

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL11 December 2003The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs F.M. Angell) in the Chair

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Mrs F.M. Angell, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs F.J. Barden, E.G. Barrett, J. Broadhead, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, M.J. Brown, Ms D.V. Clarke, A.J. Davis, J.B. Dean, D.P. Easton, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs C.E. Gant, Mrs L.M. Gillham, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, R.K. Habgood, Miss M.N. Heath, Mrs S.E. Jacobs, Mrs C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, A.M. Moore, H.W.V. Meares, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, R. Pate, P.J. Poole, Mrs E.E. Price, R.J. Ray, B.J. Relph, Ms C.M. Simmons, N.Thewlis, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, P.J. Waddell, K.J.T. Walmsley, J.R. Whiteley, and G.B. Woodger

Members of the  
Council absent:

Councillors D.W Parr and Mrs. V.A. Smallman

581. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 October 2003 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

582. RUNNYMEDE DESIGN AWARDS

The Mayor informed the Council that the Runnymede Design Awards were now in their fourteenth year, and continued to be successful in encouraging high standards of design. This year there had been an emphasis on encouraging schemes which were both environmentally sympathetic and energy efficient.

The Mayor then presented awards in respect of the following schemes:

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
(1)	Residential ) Joint Winners )	(i) Ashleigh Lodge, Bakeham Lane, Egham (ii) Church View, Colonel's Lane, Chertsey	(i) Roger Smart, First Choice Estates (ii) Keith Hiley, Kingsoak Southern Counties Ltd.
(2)	Community and Commercial	Aviator Park, Station Road, Addlestone	Hugo Buchanan, Brixton Estate
(3)	Environmental Projects	Garden – Chertsey Museum, Windsor Street, Chertsey	Jo Harper, Runnymede Borough Council
(4)	Renovation, Conversion or Extension	Chertsey Museum Extension and Alterations	Valerie Cummings, Olive Matthews Trust
(5)	Accessible Development	The Hythe Centre, Thorpe Road, Hythe	Councillor C.J. Norman, Chairman, Leisure and Environment Committee

583. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed the new Member for Englefield Green East, Councillor Miss Marisa Heath.

Two hundred and fifty guests had attended the Civic Reception which had been held on 5 December 2003 at the Hythe Centre. It had been an enjoyable evening, during which the Mayor had presented her Runnymede Citizen of the Year Award to Mr. Arthur Birkby of New Haw. A further five individuals had been commended for their contribution to life in Runnymede.

The "Queen of Joinville" had visited Runnymede on 2 December during her two-day trip to London. She was a charming young lady, and the Mayor extended her thanks to Councillor Poole and the Town Twinning Association for facilitating the visit.

The Weybridge Male Voice Choir had presented an excellent concert on 15 November at The Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge and thanks were extended to Councillor Mrs. Broadhead and also to her husband, Councillor Jim Broadhead, who sang some solos.

One hundred and twenty people had attended the Christmas Floral Lunch organised by Councillor Mrs. Smallman on 28 November. Thanks were also extended to Councillor Tollett, for his assistance.

Members were reminded that the Mayor's Ball would be held at Wentworth Golf Club on Saturday 13 March 2004, and a Charity Golf Day would be held at Foxhills on Tuesday, 20 April 2004. On 30 April 2004 an Old Time Music Hall concert would be held at The Chertsey Hall.

584. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D.W. Parr and Mrs. V.A. Smallman.

585. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P.J. Poole declared a non-prejudicial interest under the Runnymede Code of Conduct for Members in paragraph 455, page 990, "Homelessness Strategy and Funding from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister", on account of his involvement with a local housing charity.

586. PETITION

Councillor P.A. Greenwood submitted a petition signed by 400 residents of Chertsey, in the following terms:

"We the undersigned are very concerned about the proposed restrictions in the access and egress from Gogmore Farm Park via Riversdell Close, Chertsey. We feel the proposals are a serious disadvantage to vulnerable members of the community who have not been consulted on these changes. Many of the disabled users of the park and older members find alternative footpaths extremely difficult to negotiate. Children will be forced to use areas that do not have clear vision from park to roadway and roadway to park causing distress and concerns about hidden dangers. Therefore, we urge the Council to re-examine the decision to close this access of the park and refer the matter to the Review Board Committee enabling greater consultation and representations with all sections of the community".

Councillor Greenwood explained that more signatures were still being received, and the final figure would therefore be above the current 400 signatories.

The petition stood referred to the Leisure and Environment Committee in accordance with Standing Order 19.5.

587. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Council received recommendations from the Corporate Management Committee, and agreed a re-wording of paragraph (ii). A suggestion that the Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee should have an allowance of £1,000 rather than £500 was accepted (see Appendix 'A').

