

**COUNCIL
21 NOVEMBER 2001**

Present: Councillors Adams, Ballin, Barnard, Beadsley, Bettison, Birch, Mrs Birch, Blatchford, Ms Brown, Browne, Edger, Egan, Fawcett, Flood, Glasson, Harrison, Miss Haydon, Mrs Hayes, Ms Henfrey, Jones, Kendall, McCormack, McCracken, Mrs Mattick, Mills, North, Piasecki, Mrs Pile, Mrs Ryder, Simonds, Thompson, Turrell, Wade, Wallace, Ward and Worrall

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Finnie, Grayson and Mrs Shillcock

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MRS DOROTHY HAYES, IN THE CHAIR

The Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Richard Neil, opened the proceedings with prayers.

298. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 July 2001 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

299. Report of Returning Officer

The Council was advised that Mrs J A Clifford had resigned as ward councillor for the Priestwood Ward, with effect from 30 September 2001, for reasons of ill-health. A by-election had been held on Thursday 8 November 2001 and the votes cast for each candidate had been as follows:

Sarah Edwards – 85
David John Fawcett – 382
Tony Packham – 312

Councillor Fawcett had been declared elected and had duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. A notice under Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 had been received confirming that Councillor Fawcett wished to be treated as a member of the Labour Group.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

300. Mayors Announcements

(i) Mrs J A Clifford

In congratulating Councillor Fawcett on his election, the Mayor expressed the Council's appreciation and gratitude for the past services of Councillor Mrs Juliet Clifford and extended to her the Council's thanks and very best wishes.

(ii) New Political Arrangements

The Mayor advised that later in the meeting the Council would be asked to adopt a new constitution giving effect to new executive arrangements. The Leader and Executive Members would become responsible for the decisions to implement the Council's policies, working within the budget and policy framework set by the Council. The Council collectively would remain the supreme policy making body. Through meetings of the Council and those of the new select committees, the Executive would be held to account publicly for their decisions. The Mayor urged members to work together to make sure these new arrangements worked for the benefit of the residents of the Borough and led to good and timely decision making.

(iii) Mayor's Annual Civic Service

The Mayor thanked all those Councillors who had attended the Annual Civic Service held on Sunday 23 September 2001.

(iv) Mayor's Charity 2001/2002

The Mayor was pleased to announce that at this point in the year over £6,686 had been raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

(v) Bracknell Forest Schools' Christmas Carol Concert

The Schools' Christmas Carol Concert was to be held on Saturday 15 December 2001 at the Bracknell Sports and Leisure Centre at 7.00 pm.

(vi) Mayor's Christmas Drinks

The Mayor would be hosting a lunchtime Christmas drinks reception for staff in the town centre offices on the following dates:-
Edward Elgar House – Monday 10 December
Easthampstead House (including Seymour House) – Tuesday 11 December
Time Square – Wednesday 12 December

(vii) Organ Donor Register

The Mayor was pleased to announce that so far 7,605 organ donation forms had been completed and returned by residents. The forms had been circulated to all households during the annual electoral canvas.

301. Scheme for Public Participation – Standing Order 12

- (i) The Council received a statement submitted by Mr R Earwicker on behalf of Crowthorne and Sandhurst Liberal Democrats relating to the joint youth centre project in Sandhurst and its implications for the future of the Coffee Spot. Members of the Council questioned Mr Earwicker on his submission.
- (ii) Councillor Ward presented a petition on behalf of Sandhurst residents requesting the retention of the Coffee Spot in Sandhurst. During the course of questions to Councillor Ward it was explained that opening the youth information and advice centre would not require the Coffee Spot to cease

operating and that both services should be able to operate on the site.

- (iii) The Council received a question in the following terms by Mr A J Ridley:-

Look Ahead Housing Development, Pondmoor Road

Given the social implications of the above proposal how much time has been spent by Council Officers to identify an alternative site in the Borough and why has the whole matter been conducted in an air of secrecy with no prior consultation with the community? Does the Council not agree with Councillor Flood's comment that this development is in the wrong location and should not be proceeded with?

The Chairman of the Social Services and Housing Committee responded to the question, acknowledging the anxieties of residents and explained that it was his responsibility to ensure that during the building and commissioning stages of the development all sectors of the community worked together to ensure that the scheme was a success. He advised that a residents' meeting had been arranged for Thursday 29 November to discuss the basis for a community based steering group for the scheme.

The location of the project had been considered very carefully from sustainable, planning and social perspectives. Councillor Barnard itemised the basis for selecting the Pond Moor Road site and described the level of involvement at each stage of the process.

In accordance with Standing Order 25 Councillor Mrs Mattick declared a non pecuniary interest in the next item and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

- (iv) The Council received a petition presented by Ms L Tooze in the following terms.

We, the undersigned, urge the Council to adopt in Bracknell Forest the Local Government Association's recommendations that a five year freeze on the experimentation and growing of genetically modified crops in open ground should be put in place.

