

Runnymede Borough Council

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

16 May 2002

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

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Mrs. F.M. Angell, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs. F.J. Barden, V.E. Barker, E.G. Barrett, Mrs. P.I. Broadhead, M.J. Brown, A.G. Collins, A.J. Davis, J.M. Edwards, P.C. Elding, J.R. Furey, Mrs. C.E. Gant, Mrs. L.M. Gillham, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, R.K. Habgood, Mrs. S.E. Jacobs, Mrs. C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, H.W.V. Meares, A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs. J. Norman, D.W. Parr, R. Pate, Mrs. E.E. Price, R.J. Ray, B.J. Relph, Ms. C.M. Simmons, Mrs. V.A. Smallman, N. Thewlis, G.J. Thomas, 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.P. Easton and P.J. Poole

1. RETIRING MAYOR

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor welcomed the guests and new Members. He also thanked Members, the Chief Executive Officer, Officers and friends for the great support they had given him during his year of office.

It had been a hectic year marked by a range of events as diverse as the AGM of the Swan Club, a reception at Lincolns Inn, and a visit to Buckingham Palace. The Mayoral Year had commenced with the Triennial Celebration of Magna Carta and had included visits to the twin towns of Bergisch Gladbach and Joinville-le-Pont. Contact with the other twin town of Herndon, Virginia had been more sombre with a letter of condolence being sent after the terrorist attack in New York on 11 September. Condolences had also been conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen following the deaths of the Queen Mother, who had links with Runnymede and of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret.

The Mayor's charity had been very successful with £32,000 (including matched funding) being donated to St. Peter's Hospital for the purchase of an Ultrasound Scope for Colon Cancer.

In conclusion, the Mayor paid special tribute to his wife, Anne, who had supported him most ably in her capacity as Mayoress. He also thanked the Mayor's Secretary, Mrs. Mandy Smith, for her immense dedication and was pleased to present her with a small gift.

The Leaders of the three political groups (Councillors G.B. Woodger, A.M. Moore and R. Pate) congratulated the Mayor on his year of office and his stewardship of Council meetings.

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

**RESOLVED that -**

**Councillor Mrs. P.I. Broadhead be Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2002/03.**

3. DECLARATION BY MAYOR OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Mrs. P.I. Broadhead, who thanked the Council for her election and took the Chair.

(The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. P.I. Broadhead, in the Chair).

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

**RESOLVED that -**

**Councillor Mrs. F.M. Angell be Deputy Mayor of Runnymede for the Municipal Year 2002/2003.**

5. DECLARATION BY DEPUTY MAYOR OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The statutory declaration of acceptance of office was made and signed by Councillor Mrs. F.M. Angell.

6. MINUTES

Councillor K.J.T. Walmsley pointed out in regard to Minute (i) of 'Declaration of Interest' that he had left the room when the matter was under discussion. The mover and seconder accepted this corrigendum.

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 April 2002, as corrected, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D.P. Easton and P.J. Poole.

8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Looking forward to the year ahead, the Mayor advised that her charity would raise money for White Lodge. She would also hope to assist Rentstart and the Royal Air Force Association. A charity concert was scheduled for Saturday 8 June in Englefield Green sponsored by Principal People, and tickets were available.

9. 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>			
	Con	R.Ind	Lab	Total
Corporate Management	8	1	1	10
Economic Development	8	1	1	10
Planning	11	2	2	15
Housing & Community Services	8	1	1	10
Leisure and Environment	7	2	1	10
Business Review Board	4	1	-	5
Services Review Board	4	1	-	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>65</b>

**ii) the allocation of Committee seats to Members of Political Groups as at the commencement of the Municipal Year 2002/2003 as requested by those Groups be approved;**

- 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 2002/2003;**
- 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 2002/2003 for purposes affecting Council housing tenants;**
- vi) **no non-Council Members be co-opted onto the Business Review Board or the Services Review Board pending further consideration and report on the structure of the Review Boards by the Local Government Act Member Working Group.**

10. ENGLEFIELD GREEN COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Englefield Green Committee (as required by the Crown Lease) for the year 2002/2003 be established and constituted as follows:**

**Councillors A.G. Collins, J.E. Haas, Mrs. C.Y. Jones, H.W.V. Meares, N. Thewlis and K.J.T. Walmsley; and Mrs. M.J. Bairstow and Mr. A.E. Panter (Residents' Representatives)**

11. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**RESOLVED that -**

**the Standards Committee be established for the year 2002/2003 as required by Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000 and constituted as follows:-**

**Councillors E.G. Barrett, A.J. Davis, Mrs. E.E. Price, Ms. C.M. Simmons and A.P. Tollett; and Dr. R.F. Miller and Mrs. C. Spurling (independent members).**

12. SURREY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – APPOINTMENTS

**RESOLVED that -**

- i) **Councillor G.B. Woodger be the Council's representative on the Surrey L.G.A. and Councillor C.J. Norman be the deputy representative; and**
- ii) **the Surrey L.G.A. be advised that;**
  - (a) **Councillor C.J. Norman is re-nominated by this Council to continue his membership of the Community Safety Strategy Group;**
  - (b) **Councillor P.B. Tuley is nominated to serve on the S.C.C. Pension Fund - Investments Advisors Group; and**
  - (c) **Councillor B.J. Relph is nominated to serve on the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust.**

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.10 pm)