

Minutes of the **Council**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8GL
on 22 May 2024 at 11.00 am

Attendance:

Councillor I Jeffrey
(Chairman)

Councillor L Lashbrook
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillor N Adams-King
Councillor I Andersen
Councillor C Borg-Neal
Councillor K Brooks
Councillor Z Brooks
Councillor J Budzynski
Councillor G Bailey
Councillor P Bundy
Councillor J Burnage
Councillor D Cattell
Councillor G Cooper
Councillor M Cooper
Councillor N Daas
Councillor C Donnelly
Councillor A Dowden
Councillor M Flood
Councillor S Gidley
Councillor L Gregori

Councillor N Gwynne
Councillor S Hasselmann
Councillor A Johnston
Councillor R Kohli
Councillor P Lashbrook
Councillor M Leech
Councillor N Lodge
Councillor S MacDonald
Councillor L Matthews
Councillor J Neal
Councillor K North
Councillor P North
Councillor J Parker
Councillor J Sangster
Councillor T Swain
Councillor Dr A Warnes
Councillor S Yalden

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Prayers

Prayers were led by Reverend Wharton.

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Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Dowden, D Drew, K Dunleavy, A Ford, A Gillies and R Hughes.

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Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor Johnston proposed:

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

Councillor Bailey seconded the motion.

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

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

The new Mayor and new Mayoress Mrs Jeffrey, together with Councillor Philip Lashbrook and his Mayoress Councillor Linda Lashbrook, 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 Wharton and Reverend Sharland as his chaplains and returned thanks for his election.

Councillor Jeffrey took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4 Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress

Councillor Borg-Neal moved:

“That the thanks of the Council be extended to Councillor Philip Lashbrook and Councillor Linda Lashbrook 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 Andersen seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried and Councillors Philip Lashbrook and Linda Lashbrook were invested with the Past Mayor and Past Mayoress’s badge.

Councillor Philip Lashbrook then replied to the vote of thanks and thanked Councillor Bailey and Mrs Hamilton for their support as Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress during the past year.

5 Election of a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year

Councillor Donnelly moved:

“That Councillor Linda Lashbrook be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the ensuing year and until the appointment of her successor.”

Councillor Lodge seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried. Councillor Linda Lashbrook then made in statutory form the declaration of acceptance of office.

Thereupon the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort, Councillor Philip Lashbrook, were invested with their badges of office.

The Mayor proposed an adjournment of the meeting to allow invited guests to retire for refreshments whilst Members of the Council considered the remaining agenda items.

Councillor Gwynne seconded the motion.

Upon being put to the meeting the motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned for five minutes.

6 Appointments to Committees, 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.

Councillor Phil North proposed the recommendations and made an alteration to the membership of the General Purposes Committee replacing Councillor Andersen with Councillor Phil North. The meeting's consent was signalled without discussion. Councillor Flood seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

- 1. That the appointments to committees and positions as set out below be approved:**

Audit Committee (6)

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

General Purposes Committee (11)

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

Licensing Committee (15)

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

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (18)

Councillors Anderson, Borg-Neal, K Brooks, Budzynski, Cattell, Daas, Gidley, Gillies, Gregori, Hasselmann, Hughes, 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, C Dowden, Dunleavey, Ford, Gidley, Gwynne, Jeffrey, Johnston, Parker and Warnes.

2. That the representatives as set out below be appointed to the named Committees and Outside Bodies for a 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 Flood

Tourism South East

To support the performance and growth of tourism across the borough.
(1) Councillor Swain
(2) Deputy: Councillor Gwynne

Unity

Charity providing development services for local charities and voluntary groups.
Alderwoman Baverstock

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. That the dates and times of Meetings of the Council as set out below be approved:

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Andover	24 July 2024	5:30 pm
Romsey	16 October 2024	5:30 pm
Andover	4 December 2024	5:30 pm
Romsey	29 January 2025	5:30 pm
Andover	27 February 2025	5:30 pm
Romsey	23 April 2025	5:30 pm

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

In accordance with the Council's Public Participation Scheme, Mr Burley made a statement on the 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 Phil North proposed, and Councillor Gwynne seconded the recommendation.

Resolved:

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

8 **Scheme of Delegations**

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

Councillor P North proposed, and Councillor Flood seconded the recommendations.

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 12.24 pm)