

Minutes of the **Council**  
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**  
held in Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8GL  
on 24 May 2023 at 11.00 am

Attendance:

**Councillor P Lashbrook**  
**(Chairman)**

**Councillor G Bailey (Vice-Chairman)**

Councillor N Adams-King  
Councillor I Andersen  
Councillor C Borg-Neal  
Councillor Brooks  
Councillor Z Brooks  
Councillor J Budzynski  
Councillor P Bundy  
Councillor J Burnage  
Councillor G Cooper  
Councillor M Cooper  
Councillor N Daas  
Councillor C Donnelly  
Councillor A Dowden  
Councillor C Dowden  
Councillor D Drew  
Councillor Dunleavey  
Councillor M Flood  
Councillor Ford

Councillor S Gidley  
Councillor Gillies  
Councillor Hasselmann  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor A Johnston  
Councillor Kohli  
Councillor L Lashbrook  
Councillor Leech  
Councillor N Lodge  
Councillor MacDonald  
Councillor Matthews  
Councillor J Neal  
Councillor K North  
Councillor P North  
Councillor J Parker  
Councillor T Swain  
Councillor A Warnes

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**Prayers**

Prayers were led by Reverend McClelland.

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**Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Cattell, L Gregori, N Gwynne, I Jeffrey and J Sangster and S Yaldon.

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**Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year**

Councillor Borg-Neal moved:

“That Councillor Philip Lashbrook be elected as Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and until the appointment of his successor”.

Councillor Andersen seconded the motion.

There were no other nominations and upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

Councillor Philip Lashbrook then made in statutory form the declaration of acceptance of office of Mayor.

The new Mayor and new Mayoress Councillor Linda Lashbrook, together with Councillor Alan Dowden and his Mayoress Councillor Celia Dowden, retired to enable the new Mayor to be robed. Upon returning to the chamber, the Mayor and Mayoress were invested with their insignia of office.

The Worshipful the Mayor announced the appointment of Reverend Perrott and Reverend Waako as his chaplains and returned thanks for his election.

Councillor Philip Lashbrook took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### 4 **Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress**

Councillor Mark Cooper moved:

“That the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Alan Dowden and Councillor Celia Dowden for the excellent manner in which they have carried out their duties as Mayor and Mayoress of the Borough during the past year, and that they be accorded the privilege at their discretion of wearing the Past Mayor’s badge and the Past Mayoress’s badge respectively”.

Councillor Alan Warnes seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried and Councillors Alan Dowden and Celia Dowden were invested with the Past Mayor and part Mayoress’s badge.

Councillor Alan Dowden then replied to the vote of thanks.

#### 5 **Election of a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year**

Councillor Adams-King moved:

“That Councillor Gordon Bailey be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and until the appointment of his successor.”

Councillor Bundy seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

Councillor Gordon Bailey then made in statutory form the declaration of acceptance of office. Thereupon the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Karen Hamilton, were invested with their badges of office.

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### **Appointment of Leader**

Councillor Adams-King moved:

“That Councillor Phil North be Leader for the term of the Council.”

Councillor MacDonald Seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried.

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### **Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies and dates and times of meetings of the Council**

The Mayor reported that there had been no notice by a group of members wishing to be treated as a political group in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The Mayor confirmed that seats allocated to committees reflected the political balance of the Council and proportionality.

#### **Resolved:**

**That appointments be made to the following positions:**

#### **1. Committees:**

##### **Audit Committee (6)**

**Councillor Borg-Neal (Chairman), Councillor Hasselmann (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Hughes, Jeffrey, Kohli and Leech.**

##### **General Purposes Committee (11)**

**Councillor K North (Chairman), Councillor MacDonald (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Adams-King, K Brooks, Z Brooks, Burnage, A Dowden, C Dowden, Flood, P North and Yalden.**

##### **Licensing Committee (15)**

**Councillor Donnelly (Chairman), Councillor L Lashbrook, (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Andersen, Budzynski, Cattell, G Cooper, Daas, Drew, Dunleavy, Ford, Gwynne, Kohli, P Lashbrook, Matthews and Swain.**

##### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee (18)**

**Councillors Bailey, Borg-Neal, K Brooks, Cattell, Gidley, Gillies, Gregori, Gwynne, Hasselmann, Hughes, Jeffrey, Leech, Matthews, MacDonald, Neal, Parker, Warnes and Yalden.**

