



# FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes  
Council

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## Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 11th May 2017

## Place

The Council Chamber, South Street, Farnham

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### Councillors

- \* John Ward (Mayor of Farnham – Agenda Item 1)
- \* Mike Hodge ( Mayor of Farnham items 2 onwards)
- \* David Attfield (Deputy Mayor – item 10 onwards)
- \* David Attfield
- \* David Beaman
- \* Carole Cockburn
- \* Paula Dunsmore
- A John Scott Fraser
- \* Pat Frost
- \* Jill Hargreaves
- \* Stephen Hill
- A Sam Hollins-Owen
- \* Mike Hyman
- \* Andy Macleod
- A Kika Mirylees
- \* Julia Potts
- \* Susan Redfern
- \* Jeremy Ricketts
- \* John Williamson
  
- \* Present
- A Apologies for absence

### Officers Present:

Iain Lynch (Town Clerk)  
Stephanie Spence (Corporate Governance Officer)  
Iain McCready (Business and Contracts Officer)

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 Hannah Moore of the Parish of Badshot Lea and Hale

**C001/17 Election of Mayor of Farnham**

Cllr Frost proposed, and Cllr Dunsmore seconded, that Cllr Mike Hodge be elected Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2017/18. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr Mike Hodge be elected Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2017/18.**

**C002/17** Cllr Ward invested Cllr Hodge with the Mayoral Chain and Badge of Office.

**C003/17 The Mayor of Farnham's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

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

**C004/17 The Mayor's speech of acceptance**

Cllr Hodge thanked his fellow councillors for their faith in electing him to the position of Mayor of Farnham which was both humbling and a privilege. He said it was a responsibility that he didn't take lightly, and that he would endeavour to represent the town of Farnham and its people to the best of his ability.

The Mayor said he first came to Farnham in about 1981, and apart from a couple of short adventures elsewhere, it has been his chosen home ever since.

The Mayor said he would demonstrate to others what a wonderful place Farnham is and how much it has to offer as a town, including and beyond the town centre. He noted that Farnham is surrounded by wonderful villages and it was the combination of all of them that makes Farnham the very special community it is.

He announced that he had chosen to support two valuable local charities that are very important to the community, and hoped he would be able to help raise their profile. The first, The Woodlarks Centre, a care home and activity centre, provides high quality care and support for people with range of disabilities in a warm and stimulating environment where residents and visitors can take part in a range of therapeutic arts and Crafts activities. The second, Brightwells Gostrey Community Centre in Farnham, offers a wide variety of services and activities for older people in the community, including those with dementia. Everyone there is treated with warmth and dignity by a caring and committed team.

**C005/17 Presentation of the chain and badge of office for the Mayor's consort.**

The Mayor presented Ms Julia Potts with the badge of office for the Mayor's consort.

**C006/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Fraser, Hollins-Owen, and Mirylees.

**C007/17 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Farnham Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were agreed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**C008/17 Declarations of interests**

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

**C009/17 Election of Deputy Town Mayor**

Cllr Potts proposed, and Cllr Ricketts seconded, that Cllr David Attfield be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr David Attfield be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18.**

C010/17 Cllr Hodge, the Mayor of Farnham, invested Cllr Attfield with the Badge of Office of Deputy Mayor of Farnham.

Cllr Hollins-Owen arrived at this point.

C011/17 **The Deputy Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**  
Having received the Badge of Office, Cllr Attfield 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.

C012/17 **Vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor**  
Cllr Cockburn proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Mr John Ward, which was seconded by Cllr Williamson.

Cllr Cockburn thanked the retiring Mayor, Cllr Ward for representing Council and all of the residents of Farnham over the past twelve months. She said he had all the qualities required to be a successful mayor; notably his lively personality, sense of fun, and genuine interest in all the people he had met. She also thanked the Mayoress for her wonderful support.

Cllr Williamson also paid tribute to Cllr Ward; highlighting his ability to listen to people, give them respect and reply to them in a very level and sensible way.

C013/17 **Presentation of Past Town Mayor's Badge and Past Mayoress' Badge**  
The Mayor presented Cllr Mr John Ward with a Past Mayor's Badge and Mrs Gillian Ward with a Past Mayoress' Badge.

Cllr Ward thanked Council for the huge honour in serving Farnham as Mayor for the second time. The year had seen a growth in support for events, notably Remembrance, but the most significant achievement for the Council was the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. Cllr Ward commented that the strength of the Council was that it appeared non-political and was supported by a host of volunteers who all act for the good of Farnham.

### **Part 1 – Items for Decision**

C014/17 **Appointment of Lead Member or Spokesperson for the council**  
Cllr Hargreaves proposed, seconded by Cllr Attfield that Cllr Cockburn be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2017/18. There being no other nominations it was **RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr Cockburn be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2017/18.**

### **Part 2 – Items Noted**

C015/17 **Date of next meeting**

Members noted that the next Council Meeting would take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.51 pm

Date

Chairman