

MINUTES
OF A MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WOKING

held on 17 May 2018

Present:

Cllr Will Forster (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Beryl Hunwicks (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Mrs Hilary Addison	Cllr Debbie Harlow
Cllr Simon Ashall	Cllr Ken Howard
Cllr Ayesha Azad	Cllr Deborah Hughes
Cllr Tahir Aziz	Cllr Saj Hussain
Cllr Ann-Marie Barker	Cllr Ian Johnson
Cllr David Bittleston	Cllr Colin Kemp
Cllr John Bond	Cllr Liam Lyons
Cllr Amanda Boote	Cllr Nancy Martin
Cllr Ashley Bowes	Cllr Rashid Mohammed
Cllr Mary Bridgeman	Cllr Louise Morales
Cllr Graham Chrystie	Cllr M Ilyas Raja
Cllr Graham Cundy	Cllr Chitra Rana
Cllr Kevin Davis	Cllr Melanie Whitehand
Cllr Ian Eastwood	

Also Present: Claire Storey, Independent Co-opted Member, and Tim Stokes, Independent Person.

Absent: Councillor Mohammad Ali.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR.

Councillor Lyons moved and Councillor Azad seconded that Councillor W P Forster be elected Mayor.

RESOLVED

That Councillor W P Forster be elected Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.

The Mayor signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Special Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5 April 2018 be approved and signed as true and correct records.

4. URGENT BUSINESS.

There were no items of Urgent Business.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

6. LOCAL ELECTIONS 2018.

The Council received a report on the names of those who had been returned as Borough Councillors at the Elections on 3 May 2018.

RESOLVED

That the report be received.

7. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Mayor thanked all those present for attending and for the honour bestowed on him by the Council.

Past Mayor's Badge and Mayoress' Badge

The Mayor thanked Councillor Graham Cundy and Sarah Cundy for their service to the Borough over the past year as Mayor and Mayoress and presented them with a Past Mayor's Badge and a Past Mayoress' Badge.

The Mayoress

The Mayor was pleased to announce that Hannah Thompson would support him as Mayoress for the coming year.

The Mayor's Charity

The Mayor had chosen the York Road Project as the Mayor's Charity for the coming year. A number of events would be held during the year to raise money for the Charity.

Forthcoming Events

The Mayor reported that his diary had already been filled with a wide range of engagements, including a forthcoming visit to Woking's twin town in Germany, Rastatt. Other key events in the coming year included events to mark the centenaries of the end of

World War II and women's suffrage, the opening of the Hoe Valley School, the Party in the Park, the Civic Celebration, the Civic Ball and the Civic Reception.

8. PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE MAYOR AND CONSORT.

Mr Magnus Work representing the Surrey North Branch of Gideons International presented Bibles to the Mayor and Mayoress.

9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR.

Councillor Kemp moved and Councillor Barker seconded that Councillor Mrs Hunwicks be appointed Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Beryl Hunwicks be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Mayor signed the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

10. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO PAST MEMBERS.

In recognition of their services to the community as Borough Councillors, the following individuals were presented with a certificate by the Mayor.

- John Kingsbury. Ward Councillor for St Johns and Hook Heath (1999 to 2016) and Ward Councillor for Heathlands (2016 to 2018). Mayor of the Borough of Woking for 2006/07.
- Anne Murray. Ward Councillor for Horsell East and Woodham (2003 to 2016) and Ward Councillor for Horsell (2016 to 2018). Mayor of the Borough of Woking for 2016/17.
- Mark Pengelly. Ward Councillor for Mount Hermon (2016 to 2018).

11. SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

The Council had before it a plan showing the proposed seating arrangements for Members at Council meetings for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED

That the seating plan be approved.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and ended at 7.52 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____