

CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2006 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg, Town Mayor

Councillor V.M. Abraham	Councillor D.J. Lacey
Councillor A.K. Bacon	Councillor Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Councillor E.L. Bamford	Councillor Mrs S. M. McEwan
Councillor M. Bignell	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Councillor M.Z. Bhatti	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet.
Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell	Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson MBE
Councillor N.L. Brown	Councillor P. Woodburn
Councillor M. Fayyaz	Councillor P.W. Yerrell
Councillor J.C. Fulford	

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P.J. Murphy

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg, 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 A.K. Bacon
Seconded by	Councillor V.M. Abraham

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

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mohammad Fayyaz be and is hereby elected Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Fayyaz read before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which he then duly signed, and to which the Clerk of the Council thereupon subscribed.

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

Councillor Fayyaz replied to the Council's resolution and presented the Escort's badge to his wife Mrs I. Fayyaz.

2. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor A.K. Bacon
Seconded by Councillor P. Woodburn and

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Spruytenburg thanked his Council colleagues for their expressions of appreciation and also the staff and his Deputy for their support throughout his year of office. He offered particular thanks to his wife, Barbara, and duly presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

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 Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Seconded by Councillor Mrs S.M. McEwan

that Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth be appointed Deputy 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 appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Mrs Molesworth 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 10th April 2006, 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 and Deputy Mayor's engagements from 11 April - 22 May 2006 inclusive.

It was noted that the visit on the 28th April was at the 'Chess Business Park' and not as recorded.

Councillor Bamford expressed her disappointment that other Members had not been informed about the Mayor's Walk, which took place on the 13th May.

6. **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth and seconded by Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 24th April 2006, be received and approved.

7. **TRAFFIC ISSUES PERTAINING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Arising from *Minute No. 124* of the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 24th April 2006, Councillor Bamford suggested that the Council liaise directly with the County Council on highway and traffic issues on each occasion major housing planning applications are received as part of the 'Getter Closer to Communities' initiative.

8. **PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor P. Woodburn and seconded by Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes and recommendations of the Performance Review Committee held on 24^h April 2006, be received, approved and adopted

9. **CO-OP FIELD**

Arising from *Minute No. 21* of the Minutes of the meeting of the Performance Review Committee held on 24th April 2006, the Town Clerk confirmed that the Co-op Field had been listed as a priority for improvement in the list submitted to Chiltern District Council in respect of its PPG 17 Open Space and Recreation strategy.

10. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell and seconded by Councillor V.M. Abraham and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes and recommendations of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8th May 2006, be received, approved and adopted.

11. **CHESHAM YOUTH COUNCIL**

Members had before them, and duly noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Chesham Youth Council held on 20th April 2006. It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes be noted

12. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2006/2007**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2006/2007 prepared by the leading group, 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. Bignell, M.Z. Bhatti, Ms J.E. Bramwell, N.L. Brown, M. Fayyaz, Mrs J.C. Fulford, D.J. Lacey, Mrs. P.R. Lindsley, Mrs. S.M. McEwan, Mrs. M.M. Molesworth, P.J. Murphy, Mrs. A.M. Pirouet, C.H. Spruytenburg, Mrs. P.R. Wilkinson, P. Woodburn, P.W. Yerrell.

EXECUTIVE

M. Fayyaz, Mrs M. Molesworth, Ms. J. E. Bramwell, D.J. Lacey, Mrs. P.R. Lindsley, Mrs P.R. Wilkinson

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

M. Fayyaz, Mrs M. Molesworth, E.L. Bamford, D.J. Lacey, Mrs. A.M. Pirouet, C.H. Spruytenburg, P. Woodburn, P.W. Yerrell

POLICY AND RESOURCES

M. Fayyaz, Mrs M. Molesworth, V.M. Abraham, M. Bignell, Ms. J.E. Bramwell, N.L. Brown, Mrs P.R. Lindsley, C.H. Spruytenburg, Mrs. P.R. Wilkinson, P. Woodburn, P.W. Yerrell

