

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

17 April 2008 at 7.30pm

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor H W V Meares in the Chair)

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors Mrs F M Angell, Prof I O Angell, Mrs F J Barden, J Broadhead, Mrs P I Broadhead, M J Brown, A J Davis, R J Edis, J M Edwards, J R Furey, Mrs C E Gant, Mrs E Gill, Mrs L M Gillham, Ms R E Haylor, Miss M N Heath, R N Jones, C Knight, Mrs Y P Lay, H W V Meares, C J Norman, Mrs J Norman, D W Parr, J W Perschke, Mrs M J Roberts, P I Roberts, A P Tollett, P B Tuley P J Waddell and G B Woodger.

Members of the
Committee absent:

Councillors A Alderson, J R Ashmore, H A Butterfield, D A Cotty, D R Hamilton, M T Kusneraitis, A D Mills, Prof A M Moore, Ms C M Simmons and N Stewert.

648. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

The Mayor read out the Fire Precautions Procedure to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency.

649. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14 February 2008 and 4 March 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

650. RUNNYMEDE DESIGN AWARDS

The Mayor presented the Runnymede Design Awards in respect of the following schemes:-

Category 1: Best Sustainable Development Scheme

New Civic Centre, Runnymede Borough Council/Surrey Police, Addlestone

Recipient: Keith Bradley (Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios)

Category 2: Best Housing Development Scheme - Small

Morley Cottages, Village Road, Thorpe

Recipient: Mr Fernando Gonzalez

Category 3: Best Housing Development Scheme - Large

Albany Court, Egham

Recipient: Mark Knight of Runnymede Homes Limited

Category 4: Best Commercial Development

New Civic Centre, Runnymede Borough Council, Addlestone

Recipient: Councillor J R Furey (Leader of the Council)

In view of the special merit, a *Highly Commended Certificate* in the Best Commercial Development Category was awarded to Thyme in the Tavern, 20 London Street, Chertsey.

Recipient: Mr Robert Palmer-Hall

651. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended the following recent events:

- deposit of time capsule at Strode's College
- attendance at the Runnymede Access Liaison Group Awards evening
- Installation of new High Sheriff of Surrey
- 100th birthday celebration of local resident, Mrs Kernow, a former resistance fighter during the war
- Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of Territorial Army in Chertsey.

As this was the last Council Meeting before the election on 1 May 2008, the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, bid farewell to those Members who had resigned or were not standing for re-election, namely Councillors Ms Clarke (2000 - 2008), Relph (2002 - 2008), Ms Haylor (2004 - 2008), Ms Simmons (2000 - 2008) and Mrs Norman (2000 - 2008).

The Mayor thanked the Councillors for their commitment to the Council and the community.

652. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Alderson, H A Butterfield, D A Cotty, D R Hamilton, M T Kusneraitis, A D Mills, A M Moore and Mrs C M Simmons.

653. CAPITAL ALLOWANCE - INCREASE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 27 March 2008.

RESOLVED that -

a top-up capital allowance of £3,250,000 be approved in respect of housing capital receipts that would otherwise have to be passed to the Government national pool.

654. HYPHE PARK PROGRESS REPORT

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 27 March 2008.

RESOLVED that -

- i) **a revised capital estimate in the sum of £394,800 for the creation of Hythe Park be approved to be financed from a virement of £15,000 and £53,000 from planning infrastructure contributions and the balance of £326,800 from capital receipts in hand;**
- ii) **a capital estimate in the sum of £74,000 be approved for the construction of a Wet/Dry Area and Toddlers Play Area at Hythe Park, to be financed from grants sourced through AIR;**
- iii) **a capital estimate in the sum of £116,000 be approved for the construction of a multi-use games area and an Adventure Play Area at Hythe Park, to be financed from grant received from the Big Lottery Fund; and**
- iv) **a capital estimate in the sum of £30,000 be approved for the estimated cost of lighting at Hythe Park, to be financed from a contribution from the Crime and Disorder Partnership.**

655. POST OFFICE CLOSURES

The Council considered a recommendation from the Review Board which had met the previous evening.

RESOLVED that -

- i) the Council write to the Government asking the Government to recognise the grave hardship which the closures of Little Green Lane and Stepgates Sub Post Offices would cause to the community and suggesting that the Government amend the minimum access criteria; and**
- ii) Post Office Ltd be requested to revisit the decision to close these branches.**

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 8.16pm)