

CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2009 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet, Town Mayor

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

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.K. Bacon and N.L. Brown.

1. **RETIRING MAYOR'S PRESENTATION**

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pirouet presented a cheque amounting to £1,638 to the Peppers Foundation in respect of her Mayoral charity fund raising activities for 2008/09.

2. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet, 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 M. Fayyaz
Seconded by	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell

that Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

**that Councillor Mrs Justine, Collette Fulford be and is hereby elected
Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.**

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

Councillor Mrs Pirouet proceeded to invest Councillor Mrs Fulford with the Town Mayor's Chain of Office.

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

3. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs P. R. Wilkinson

and

RESOLVED

that a vote of thanks be **RECORDED** to Councillor Mrs Pirouet for her services to the town during the past year.

Councillor Mrs Pirouet thanked her Council colleagues for their expressions of appreciation and her Deputy and the staff for their support throughout her year of office. She also paid tribute to her family members, particularly her husband, for their support during this busy period.

4. **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 V.M. Abraham
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs C.M. Michael

that Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell be appointed Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Ms Jane, Elizabeth Bramwell be and is hereby appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

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

5. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th May 2009, be confirmed and signed by the Town Mayor as a true record.

6. **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

Members had before them, and noted, the Immediate Past Town Mayor's engagements from 11th – 18th May 2009 inclusive. Councillor Mrs Pirouet advised that she has also Chaired the Annual Town Meeting on the 14th May.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2009/2010**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2009/2010, copy having been issued, was considered.

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 J.C. Fulford, Ms J.E. Bramwell, V.M. Abraham, A.K. Bacon, D.J. Lacey, Mrs P.R. Wilkinson.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Mrs J.C. Fulford, Ms J.E. Bramwell, M. Fayyaz, F.G. Holly, D.J. Lacey, Mrs C.M. Michael, Mrs M. Molesworth, P.W. Yerrell.

POLICY AND RESOURCES

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

8. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2009/2010

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:

Allotments Group	Councillor Mrs. C.M. Michael Councillor F.G. Holly
Buckinghamshire Community Action	Councillor Mrs. M. Molesworth
Chalk Streams Project	Mr. K. Austin
Chesham Action Partnership	Councillor Mrs. G. Walker (Deputy - Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth)
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 & District Community Association	Councillor Mrs. M. Molesworth
Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford (Town Mayor, ex-officio) Councillor Mrs. M. Molesworth
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell
Chesham Youth Council	Councillor Mrs. A.M. Pirouet (Deputy - Councillor M. Fayyaz)
Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor F.G. Holly

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. J.C. Fulford (Town Mayor, ex-officio) Councillor M.E. Brand
Chiltern Society	Councillor M. Molesworth
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly (2 representatives)	Councillor M.E. Brand Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford
Chesham Older Persons Action Group (COPAG)	Councillor Mrs. C.M. Michael
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 Mr. T. Pilling Mrs. Y. Plester
Fairtrade Steering Committee	Councillor Mrs. G. Walker
Friends of Chesham Cemetery	Councillor F.G. Holly
Friends of Moor Gym and Swim (2 representatives)	Councillor F.G. Holly Councillor Mrs. C.M. Michael
Impress the Chess (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs C. Littley Councillor Mrs. J.C. Fulford
Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)	Councillor F.G. Holly
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 Councillor E.L. Bamford

9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2009/2010**

The Council considered the making of appointments to fill vacancies on Charitable Bodies. As concern had previously been raised in respect of Members' possible liabilities as a Trustee, it was

RESOLVED

that no current vacancies be filled until the question of liability had been clarified at a future Council meeting.

10. **PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009/2010**

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:

<u>NAME OF ORGANISATION</u>	<u>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</u> (subject to any increase)
	£ p
Arts & Business Ltd	70.00 (plus VAT)
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	25.00*†
Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (including NALC)	2,249.86
Bucks Playing Fields Association	20.00*†
Chesham Chamber of Trade & Commerce	50.00†
Chiltern Arts Forum	10.00**
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	80.00
Council for the Protection of Rural England	29.00*†
Local Government Chronicle	205.00

National Association of British Market Authorities (New)	318.00 (plus VAT)
Society of Local Council Clerks	300.00
South East Employers	296.00 (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	26.00†

† 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 8.03 pm.

TOWN MAYOR

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