**RESOLVED that –**

**the following recommendations of the Corporate Management Committee, page 924, para. 440 (6 November 2003 – as amended) be agreed;**

- i) the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel attached at Appendix 'A' (as amended) be approved;**
- ii) the new scheme commence at midnight on 31 December 2003, with the review mechanisms and uplifts as identified in the Panel's report;**
- iii) the scheme and uplift arrangements be formally reviewed in October 2006;**
- iv) a supplementary revenue estimate of £8,700 be approved to meet the financial consequences in the current financial year and appropriate budgetary provision be made in subsequent years; and**
- v) the Panel members be thanked for their deliberations in the matter.**

588. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY AND FUNDING FROM OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Housing and Community Services Committee as set out in paragraph 455, page 990 (Minutes 12 November 2003) be approved.**

589. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING – NATIONAL PROPERTY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

**RESOLVED that –**

**the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee as set out in paragraph 477, page 1004 (Minutes 13 November 2003) be approved.**

590. ADDLESTONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPROVISION - REVISED CAPITAL ESTIMATE PROVISION

**RESOLVED that -**

**the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee as set out in paragraph 492, page 1011 (Minutes 13 November 2003) be approved.**

591. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) - OPEN SPACE TOPIC PAPER

The Council considered recommendations from the Planning Committee which had met on 3 December 2003.

The mover of the recommendations, Councillor Woodger, deleted the word "minor" from the third line of recommendation (i) and pointed out that certain corrections needed to be made to Appendix '1'.

Councillor Mrs. Price, seconded by Councillor Pate, moved an Amendment that the words "and after consultation with Ward Councillors be added to recommendation (i)." This Amendment was put to the vote and declared to be CARRIED.

Accordingly, the Council

**RESOLVED that -**

- i) the detailed analysis of Egham Hythe, Virginia Water, Addlestone, New Haw and Woodham set out in Appendix 'B' of the Committee Minutes be approved, subject to any drafting changes and after consultation with Ward Councillors, as part of the preparatory work associated with the proposed Local Development Documents; and**
- ii) a further report be submitted setting a framework for policy guidance for the Local Development Framework and the sustainability audit.**

592. CAPITAL STRATEGY

(Ref: Minutes of Corporate Management Committee, July 2002, page 317, para. 157)

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 4 December 2003.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Capital Strategy set out in the relevant Appendix of the Committee Minutes be approved.**

593. DETERMINATION OF THE COUNCIL'S TAX BASE FOR 2004/05

(Ref: Minutes of Corporate Management Committee, December 2002, page 812, para. 469)

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 4 December 2003.

**RESOLVED that -**

- i) the report of the Director of Finance for the calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2004/05 be approved;**
- ii) pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities' (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount calculated by Runnymede Borough Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2004/05 shall be 32,370; and**
- iii) the Director of Finance be authorised to make any adjustments to the Council Tax Base which may be required as a consequence of the Relevant Date for this year being 20 December 2003.**

594. MONITORING OFFICER PROTOCOL

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 4 December 2003.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Monitoring Officer protocol as set out in the relevant Appendix of the Committee Minutes be adopted by the Council.**

595. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2004 - 2005

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 4 December 2003.

A suggestion was made by Councillor C.J. Norman, that some meetings in June and July 2004 should be rearranged. This suggestion was accepted by the mover of the motion and his seconder.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Calendar of Meetings for the Municipal Year 2004/2005 be approved, subject to certain dates in June and July being rearranged by the Director of Administration and Leisure after consultation with Councillor C.J. Norman, and the Calendar be circulated to all Members.**

596. REFERENCE TO COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 25.10 - ERECTION OF FENCE  
(Ref: Minutes of Leisure and Environment Committee, page 1053, para 505 - 20 November 2003)

The Labour Group wished the Council to have the opportunity of discussing the decision taken by the Leisure and Environment Committee on 20 November 2003 in respect of the 'Erection of a fence between Gogmore Farm Park and Riversdell Close'. The Group maintained that the decision made by the Leisure and Environment Committee did not take account of the views of the community, particularly those who would be directly affected and disadvantaged by the installation of such a fence.

The Labour Group requested that the matter be referred to the Review Board where representations could be heard from all sections of the community and a full evaluation be taken of the effects on other projects or community based schemes. Members of the Conservative Group indicated that they would support the proposal for a full review but that this should not delay the erection of the fence.

Accordingly, Councillor P.A. Greenwood, the Leader of the Labour Group, moved under Standing Order 25.11 (c) that "The Review Board be requested to review and report to Council via the appropriate Committee on the merits of the decision of the Leisure and Environment Committee to erect a fence between Riversdell Close and Gogmore Farm Park." This motion was seconded by Councillor Habgood. The Mayor confirmed to the Council that referral to the Review Board in this instance would not have the effect of delaying the erection of the fence.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Review Board be requested to review and report to Council via the appropriate Committee on the merits of the decision of the Leisure and Environment Committee to erect a fence between Riversdell Close and Gogmore Farm Park.**

597. REFERENCE TO COUNCIL UNDER STANDING ORDER 25.10 - FOOTBALL GOAL POSTS ON ENGLEFIELD GREEN

This item was not moved.

598. FORMER LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE: MINUTES

In accordance with Standing Order 32.4 the Minutes of the former Licensing Sub-Committee were submitted for signature by the then Chairman, Councillor C.J. Norman.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 15 April 2003 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.56 p.m.)