

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 17 MAY 2010 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford, Town Mayor

Councillor V.M. Abraham	Councillor D.J. Lacey
Councillor A.K. Bacon	Councillor Mrs C. Littley
Councillor E.L. Bamford	Councillor Mrs C. M. Michael
Councillor N.L. Brown	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet
Councillor M.E. Brand	Councillor M.W. Shaw
Councillor M. Fayyaz	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Councillor F.G. Holly	Councillor Mrs G. Walker

Officer: Mr W. Richards – Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.Z. Bhatti and. P.W. Yerrell

1. **RETIRING MAYOR'S PRESENTATION**

The out-going Mayor, Councillor Mrs Fulford, presented a cheque amounting to £1,066 to the Shed@thePark in respect of her Mayoral charity fund raising activities for 2009/10. She also advised that another £371.49 had been raised for the charity through a sponsored run undertaken by her husband and Council officers and Members in November.

2. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford, 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 V.M. Abraham
Seconded by	Councillor D.J. Lacey

that Councillor Ms J. E. Bramwell be elected 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 elected
Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.**

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

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

Councillor Ms Bramwell replied to the Council's resolution and presented the Escort's badge to her husband, Mr M. E. Brand. She also presented Mr William Ellis and Ms Mary Philpott with Mayoral 'Ambassador' badges and explained, as representatives of the Endeavour Centre, that they would be accompanying her on her mayoral engagements.

3. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

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

and

RESOLVED

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

Councillor Mrs Fulford 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 husband and children, 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 Mrs M. Molesworth
Seconded by Councillor Mrs G. Walker

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

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Mrs Christina Marguerite Michael be and is hereby appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.

Councillor Mrs Michael 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 10th May 2010, 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 10th – 17th May 2010 inclusive. Councillor Mrs Fulford advised that she has also chaired the Annual Town Meeting on the 13th May.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2010/2011**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2010/11, 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, M. W. Shaw, C.H. Spruytenburg, Mrs. G. Walker, P.W. Yerrell.

EXECUTIVE

Ms J.E. Bramwell, Ms C. M. Michael, V.M. Abraham, E.L. Bamford, D.J. Lacey, Mrs A.M. Pirouet.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

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

POLICY AND RESOURCES

Ms J.E. Bramwell, C.M. Michael, V.M. Abraham, A.K. Bacon, M.E. Brand, N.L. Brown, M. Fayyaz, Mrs J. C. Fulford, F.G. Holly, M. W. Shaw, P.W. Yerrell.

RECREATION AND THE ARTS

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

8. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2010/2011

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. G. Walker Councillor F.G. Holly
Chesham in Bloom	Councillor Mrs C.M. Michael
Chalk Streams Project	Mr. K. Austin
Chesham Action Partnership	Councillor Mrs. G. Walker (Deputy – Councillor Mrs. M. Molesworth)
Chesham Action Volunteers	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell Councillor Mrs. A 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 & District Community Association	Councillor Mrs. M. Molesworth
Chesham4Fairtrade Committee	Councillor Mrs. G. Walker
Chesham in Transition	Councillor Mrs G. Walker
Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell (Deputy – Councillor A.K. Bacon)
Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee (2 representatives)	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell (Town Mayor, ex-officio) Councillor Mrs. M. Molesworth
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell

Chesham Youth Council	Councillor Mrs. A.M. Pirouet Councillor F.G. Holly Councillor M.W. Shaw
Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau	Councillor F.G. Holly
Chiltern Dial-a-Ride Limited	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell
Chiltern Racial Equality Council	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell (Town Mayor, ex-officio) Councillor M. E. Brand
Chiltern Society	Councillor M. Molesworth
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly	Councillor M. E. Brand Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell (Town Mayor, ex-officio)
Chesham over 50's Positive 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. Cherrill Mrs. Y. Plester Mr. H. Elson Mr A. Ogden Mr. B. Carey Mr. P. Fletcher Mr. T. Pilling Mrs L. English Mr M Barnes
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	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	Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet Councillor E.L. Bamford
Town Centre Working Group	Councillor Ms. J.E. Bramwell
Walkers Are Welcome (Chesham)	Councillor Mrs G. Walker

9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2010/2011**

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

RESOLVED

that the following appointments be made:

KEN DENHAM TRUST	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell (Town Mayor)
DUKE OF BEDFORD'S TRUST	Mr P. Hawkes
JOHN CHENEY'S CHARITY	Councillor D.J. Lacey Councillor M. W. Shaw
DEVONSHIRE CHARITY	Mrs J.E. Franks
RACHEL JOHNSON'S ELEEMOSYNARY	Mrs D.J. Brackley Councillor M. W. Shaw
MILK HALL (JOHN GAWDREY'S CHARITY)	Mrs D.J. Brackley Mr. A.H. Reed
WEEDON'S CHARITY	Mrs V.J. Miles
CHESHAM TOWN PICTURE FUND, FRANCIS TRUST	Mrs E. Payne

10. **PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010/2011**

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:

NAME OF ORGANISATION**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION****(Subject to any annual increase during the year)**

	£	p
Arts & Business Ltd	70.00	(plus VAT)
Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (including NALC)	2,415.75	
Bucks Playing Fields Association	20.00	*†
Chesham Chamber of Trade & Commerce	50.00	†
Chiltern Arts Forum	10.00	**
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	85.00	
Council for the Protection of Rural England	29.00	*†
Local Government Chronicle	220.00	
National Association of British Market Authorities	318.00	(plus VAT)
Society of Local Council Clerks	305.00	
South East Employers	296.00	(plus VAT)
The Chesham Society	15.00	†
The Chiltern Society	25.00	*†
The Open Spaces Society	40.00	†
The Woodland Trust	21.00	*†
United Nations Association	25.00	*†
The Ancient-Honourable Guild of Town Criers	26.00	†

† Well being expenditure (previously 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.

Since the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers had been left off the list because it had not approached the Council for a subscription for two years, the Town Clerk was requested to check the matter of insurance for volunteers working on behalf of the Council.

11. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

TOWN MAYOR

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