

## GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of Part One of the Annual Meeting of Guildford Borough Council held at The Guildhall, High Street, Guildford on Wednesday 8 May 2024

\* The Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah

\* The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sallie Barker MBE

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| * Councillor Bilal Akhtar      | Councillor Steven Lee            |
| Councillor Phil Bellamy        | * Councillor Sandy Lowry         |
| Councillor Dawn Bennett        | Councillor Richard Lucas         |
| * Councillor Joss Bigmore      | * Councillor Julia McShane       |
| * Councillor David Bilbe       | * Councillor Richard Mills OBE   |
| * Councillor Honor Brooker     | Councillor Carla Morson          |
| Councillor James Brooker       | * Councillor Danielle Newson     |
| * Councillor Philip Brooker    | * Councillor Patrick Oven        |
| * Councillor Ruth Brothwell    | Councillor George Potter         |
| Councillor Yves de Contades    | Councillor Maddy Redpath         |
| Councillor Amanda Creese       | * Councillor Merel Rehorst-Smith |
| Councillor Geoff Davis         | Councillor David Shaw            |
| Councillor Jason Fenwick       | * Councillor Joanne Shaw         |
| * Councillor Matt Furniss      | Councillor Katie Steel           |
| * Councillor Angela Goodwin    | * Councillor Howard Smith        |
| Councillor Lizzie Griffiths    | Councillor Cait Taylor           |
| * Councillor Gillian Harwood   | Councillor Jane Tyson            |
| Councillor Stephen Hives       | Councillor James Walsh           |
| * Councillor Catherine Houston | Councillor Fiona White           |
| * Councillor Tom Hunt          | * Councillor Dominique Williams  |
| * Councillor Bob Hughes        | * Councillor Keith Witham        |
| Councillor James Jones         | Councillor Sue Wyeth-Price       |
| * Councillor Vanessa King      | * Councillor Catherine Young     |

\*Present

The following Honorary Officers of Dignity, Honorary Freemen and Honorary Aldermen were also in attendance:

The High Steward, the Earl of Onslow  
Honorary Freeman Keith Churchouse  
Honorary Freeman David Watts

Honorary Alderman Keith Childs  
Honorary Alderman Sarah Creedy  
Honorary Alderman Terence Patrick  
Honorary Alderman Keith Taylor  
Honorary Alderman Jenny Wicks  
Honorary Alderman M A H M Williamson  
Honorary Alderman David Wright  
Honorary Recorder HH Judge Patricia Lees  
Honorary Remembrancer Mr Matthew Alexander

Before proceeding to the principal business of the meeting, the Mayor received the report of the Honorary Remembrancer for the municipal year just ending and conveyed to Mr Matthew Alexander, the Council's appreciation of his excellent and informative report.

#### **CO1 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Upon the motion of Councillor Philip Brooker, seconded by Councillor Matt Furniss, the Council unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Sallie Barker MBE be elected Mayor for the municipal year 2024-25.

Councillor Masuk Miah vacated the chair.

Having been invested with the Mayoral robes and Chain of Office, Councillor Sallie Barker MBE made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance. The Mayor then took the chair.

The Mayor asked the Council to record their appreciation of services rendered by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah over the past municipal year and invested him with the past Mayor's badge.

#### **CO2 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Upon the motion of The Mayor, Councillor Sallie Barker MBE, seconded by Councillor Masuk Miah, the Council unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Howard Smith be appointed Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024-25.

Having been invested with the Deputy Mayor's robes and Chain of Office, Councillor Howard Smith made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Oath of Allegiance.

### **CO3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Phil Bellamy, Yves de Contades, Amanda Creese, Geoff Davis, Stephen Hives, Richard Lucas, Carla Morson, Katie Steel, Jane Tyson, and Fiona White, and from Honorary Aldermen Catherine Cobby, Vas Kapsalis, Jayne Marks, Tony Phillips, Nick Sutcliffe, and Lynda Strudwick.

### **CO4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **CO5 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

(a) Civic Service – 12 May 2024

The Mayor invited councillors to accompany her to the Civic Service at Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford at 11.30am on Sunday 12 May 2024.

(b) 'Part Two' of the Annual Meeting (Selection Meeting) - 13 May 2024

The Mayor also reminded councillors that there would be a meeting of the Council at 7pm on Monday 13 May 2024 to consider, among other things, the appointment of committees, and appointment of committee chairs and vice-chairs for the municipal year 2024-25.

(c) Councillor Geoff Davis

The Mayor informed the Council that Councillor Davis had been taken ill with a serious bacterial infection and had been in hospital and was expected to move into a specialist rehabilitation centre. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor wished Councillor Davis a very speedy recovery.

(d) Big Charity Fund Raising Walk - Sunday 19 May 2024

The Mayor reminded councillors that the Big Charity Fund Raising Walk would be starting and finishing at Shalford Park on Sunday 19 May, and that she would be walking the 10-mile route in aid of her chosen charity for this event, which was the Mayor of Guildford's Local Support Fund, and would welcome as much sponsorship from councillors as possible.

### **CO6 MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Rev. Ruth Brothwell, Assistant Priest, The Church of St Peter and St Paul, The Street, West Clandon as her Chaplain for the municipal year 2024-25.

**CO7 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY REMEMBRANCER**

Upon the motion of The Mayor, Councillor Sallie Barker MBE, seconded by The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard Smith, the Council unanimously

RESOLVED: That Mr Matthew Alexander be appointed Honorary Remembrancer for the municipal year 2024-25.

The meeting finished at 12.37 pm

Signed .....  
Mayor

Date .....