

Runnymede Borough Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

17 May 2001

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor C.J. Norman, Retiring Mayor) in the Chair

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors J.R. Ashmore, Mrs. F.J. Barden, V.E. Barker, E.G. Barrett, Mrs. J.R. Barrett, Mrs. P.I. Broadhead, K.J. Clark, B.A. Clarke, Ms. D.V. Clarke, A.G. Collins, D.P. Easton, J.M. Edwards, P.C. Elding, J.R. Furey, Mrs. L.M. Gillham, R.K. Habgood, Mrs S.E. Jacobs, Mrs. C.Y. Jones, H.W.V. Meares, A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs. J. Norman, D.W. Parr, R. Pate, E.C. Pattington, P.J. Poole, Mrs. E.E. Price, Ms. C.M. Simmons, Mrs. V.A. Smallman, G.J. Thomas, A.P. Tollett, F.J. Tourlmain, P.J. Waddell, K.J.T. Walmsley, J.R. Whiteley and G.B. Woodger

Members of the  
Council absent:

Councillors Mrs. F.M. Angell, T. Dicks and P.B. Tuley

1. RETIRING MAYOR

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed his distinguished guests, with particular reference to Councillor Ashmore's family.

The Mayor said that he had greatly enjoyed his year of office, during which he had attended over 350 engagements. Highlights had included the American Bar Association ceremony at the Magna Carta Memorial, where he had met the Attorney-General of the United States, Janet Reno, and a dinner at Loseley Park attended by the High Sheriff of Surrey and the ten other Surrey Mayors. The Magna Carta Day celebrations in 2000 had been a great success, and a visit to the Twin Town of Joinville-le-Pont had seen the Mayor name a square "Le Place Runnymede".

The year had once again emphasised the enormous amount of voluntary work that was undertaken throughout the Borough. His charity would reach £15,000 which would be distributed between the Freemantles School in Chertsey and the Macmillan Nurses.

In conclusion the Mayor paid tribute to the unflagging support given him by his wife and Mayoress, Councillor Judith Norman. He also thanked his Charity Committee, and paid tribute to the extensive work put in by the Chief Executive, Tim Williams, and the Mayor's Secretary, Mandy Smith (who was presented with a bouquet as a token of his appreciation).

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

**RESOLVED that -**

**Councillor J.R. Ashmore be Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2001/2002.**

3. DECLARATION BY MAYOR OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor J.R. Ashmore, who thanked the Council for his election and took the Chair.

(The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor J.R. Ashmore in the Chair).

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

**RESOLVED that -**

**Councillor Mrs. P.I. Broadhead be Deputy Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2001/2002.**

5. DECLARATION BY DEPUTY MAYOR OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Mrs. P.I. Broadhead.

6. MINUTES

- (i) the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 15 February 2001 and the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26 April 2001 were confirmed and signed as correct records.
- (ii) the Minutes of the following bodies, which would no longer exist under the new Committee structure, were also approved as correct records and signed:
  - (a) Development Review Board - 8 March 2001
  - (b) Community Services Review Board - 15 March 2001
  - (c) Business Management Review Board - 22 March 2001

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. F.M. Angell, T. Dicks and P.B. Tuley.

8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reiterated the retiring Mayor's welcome to guests and friends.

Looking forward to the year ahead, the Mayor announced that the Civic Service would be held in the Chapel at Royal Holloway, provisionally on Sunday 16 September. He was also looking forward to the triennial celebrations for Magna Carta (Saturday 16 June) which were being jointly hosted by Runnymede Council and the Magna Carta Trust.

The first aim of his charity fund would be the provision of an Ultrasound Scope for Colon Cancer at St. Peter's Hospital. If this target were achieved any surplus would be donated to Colon Cancer Concern.

9. ADOPTION OF REVISED INTERIM CONSTITUTION

It was moved by Councillor G.B. Woodger, seconded by Councillor J.M. Edwards -

"that the revised interim constitution of the Council for 2001/2002, as circulated, be adopted."

An amendment was then moved by Councillor P.J. Waddell, seconded by Councillor G.J. Thomas, in the following terms:

'That the following words be added at the end of the motion:

"subject to the following changes:

On page 143, re-word paragraph 14(a) to read as follows:

'the request for call-in must be signed by at least two Members of the Review board and must be delivered to the office of the Chief Executive Officer before 5.00 p.m. on the fourth working day after the policy committee has taken the decision;'

and re-word Standing Order 27.7(a) the same effect."

This amendment having been accepted by the mover and seconder of the original motion, it was

**RESOLVED that -**

**the revised interim constitution of the Council for 2001/2002, as amended, be adopted.**

10. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive Officer which set out the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Members received information as to the wishes of the various Political Groups as to Committee appointments.

Accordingly, the Council

**RESOLVED that -**

**i) the allocation of seats be as follows :-**

	<u>Political Groups</u>			Total
	Con	R.Ind	Lab	
Corporate Management	7	2	1	10
Economic Development	8	1	1	10
Planning	12	2	1	15
Housing & Community Services	8	1	1	10
Leisure and Environment	7	2	1	10
Business Review Board	4	1	0	5
Services Review Board	4	1	0	5
Standards	3	1	1	5
	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>70</b>

- ii) the allocation of Committee seats to members of Political Groups as at the commencement of the Municipal Year 2001/2002 as requested by those Groups be approved, as shown at Appendix 'A';**
- iii) any other Member of the Council be eligible for appointment to any Committee or Sub-Committee;**
- iv) Mrs. B. Miller and Mr. T. Watson, not being Members of the Council, be non-voting Members of the Leisure and Environment Committee to represent the residents around Thorpe Green for the Municipal Year 2001/2002;**
- v) Mr. D. Wheeler, not being a Member of the Council, be a non-voting Member of the Housing and Community Services Committee for the Municipal Year 2001/2002 for purposes affecting Council housing tenants;**
- vi) Dr. R.F. Miller, not being a Member of the Council, be appointed as an additional person to the Standards Committee for all purposes associated with that Committee's functions.**

11. APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES AND PANELS

It was moved by Councillor G.B. Woodger, seconded by Councillor J.M. Edwards, that other Committees and bodies be established in accordance with the schedule tabled. Councillor Collins commented that all nominees for the residents' representative positions were worthy candidates.

**RESOLVED that -**

**i) the Englefield Green Committee (as required by the Crown Lease) for the year 2001/2002 be established and constituted as follows:**

**Six Englefield Green Councillors: A.G. Collins, K.J.T. Walmsley, Mrs. C.Y. Jones, and H.W.V. Meares, (two vacancies pending by-elections) and two representatives of occupying tenants: Mrs. M.E.J. Bairstow and Mr. A.E. Panter.**

(Mr. Panter received 23 votes, Mrs. Bairstow received 26 votes, and Mr. Winkworth received 0 votes).

**ii) Benefits Review Board**

**All Members of the Council be eligible to serve on a Benefits Review Board, the Board for any particular case to comprise at least the minimum number of Members required by regulations.**

12. SURREY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – APPOINTMENTS

On the motion of Councillor G.B. Woodger, seconded by Councillor J.M. Edwards, it was

**RESOLVED that -**

- i) Councillor G.B. Woodger be the Council's representative on the Surrey L.G.A. and that Councillor J.M. Edwards be the deputy representative; and**
- ii) the Surrey L.G.A. be advised that Councillor C.J. Norman is re-nominated by this Council to continue his membership of the Community Safety Strategy Group.**

13. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS BY THIS COUNCIL TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was noted that these appointments would either be undertaken by the Corporate Management Committee or a Sub-Committee appointed by it.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.13 pm)