

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

24 April 2003

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

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Mrs F.M. Angell, Mrs F.J. Barden, V. E. Barker, E.G. Barrett, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, M.J. Brown, A.G. Collins, A.J. Davis, 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, Mrs S E Jacobs, A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, D.W. Parr, R. Pate, P.J. Poole, Mrs E.E. Price, R.J. Ray, B.J. Relph, Ms C.M. Simmons, Mrs V.A. Smallman, N.Thewlis, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, P.J. Waddell, J.R. Whiteley and G.B. Woodger

Members of the
Council absent:

Councillors J.R. Ashmore, P.C. Elding, Mrs C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, H.W.V. Meares and K.J.T. Walmsley

781. FORMER COUNCILLOR ARTHUR READ

The Council stood in silence in memory of former Councillor Arthur Read who had died recently. Councillor Read had represented Addlestone Bourneside between 1976 and 1986, and had been Mayor of the Borough in 1985. His funeral would be held at Woking Crematorium on 29 April.

782. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 March 2003 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

The Council also noted a correction to the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 October 2002 relating to the Community Strategy (page 690, para 370). These Minutes were contained in the December 2002 Summons/Minute Book and had been signed at Council on 12 December 2002 but an omission had subsequently been noticed. To address this the following words were added to part (i) of this resolution; 'noting that it has been developed through Community participation and will inform policy to the extent that the primary authorities are willing, and have the resources, to embrace the priorities.'

783. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that Councillor Woodger would be standing down as Leader of the Council. She thanked him for his service to the Council, and other Members also expressed their appreciation. The Mayor, together with Councillors Woodger, Mrs Price and Pate paid tribute to those Members who would not be standing for re-election on 1 May. Particular tribute was paid to Councillor Barker who had served since 1991 and had made a valuable contribution as Chairman of both the Planning Committee and the Standards Committee.

784. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ashmore, Elding, Mrs Jones, Knight and Walmsley.

785. AIR TRANSPORT IN THE UK - CONSULTATION

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee as set out in paragraph 698, page 1136 (Minutes of 13 March 2003) be approved.

786. CO-OPTED MEMBERS FOR MATTERS AFFECTING THORPE GREEN

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Leisure and Environment Committee as set out in paragraph 792, page 1196 (Minutes of 20 March 2003) be approved.

787. REVIEW OF DELEGATION OF DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council received a recommendation from the Planning Committee which had met on 2 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

i) the Council's Scheme of Delegation be amended to:

- a) allow the Director of Technical Services, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee, to determine planning applications where a representation or representations from one party or household is received;**
- b) allow any Member of the Council to refer a planning application to this Committee for determination, provided the request is made in writing, and is received by the Director of Technical Services within 28 days of the weekly list being published; and**

ii) the standard letter to neighbours be amended to indicate that planning applications may be determined by Officers under delegated powers and accompanying notes give an indication as to what constitutes a material planning consideration.

788. CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL - REVISIONS FOR 2003/04

The Council received a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

subject to the Director of Administration and Leisure making any necessary editing amendments, the amended Constitution as shown at Appendix 'E' on the Committee's agenda be adopted by the Council and take effect for all purposes connected with the Annual Meeting on 15 May 2003, and subsequently.

789. CENTRAL HEATING PROGRAMME - REFERENCE FROM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Council received a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

a supplementary estimate of £200,000 be approved to be met from the Housing Revenue Account for 2003/04 to fund the installation of central heating in approximately 65 PRC properties in the Borough.

790. ESSENTIAL REPAIRS - REFERENCE FROM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Council received a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

a supplementary estimate in the sum of £367,000 be approved from the Housing Revenue Account for 2003/04 to enable the additional essential repairs to be undertaken.

791. 151 STATION ROAD, ADDLESTONE - REFERENCE FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

i) a capital estimate of £316,000 be approved for the acquisition of 151 Station Road, Addlestone, including the cost of stamp duty, financed from capital receipts;

ii) a supplementary revenue estimate of £19,000 be approved for the 2003/04 financial year to meet the financing and sundry other costs of holding 151 Station Road, subject to this being offset by any rental income; and

iii) the potential revenue costs in future years be noted.

792. ADDLESTONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPROVISION - COSTINGS - REFERENCE FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Council received a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

a revised capital programme provision and capital estimate of £1,991,000 (making a total of £2,241,000) be approved for the reprovion of the Addlestone Community Association premises, to be financed from capital receipts.

793. ANNUAL REPORT OF REVIEW BOARD

The Council received a recommendation from the Review Board which had met on 10 April 2003.

RESOLVED that -

the Annual Report of the Review Board be received.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.22pm)