RECREATION AND THE ARTS

M. Fayyaz, Mrs. M.M. Molesworth, A.K. Bacon, E.L. Bamford, M.Z. Bhatti, Mrs J.C. Fulford, D.J. Lacey, Mrs. P.R. Lindsley, C.H. Spruytenburg, Mrs. A.M. Pirouet, P.W. Yerrell

13. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2006/07**

(a) **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Election of Chairman

It was

Moved by	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet	
Seconded by	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg	and

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth 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 Ms J.E. Bramwell	
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs S.M. McEwan	and

RESOLVED

that Councillor P. Woodburn 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 his election as Town Mayor, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor M. Fayyaz 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 M. Molesworth 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 C.H. Spruytenburg
Seconded by Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet and

RESOLVED

that Councillor P. Woodburn 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 Mrs A.M. Pirouet
Seconded by Councillor P. Woodburn and

RESOLVED

that Councillor C. H. Spruytenburg 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 Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Seconded by Councillor N.L. Brown and

RESOLVED

that Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell 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 C.H. Spruytenburg
Seconded by Councillor P. Woodburn and

RESOLVED

that Councillor V.M. Abraham 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 Mrs J.C Fulford
Seconded by Councillor A.K. Bacon and

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs P.R. Lindsley 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 C.H. Spruytenburg
Seconded by Councillor Mrs J.C Fulford and

RESOLVED

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

14. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2006/2007**

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:

ORGANISATION	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE
Allotment Group	Councillor E.L. Bamford Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Association of Larger Local Councils	Councillor Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Buckinghamshire Community Action	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Chalk Streams Project (formerly Misbourne & Chess Valley Project)	Mr K. Austin
Chesham, Amersham and District CAB	Councillor Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Chesham Branch of United Nations Association	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell
Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce	Councillor N.L. Brown
Chesham & District Community Association	Mrs N. H. Downs
Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee	Councillor M. Fayyaz (Town Mayor, ex-officio)
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell
Chesham Youth Council (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet Councillor M. Bignell
Chess Valley Sports & Leisure Association Ltd. (3 representatives)	Councillor P.J. Murphy Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford Councillor M. Bignell
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited	Councillor M. Fayyaz
Chiltern District Sports Council	Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson
Chiltern Local Area Committee	Councillor P. Woodburn (Deputy – Councillor A.K. Bacon)
Chiltern Race Equality Council	Councillor M. Fayyaz (Town Mayor, ex-officio)

Chiltern Society	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly	Vacancy
CPRE (Penn Country Branch Executive Committee)	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Elgiva Board of Management	Councillor Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Fairtrade Steering Committee	Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson
Friends of Chesham Cemetery	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
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 Mrs P.R. Lindsley
Town Centre Consortium (4 representatives)	Councillor E.L. Bamford Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth Councillor P.W. Yerrell

In respect of the Christmas Day Party for the Elderly, it was agreed that the Mayor would lead a campaign to seek outside assistance from both the formal voluntary sector and from the general public to run the 2006 event.

15. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2006/2007**

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	Councillor D. Lacey
KEN DENHAM TRUST	Councillor M. Fayyaz (Town Mayor)
DEVONSHIRE CHARITY	Mrs J.E. Franks

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should contact the Secretary of the John Cheyney's Charity requesting that a meeting be convened as soon as practicably possible.

16. **PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2006/2007**

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
Association of Larger Councils	825.00
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	25.00*†
Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (including NALC)	1,935.12
Bucks Playing Fields Association	20.00*†
Chesham Chamber of Trade & Commerce	50.00†
Chiltern Arts Forum**	10.00
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	55.00
Council for the Protection of Rural England	26.00*†
Local Government Chronicle	139.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	200.00
South East Employers	273.00 (plus VAT)
The Buckinghamshire Association for Mental Health.	10.00†
The Chesham Society	15.00†
The Chiltern Society	25.00*†
The Civic Trust	20.00†

The Open Spaces Society	30.00†
The Woodland Trust	21.00*†
United Nations Associations	20.00*†

† 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.

17. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

TOWN MAYOR

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