



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

A

Minutes
Council

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 10th May 2018

Place

The Council Chamber, South Street, Farnham

Councillors

- * Mike Hodge (Mayor of Farnham – Agenda Item 1)
- * David Attfield (Mayor of Farnham items 2 onwards)
- * Jill Hargreaves (Deputy Mayor – item 10 onwards)

- * David Beaman
- * Carole Cockburn
- * Paula Dunsmore
- * John Scott Fraser
- A Pat Frost
- * Stephen Hill
- A Sam Hollins-Owen
- A Mike Hyman
- * Andy Macleod
- A Kika Mirylees
- * Julia Potts
- * Susan Redfern
- A Jeremy Ricketts
- * John Ward

- * Present
- A Apologies for absence

Officers Present:

Iain Lynch (Town Clerk)
Karen Johansen-Berg (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 led by the Revd Michael Hopkins of the Farnham United Reformed Church

- C001/18 **Election of Mayor of Farnham**
Cllr Julia Potts proposed, and Cllr David Beaman seconded, that Cllr David Attfield be elected Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2018/19. There were no other nominations.
- RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr David Attfield be elected Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2018/19.**
- C002/18 Cllr Hodge invested Cllr Attfield with the Mayoral Chain and Badge of Office.
- C003/18 **The Mayor of Farnham's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Having been invested with the Chain and Badge of Office, Cllr David Attfield made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and commenced his duties as Mayor.
- C004/18 **The Mayor's speech of acceptance**
Cllr Attfield thanked his fellow councillors for supporting his election to the position of Mayor of Farnham for a second time. It was both an honour and a privilege to represent not only Weybourne and Badshot Lea but all the communities of Farnham. During the year ahead the Mayor was looking forward to joining in and supporting many activities planned by the Council, charitable groups, schools, businesses and both town and village events.
- The Mayor said he had thought long and hard o a charity to support during his Mayoral year and decided to support something that would provide a legacy for young people the future. Having been a volunteer and supported of the 1st Farnham Girls Brigade for almost forty years, he was well aware of the excellent work done by volunteers with other local youth organisations. Cllr Attfield had seen the opportunity to help with the fantastic project to update Garner's Field used by scouting groups, youth organisations and Duke of Edinburgh Award parties. He hoped that by selecting "Garners goes Bananas" as his charity he would be able to raise awareness of the project and provide some financial support.
- C005/18 **Presentation of the chain and badge of office for the Mayor's consort.**
The Mayor presented Mrs Anne Attfield with the badge of office of Mayoress.
- C006/18 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Frost, Hollins-Owen, Hyman, Mirylees and Ricketts.
- C007/18 **Minutes**
The Minutes of the Farnham Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th April 2018 were agreed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.
- C008/18 **Declarations of interests**
There were no disclosures of interest relating to items on the agenda.
- C009/18 **Election of Deputy Town Mayor**
Cllr Cockburn proposed, and Cllr Ward seconded, that Cllr Jill Hargreaves be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/19. There were no other nominations.
- RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr Jill Hargreaves be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2018/19.**

C010/18 Cllr Attfield, the Mayor of Farnham, invested Cllr Hargreaves with the Badge of Office of Deputy Mayor of Farnham.

C011/18 **The Deputy Mayor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Having received the Badge of Office, Cllr Hargreaves made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked her proposer and seconder for their kind comments and thanked the Council for her appointment to the role. The Deputy Mayor looked forward to supporting the Mayor in the year ahead.

C012/18 **Vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor**
Cllr Ward proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Mike Hodge, which was seconded by Cllr Dunsmore.

Cllr Ward said it was a privilege to propose the vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Hodge, having been lucky enough to have him as Deputy during his own Mayoral year. The retiring Mayor had been a strong supporter of local institutions and was particularly proud and moved by the high attendance at both the traditional Remembrance Day Parade and the separate Schools' Ceremony. During his year he had worked tirelessly to support Farnham's community activities and the many volunteers working for the town's good causes.

The retiring Mayor had many qualities and interests and when seeking a theme for the vote of thanks it seemed that the letter 'B' was significant. He was brave, in going to Andernach on his motor bike; he pulled the first pint at the Beer Festival and saw the inaugural Gin Festival; his charity supported the Brightwells Gostrey Centre and Woodlarks and he had inaugurated a Farnham otter Trail involving companies, schools and community groups with all proceeds going to the charity. In addition to his many Mayoral duties, he had given lectures to schools on his favourite pastime, beekeeping

Farnham expects high standards from its Mayors and Ward was happy to say that Cllr Hodge had more than lived up to expectations and that he had been a Grade A Mayor.

In seconding the vote of thanks, Cllr Dunsmore also paid tribute to Cllr Hodge concurring that Cllr Hodge had been an excellent Mayor. On behalf of all co-councillors Cllr Dunsmore thanked Cllr Hodge for his enthusiasm and the inventive ways he had carried out his role in the preceding year.

C013/18 **Presentation of Past Town Mayor's Badge and Past Mayor's Consort Badge**
The Mayor presented Cllr Mike Hodge with a Past Mayor's Badge and Cllr Julia Potts with a Past Mayor's Consort Badge.

Cllr Hodge thanked Cllr Ward for his kind words. He said his year as Mayor had made him appreciate the depth of community spirit and how much the community is relied on to make Farnham what it is. He passed on his personal thanks to everyone in Farnham for what they do to make Farnham special. He particularly thanked Jo Aylwin of Blooming Arts and the Farnham Lions for their enthusiasm and support of the Otter project and thanked Cllr Potts for her support during the year. Cllr Hodge also wished to thank the team at the Farnham Herald for all their help in raising awareness of activities during his Mayoral year.

In conclusion, Cllr Hodge thanked Cllr Attfield his support as Deputy and wished him and the Mayoress every success in the year ahead.

Part 1 – Items for Decision

C014/18

Appointment of Lead Member or Spokesperson for the council

Cllr Macleod proposed, seconded by Cllr Redfern, that Cllr Carole Cockburn be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2018/19. There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED *nem con* that: Cllr Cockburn be appointed as Leader of the Council for 2018/19.

Part 2 – Items Noted

C015/18

Date of next meeting

Members noted that the next Council Meeting would take place on Thursday 14th June.

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.48 pm

Date

Chairman