



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes
Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 12th May 2016

Place

The Council Chamber, South Street, Farnham

Councillors

- * Pat Frost (Mayor of Farnham – Agenda Item 1)
- * John Ward (Mayor of Farnham items 2 onwards)
- * Mike Hodge (Deputy Mayor – item 6 onwards)
- * David Attfield
- * Patrick Blagden CBE
- * Carole Cockburn
- * Paula Dunsmore
- * John Scott Fraser
- A Jill Hargreaves
- * Stephen Hill
- A Sam Hollins-Owen
- * Mike Hyman
- * Andy Macleod
- A Kika Mirylees
- * Julia Potts
- * Susan Redfern
- A Jeremy Ricketts
- * John Williamson

* Present

A Apologies for absence

Officers Present:

Iain Lynch (Town Clerk)
Rachel Aves (Team Leader Corporate Governance)
Kevin Taitt (Team Leader, Outside Services)
Olivia Holloway (Civic administrator)

Mr Jonathan Jones – Honorary Town Crier

There were 28 members of the public in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, prayers were said by the Revd Jane Walker, St Mary the Virgin, Frensham

C001/16 Election of Mayor of Farnham

Cllr Cockburn proposed, and Cllr Williamson seconded, that Cllr John Ward be elected Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2016/2017. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr John Ward be elected Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

C002/16 Cllr Frost invested Cllr Ward with the Mayoral Chain and Badge of Office.

C003/16 The Mayor of Farnham's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Having been invested with the Chain and Badge of Office, Cllr John Ward made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and commenced his duties as Mayor.

C004/16 The Mayor's speech of acceptance

Cllr Ward thanked his fellow councillors for their faith in again electing him to the position of Mayor of Farnham which was both an honour and privilege. He said he would, with the help of his Mayoress, do all he could to uphold the high standards of his predecessors. The Mayor said the Council was very much run on a cross-party consensus which was demonstrated by his proposer and seconder coming from different groups, and thanked them for their kind words.

The Mayor said the theme of his year, if there was such a thing would be communication as so many difficulties and potential conflicts could be avoided or at least mitigated if people or institutions would talk to each other before acting. Farnham Town Council had already won a national award for its website and the Mayor wanted to continue the good work to ensure that communication with citizens, institutions and other councils continued to improve.

The Mayor announced that his Mayoral charity would be the Ridgeway Community School focusing on supporting young people and being committed to helping those who for no fault of their own were disadvantaged.

C005/16 Presentation of the Mayoress' chain and badge of office

The Mayor presented Mrs Gillian Ward with the Mayoress's badge of office.

C006/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hargreaves, Hollins-Owen, Mirylees and Ricketts

C007/16 Minutes

The Minutes of the Farnham Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th April 2016 were agreed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C008/16 Declarations of interests

There were no disclosures of interest relating to items on the agenda.

C009/16 Election of Deputy Town Mayor

Cllr Frost proposed, and Cllr Dunsmore seconded, that Cllr Mike Hodge be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr Mike Hodge be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/2017.

C010/16 Cllr Ward, the Mayor of Farnham, invested Cllr Hodge with the Badge of Office of Deputy Mayor of Farnham.

C011/16 **The Deputy Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Having received the Badge of Office, Cllr Hodge made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for his appointment. He said it was a huge honour to take on the role and serve the people of Farnham and he hoped he and the Mayor would make a good team in the year ahead.

C012/16 **Vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor**
Cllr Attfield proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Mrs Pat Frost, which was seconded by Cllr Potts.

Cllr Attfield thanked the retiring Mayor, Cllr Frost for representing Council and all the residents of Farnham over the past twelve months. She was one of the longest serving town councillors and he thought it was time to recognise that commitment when she became Mayor. He thanked her and her consort Bob for the time and commitment to Farnham's communities, whether the younger generation, residential homes, hospitals, clubs and societies, which had made it a superb year.

Cllr Potts echoed these comments emphasising the hard work and dedication given by Cllr Frost over some thirty years. Regardless of party politics the commitment of the outgoing Mayor and her consort was recognised across Farnham and heartfelt thanks were due to them both

C013/16 **Presentation of Past Town Mayor's Badge and Past Mayor's Consort Badge**
The Mayor presented Cllr Mrs Pat Frost with a Past Mayor's Badge and Mr Bob Frost with a Past Mayor's Consort's Badge.

Part 1 – Items for Decision

C014/16 **Appointment of Lead Member or Spokesperson for the council**
Cllr Dunsmore proposed, seconded by Cllr Redfern that Cllr Cockburn be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2016/17. There being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr Cockburn be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2016/17.**

Part 2 – Items Noted

C015/16 **Date of next meeting**
Members noted that the next Council Meeting would take place on Thursday 16th June.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.44 pm

Date

Chairman