

**CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2005 AT 7.30 PM**

**Present:** Councillor M.Z. Bhatti, 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 Ms J.E. Bramwell	Councillor Mrs M. Molesworth
Councillor N.L. Brown	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Councillor M. Fayyaz	Councillor Mrs P.R. Wilkinson MBE
Councillor J.C. Fulford	Councillor P. Woodburn
Councillor D.A. Gomm	Councillor P.W. Yerrell

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P.J. Murphy and Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet.

1. **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR**

Councillor M.Z. Bhatti, 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 P. Woodburn

that Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing local government year.

There being no other nominations, it was

**RESOLVED**

**that Councillor Christopher Hendrick Spruytenburg be and is hereby  
elected Town Mayor of Chesham for the ensuing local government year.**

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

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

2. **THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR**

It was

Moved by Councillor A.K. Bacon  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs P.R. Lindsley and

**RESOLVED**

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

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

Before retiring from the Chair, Councillor Bhatti announced that Friedrichsdorf Town Council had generously donated 800 Euros for the Council to purchase a public bench to recognise 25 years of twinning between the two towns. It was agreed its purchase and location should be considered at a future Committee meeting.

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 V.M. Abraham  
Seconded by Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell

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

There being no other nominations, it was

**RESOLVED**

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

Councillor Fayyaz thanked the Council for their endorsement and pledged his support to the Town Mayor during his term of office.

4. **MINUTES**

It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005, 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 10 - 16 May 2005 inclusive. It was noted that the Immediate Past Mayor had also visited Chesham High School on an official visit during this period.

6. **CHESHAM YOUTH COUNCIL**

Members had before them, and duly noted, the Minutes of the meeting of the Chesham Youth Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2005. It was

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes be noted

7. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2005/2006**

A schedule of Standing Committees, and membership thereof, for 2005/2006 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.Z. Bhatti, Ms J.E. Bramwell, N.L. Brown, M. Fayyaz, Mrs J.C. Fulford, D.A. Gomm, 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**

C.H. Spruytenburg, M. Fayyaz, Ms. J. E. Bramwell, D.J. Lacey, Mrs. P.R. Lindsley, Mrs P.R. Wilkinson

**PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

C.H. Spruytenburg, M. Fayyaz, E.L. Bamford, Mrs J.C. Fulford, D.J. Lacey, Mrs. S.M. McEwan, P. Woodburn, P.W. Yerrell

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES**

C.H. Spruytenburg, M. Fayyaz, V.M. Abraham, A.K. Bacon, Ms. J.E. Bramwell, N.L. Brown, D.A. Gomm, P.J. Murphy, Mrs. P.R. Wilkinson, P. Woodburn, P.W. Yerrell

## **RECREATION AND THE ARTS**

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

## **8. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2005/06**

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

#### **Election of Chairman**

It was

Moved by	Councillor Mrs S.M. McEwan	
Seconded by	Councillor A.K. Bacon	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 A.K. Bacon	
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 C.H. Spruytenburg be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for the ensuing local government year.

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

Following his election as Deputy Town Mayor, it was

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor M. Fayyaz 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 S.M. McEwan	
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford	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 P. Woodburn	
Seconded by	Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford	and

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor Mrs. S. M. McEwan be 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 V.M. Abraham  
Seconded by Councillor A.K. Bacon 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 P. Woodburn  
Seconded by Councillor A.K. Bacon 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 M. Molesworth  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs J.C Fulford 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 Mrs P.R. Lindsley  
Seconded by Councillor A.K. Bacon 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.

9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2005/2006**

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>
Allotment Group	Councillor E.L.Bamford Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg Vacancy
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	Miss S. Butt
Chesham & District Community Association	Mrs N. H. Downs
Chesham Town Twinning Association Committee	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg (Town Mayor, ex-officio)
Chesham Youth Centre	Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell
Chesham Youth Council (2 representatives)	Councillor Mrs S.M. McEwan Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet
Chess Valley Sports & Leisure Association Ltd. (2 representatives)	Councillor P.J. Murphy Councillor Mrs J.C. Fulford
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 (2 representatives)	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg (Town Mayor, ex-officio) Councillor M. Fayyaz
Chiltern Society	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg
Christmas Day Party for the Elderly	Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg Councillor Ms J.E. Bramwell Councillor Mrs S.M. McEwan Councillor Mrs A.M. Pirouet
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
Ranfurlly 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

10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CHARITABLE BODIES 2005/2006**

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

**RESOLVED**

that the following appointments be made:

DUKE OF BEDFORD'S  
TRUST  
JOHN CHEYNEY'S  
CHARITY

Mrs L. Mountain  
Councillor E.L. Bamford



RACHEL JOHNSON'S  
ELEEMOSYNARY

Mrs D.J. Brackley  
Mr C.L. Dixon  
Councillor E.L. Bamford

MILK HALL (JOHN  
GAWDREY'S CHARITY)

Mrs D.J. Brackley  
Mr A.H. Reed

CHESHAM TOWN PICTURE  
FUND, FRANCIS TRUST

Mr C. Armour

KEN DENHAM TRUST

Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg  
(Town Mayor)

WEEDON'S CHARITY

Mrs N.H. Downs  
Mrs V.J. Miles

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.

11. **PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS 2005/2006**

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>NAME OF ORGANISATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT (£)</b>
Association of Larger Local Councils	825.00
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers	25.00
Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils (including NALC)	1,899.36
Buckinghamshire Association for Mental Health	10.00
Bucks Playing Fields Association	20.00
Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce	50.00
Chiltern Arts Forum	10.00
Confederation of Burial Authorities	55.00
Council for the Protection of Rural England	25.00

Grants Online website	150.00
Local Government Chronicle	139.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	160.00
South East Employers	265.00 (plus VAT)
The Chesham Society	15.00
The Chiltern Society	25.00
The Open Spaces Society	30.00
The Civic Trust	20.00
The Woodland Trust	18.00
United Nations Associations	20.00

12. **LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

The Mayor presented certificates and vouchers to two Council officers, Mr T. Cato and Mr S. Pearson, to recognise twenty-five years long service with the Council. He also presented a certificate to Councillor N.L. Brown to recognise his continuous long service as a Member.

13. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

TOWN MAYOR