seconded by Councillor F.G. Holly and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor M. Fayyaz be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Performance Review Committee for the ensuing local government year.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was

Moved by Councillor F.G. Holly  
Seconded by Councillor M. Fayyaz and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor Mrs C..M. Michael and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Performance Review Committee for the ensuing local government year.

(d) **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Election of Chairman**

It was

Moved by Councillor M. Fayyaz  
Seconded by Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor V.M. Abraham be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the ensuing local government year.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was

Moved by Councillor V.M. Abraham  
Seconded by Councillor F.G. Holly and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the ensuing local government year.

(e) **RECREATION AND THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

**Election of Chairman**

It was

Moved by Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs C. Littley and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Recreation and the Arts Committee for the ensuing local government year.

## **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

It was

Moved by Councillor Mrs G. Walker  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs C. M. Michael and

### **RESOLVED**

that Councillor A.K. Bacon be and is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Recreation and the Arts Committee for the ensuing local government year.

## 8. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2007/2008**

The Council considered the making of appointments on Outside Bodies. It was

### **RESOLVED**

that the following representatives be appointed to serve for the ensuing local government year:

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Allotments Group (3 representatives)	Councillor F.G. Holly Councillor Mrs C.M. Michael Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Buckinghamshire Community Action	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Chalk Streams Project	Mr K. Austin
Chesham, Amersham and District CAB	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet
Chesham Branch of United Nations Association	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell
Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce (2 representatives)	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell Councillor N.L. Brown
Chesham Community Vision	Councillor Mrs G. Walker
Chesham & District Community Association	Mrs N.H. Downs
Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth (Town Mayor, ex-officio)
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell

Chesham Youth Council (3 representatives)	Councillor M. Fayyaz Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet. Councillor Mrs G. Walker
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell
Chiltern District Sports Council	Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson
Chiltern Local Area Committee	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell (Deputy – Councillor A.K. Bacon)
Chiltern Racial Equality Council (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth (Town Mayor, ex-officio) Councillor M. E. Brand
Chiltern Society	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly (3 representatives)	Councillor M. E. Brand Councillor M. Fayyaz Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
CPRE (Penn Country Branch Executive Committee)	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Elgiva Board of Management (Councillor & Board Members)	Councillor V.M. Abraham Mrs P.R. Lindsley, Mr S. Cherry Mr H. Elson, Mr A. Ogden, Mr B. Carey, Mr P. Fletcher and Mr T. Pilling
Fairtrade Steering Committee	Councillor Mrs G. Walker
Friends of Chesham Cemetery	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Impress the Chess (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford Councillor Mrs C. Littley
Lowndes Park Lottery Bid Steering Group (3 representatives)	Councillor E.L. Bamford Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell Councillor Mrs C. Littley
Ranfurly Charitable Services	Ms J. Ottaway
Parish Tree Warden	Mr B.J. Meldrum
Peacetime Emergency Planning Co-ordinators (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs. A. M. Pirouet Mrs P.R. Lindsley



Swimming Pool Working Party  
(5 representatives)

Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell  
Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford  
Councillor F.G. Holly  
Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson  
Mrs P. R. Lindsley

Town Centre Consortium  
(4 representatives)

Councillor N.L. Brown  
Councillor F.G. Holly  
Councillor Mrs C.M. Michael  
Councillor Mr P.W. Yerrell

Town Centre Working Party

Councillor V.M. Abraham

In respect of the Allotments Group, Councillor Bamford explained that as an allotment holder, she did not feel it appropriate for her to remain as a representative because of a possible conflict of interests and suggested that other Members who were also allotment holders should similarly consider their position as Council representatives.

In view of the possible financial implications of the Lowndes Park Lottery bid, it was agreed to increase the number of Members on the working party to three.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2007/2008**

The Council considered the making of appointments to fill vacancies on Charitable Bodies. It was

**RESOLVED**

that the following appointments be made:

JOHN CHEYNEY'S  
CHARITY

Mrs D.J. Brackley

KEN DENHAM TRUST

Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth  
(Town Mayor)

WEEDON'S CHARITY

Mrs D.J. Brackley  
Mrs L. Mountain (replacing Mr M.  
Walker)

RACHEL JOHNSON'S  
ELEEMOSYNARY

Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet

DEVONSHIRE CHARITY

Ms J. Ottaway

10. **PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2007/2008**

The Council considered the payment of subscriptions for the ensuing local government year. It was

**RESOLVED**

that annual subscriptions be paid to the following organisations:

<b><u>NAME OF ORGANISATION</u></b>	<b><u>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</u></b> <b>(subject to any increase)</b>
	<b>£ p</b>
Arts & Business Ltd	60.00 (plus VAT)
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	25.00*†
Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (including NALC)	1,943.10
Bucks Playing Fields Association	20.00*†
Chesham Chamber of Trade & Commerce	50.00†
Chiltern Arts Forum**	10.00
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	65.00
Council for the Protection of Rural England	27.00*†
Local Government Chronicle	154.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	235.00
South East Employers	279.80 (plus VAT)
The Chesham Society	15.00†
The Chiltern Society	25.00*†
The Civic Trust	50.00†
The Open Spaces Society	30.00†
The Woodland Trust	21.00*†
United Nations Association	25.00*†

The Ancient-Honourable Guild of Town Criers

29.00†

† Section 137 expenditure

\* This amount is the minimum subscription payable to the organisation concerned. The Council may increase the subscription, by resolution.

\*\* Left to the Elgiva Manager's discretion each year.

11. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

TOWN MAYOR

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