Members of the Council questioned Ms Tooze regarding the petition and the Mayor advised that the Council would wish to note the points made when considering motion 4/2001 later in the meeting.

302. **Standards Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 2 August 2001 was submitted.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Bettison that the report be received.

303. **Education Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 23 October 2001

was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Egan that the report be received.

304. **Leisure Services Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Leisure Service Committee held on 24 October 2001 was submitted.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor North, seconded by Councillor McCracken, that the report be received.

305. **Planning and Transportation Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on 25 October 2001 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon. The Chairman proposed an amendment to the recommendation at Minute 236.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mrs Ballin, seconded by Councillor Worrall, that

- (i) the report be received; and
- (ii) the scheme of delegation to officers (D1) be varied as follows:
 - 1. determine applications for planning permission, listed building consent, conservation area consent, hazardous substances consent, and advertisement consent (including those where a planning obligation or highways agreement is required) except as follows (NE):-
 - (a) applications made by members of Council or staff;
 - (b) applications which any single member of Council expressly requests should be determined by the Planning and Highways Committee;
 - (c) applications attracting valid planning objections before the delegated decision is made shall not be approved, except that where the objection arises from a single household or organisation applications may be approved by the Director of Environment following reference to the Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee and Ward Councillors.

306. **Public and Environmental Services Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Public and Environmental Services Committee held on 16 October 2001 was submitted.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Flood, that the report be received.

307. **Social Services and Housing Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Social Services and Housing Committee held on 30 October 2001 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Barnard, seconded by Councillor Mrs Pile, that the report be received.

308. **Strategy and Policy Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 7 November 2001 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

Councillor Bettison declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute 294 (Corporate Subscription to Localis 2002-2002) and withdrew from the meeting while Councillor Birch responded to a question thereon.

The Council was advised that a revised version of the schedule to the scheme of members allowances recommended in Minute 290 had been circulated as an amendment to the recommendation.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Bettison, seconded by Councillor Birch, that the report be received and the recommendations in Minutes 285, 288, 289 and 290 (as amended) be adopted.

309. **Calculation of Council Tax Base – 2002/2003**

The Council received the report of the Director of Corporate Services on the calculation of the Council Tax Base as required by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 and subsequent amendments.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the report of the Borough Finance Officer, for the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the year 2002/2003 be approved.
- (ii) pursuant to the Borough Finance Officer's report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount calculated by the Bracknell Forest Borough Council as its Council Tax Base and for each parish for the year 2002/2003 shall be as follows:-

Binfield	3,210
Bracknell	17,230
Crowthorne	2,390
Sandhurst	7,810
Warfield	4,250
Winkfield	6,320
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Bracknell Forest	<u>41,210</u>

310. **Local Government Act 2000 – New Constitution**

The Council received the report of the Director of Corporate Services on the Constitutional requirements and other background information to assist the Council in making the appointments necessary to give effect to the New Constitution.

311. **Election of Leader of the Council**

RESOLVED that Councillor Bettison be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the 2001-2002 municipal year.

312. **Members of the Executive**

The Council noted that the Leader of the Council had appointed the following members to serve on the Executive for the remainder of the 2001-02 municipal year:-

Councillor Mrs Ballin	Executive Member for Planning and Transportation
Councillor Barnard	Executive Member for Social Services and Housing
Councillor Bettison	Executive Member for Corporate Services (Chairman of the Executive)
Councillor Birch	Executive Member without portfolio
Councillor McCracken	Executive Member for Leisure Services
Councillor Mills	Executive Member for Public and Environmental Services
Councillor Wade	Executive Member for Policy Implementation
Councillor Ward	Executive Member for Education (Vice Chairman of the Executive)

313. **Delegation of Executive Functions**

The Council noted the delegation of Executive functions made by the Leader of the Council to individual Executive members for the remainder of the 2001/2002 municipal year.

314. **Appointment of Advisory Panels**

The Council was advised of the terms of reference of two advisory panels appointed by the Leader of the Council to advise the Executive:

Emergency Planning Advisory Panel
School Performance Advisory Panel

315. **Review of Allocation of Seats and Appointments to Committees**

The Council received the report of the Director of Corporate Services on arrangements for the allocation of seats and appointments to Committees for the remainder of the 2001/2002 municipal year pursuant to the introduction of New Constitutional Arrangements. The Leader of the Council proposed a motion,

seconded by Councillor Birch, and it was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) the total number of seats on ordinary Committees appointed by the Council shall be 36 and that such seats shall be allocated to party groups as follows:-

Conservative Group - 27 Labour Group – 8

- (ii) Members be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee and on the ordinary Committees in accordance with nominations made by the political groups as set out in Annexe 1 to the Minutes.

Name of Committee	Number of Members	Allocation to Groups	Substitute Members
Planning & Highways Committee	20	15 : 4	3 : 3
Employment Committee	8	6 : 2	3 : 3
Licensing & Safety Committee	4	3 : 1	3 : 3
Governor Appointments Committee	4	3 : 1	3 : 3
Total	36	27 : 8	

- (iii) the following formula for the allocation of seats on Sub-Committees to be appointed by Committees to be confirmed.