##### **Northern Area Planning Committee (13)**

**Councillor Budzynski (Chairman), Councillor Z Brooks, (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Andersen, Borg-Neal, Donnelly, Gillies, Gregori, L Lashbrook, P Lashbrook, Lodge, Neal, K North and Sangster.**

**Southern Area Planning Committee (13)**

**Councillor M Cooper (Chairman), Councillor A Dowden, (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bailey, Bundy, Burnage, C Dowden, Dunleavy, Ford, Gidley, Jeffrey, Johnston, Parker and Warnes.**

**2. To select representatives to sit on various Committees and Outside Bodies for a further period of one year or for the period specified:**

**a) Local Organisations and Charities**

**Andover Town Football Club Board**

To support and enhance sports curriculum & football academy based in Andover

**Alderman Carr**

**John Hanson Foundation Trust**

A charitable trust providing prizes for students based in Andover

**Councillors Z Brooks, Leech and Neal**

**Miss Gale's Educational Foundation**

Financial support for families with children educated in Andover (and surrounding area)

**Councillor Andersen**

**Test Valley Arts Foundation**

To support and encourage arts and culture across the Borough

**Councillor Z Brooks**

**Test Valley Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee**

Provision of free advice to all across the Borough

**Councillor Gidley**

**Tourism South East**

To support the performance and growth of tourism across the Borough

**Councillor Johnston**

**b) Local Authority Co-operation**

**Hampshire & Isle of Wight Local Government Association**

Regional forum

**The Chief Executive together with Councillors P North and Flood**

**Hampshire and IOW Police and Crime Panel**

Statutory Joint Committee

**Councillor P Lashbrook**

**Local Government Association General Assembly**

Local Government Forum

**Councillor P North**

**New Forest Consultative Panel**

Consultative Forum for New Forest National Park

**Councillor Bailey**

**New Forest National Park Authority**

Management of National Park

**Councillor Bailey**

**North Wessex Downs AONB Management Committee**

To conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area based in the north of Test Valley

**Councillor P North**

**Project Integra Management Board**

Waste management partnership

(1) **Councillor Drew**

(2) **Deputy: Councillor P North**

**PfSH (Partnership for South Hampshire) Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Provides an Overview and Scrutiny function for PfSH

(1) **Councillor Gwynne**

(2) **Deputy: Councillor M Cooper**

**South East Employers**

To provide training, consultancy and employment support

(1) **Councillor Flood**

(2) **Deputy: Councillor Lodge**

**c) Liaison Panels**

**Yokesford Liaison Panel (Ampfield & Braishfield Ward)**

Information exchange and discussion

**Councillor Yalden**

**Roke Manor Liaison Panel (Blackwater Ward)**

Information exchange and discussion

**Councillor Adams-King**

**Lee Lane Liaison Panel (Chilworth Nursling & Rownhams Ward)**

Information exchange and discussion

**Councillors Bundy, Dunleavy and Swain**

**A303 Facility at Longparish Liaison Panel**

Information exchange and discussion

**Councillor Drew**

**3. Dates and Times of Meetings of the Council:**

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<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Andover	21 June 2023	5:30 pm
Romsey	13 September 2023	5:30 pm
Andover	25 October 2023	5:30 pm
Romsey	17 January 2024	5:30 pm
Andover	29 February 2024	5:30 pm
Romsey	17 April 2024	5:30 pm
Andover	8 May 2024	5:30 pm

**8 Appointment of Chairman to Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Mayor invited nominations for the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the coming year.

Councillor Neal proposed, and Councillor Bailey seconded, Councillor Jeffrey.

Councillor Geoff Cooper moved, and Councillor Celia Dowden Seconded, Councillor Gidley.

Following debate, Members of Council voted by a show of hands for each nominee.

**Resolved:**

**That Councillor Jeffrey be appointed as the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**9 Scheme of Delegations**

Consideration was given to the Council's Scheme of Officer Delegations which is approved each year by Annual Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

**Resolved:**

- 1. That the Scheme of Officers Delegations as set out in the Annex to the report be approved.**
- 2. That the Scheme set out in the Annex to the report be incorporated into the Constitution.**

(The meeting terminated at 12.21 pm)