Number of Members	Allocation of Seats
4	3 : 1
8	6 : 2

- (iv) the total number of seats on Select Committees appointed by the Council shall be 40 and that such seats shall be allocated to party groups as follows:

Conservative Group - 30 Labour Group - 9

- (v) Members be appointed to serve on the following Select Committees in accordance with nominations made by the political groups as set out in Annexe 2 to the Minutes

Name of Committee	Number of Members	Allocation to Groups	Substitute Members
Co-ordination Select Committee	8	6 : 2	3 : 3
Select Committee on Corporate & Resource Issues	8	6 : 2	3 : 3
Select Committee on Economic & Sustainable Development	8	6 : 2	3 : 3
Select Committee on Lifelong Learning	8*	6 : 1	3 : 3
Select Committee on Social Care	8	6 : 2	3 : 3
Total	40	30 : 9	

** does not include the church and parent governor representatives and the additional balancing member required to maintain an overall majority for the*

majority group.

316. Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Council was advised that under the New Constitutional Arrangements it was necessary to replace Councillor Worrall as a member of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee in order that the members were members of the Executive.

RESOLVED that Councillor Worrall be replaced by Councillor Mills on the Joint Strategic Planning Committee for the remainder of the 2001/02 municipal year.

317. Appointment to Miscellaneous Groups

RESOLVED that members be appointed to the following groups for the remainder of the 2001/02 municipal year as set out in Annexe 1 to these minutes:

Access Advisory Panel
Community Safety Focus Group
Constitution Review Group
Countryside Management Steering Group
Crowthorne Enterprise Centre Advisory Group
Customer Contact Initiative Focus Group
Early Years Childcare and Development Partnership
Edgbarrow and Sandhurst Sports Centre Management Committee
Health and Safety Panel
Health Panel
Local Agenda 21 Impact Group
Periodic Electoral Review Focus Group
School Organisation Committee
Social Services Complaint Review Panels
Social Services Secure Accommodation Review Panel
Standing Advisory Panel on Religious Education

318. Motions Submitted Under Standing Order 8

In accordance with Standing Order 25 Councillors Glasson and Mrs Mattick declared non pecuniary interests in this item and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

Motion 4/2001

Motion 4/2001, as set out in the agenda for the meeting, was moved by the Councillor McCormack and seconded by Councillor Beadsley. An amendment in the terms set out below was moved by Councillor Bettison and seconded by Councillor Birch. On a request for a recorded vote the voting on the amendment was as follows:-

For (26) Councillors Mrs Ballin, Barnard, Bettison, Birch, Mrs Birch, Blatchford, Browne, Edger, Egan, Harrison, Miss Haydon, Mrs Hayes, Kendall, McCracken, Mills, North, Mrs Pile, Mrs Ryder, Sargeant, Simonds, Thompson, Turrell, Wade, Wallace, Ward, Worrall

Against (7) Councillors Adams, Beadsley, Fawcett, Ms Henfrey, Jones,
McCormack, Piasecki

Not Voting (1) Councillor Flood

It was therefore

RESOLVED that this Council is sympathetic to the concerns of people who have shown anxiety at local genetically modified crop trials, and therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Government to ask their advice on the safety of such trials and to ask what action, if any, they believe the Council should take.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm
and concluded at 9.45pm.

MAYOR

<p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (4) Finnie Glasson Jones Thompson</p> <p>Substitute Members (2) Flood Mrs Shillcock</p> <p>Independent Members (2) Mr D Briggs (Chairman) Revd D Osborn</p>	<p>EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (8) Edger (Vice Chairman) Fawcett Finnie Grayson Ms Henfrey Mrs Pile Sargeant (Chairman) Wallace <i>Ward (non voting)</i></p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Adams Blatchford Ms Brown McCormack Turrell Worrall</p>	<p>LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (4) Ms Brown Egan Flood (Chairman) Mrs Pile (Vice Chairman)</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Adams Browne Edger Fawcett Jones Simonds</p>
<p>PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (20) Adams Mrs Ballin Barnard Birch (Vice Chairman) Blatchford Browne Fawcett Flood Grayson Mrs Hayes Jones Mrs Mattick Mills Piasecki Mrs Pile Mrs Ryder Sargeant Simonds Thompson Worrall (Chairman)</p>	<p>EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SUB COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (4) Edger (Vice Chairman) Fawcett Ms Henfrey Sargeant (Chairman) <i>Ward (non-voting)</i></p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Adams Blatchford Ms Brown McCormack Turrell Worrall</p>	<p>EDUCATION GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (4) Mrs Hayes (Chairman) Mrs Shillcock Wallace Ward</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Beadsley Ms Brown Edger Fawcett Ms Henfrey Mills</p>
<p>Substitute Members (6) Beadsley Ms Brown Glasson Ms Henfrey Kendall Wallace</p>	<p>TEACHERS JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (4) Beadsley Edger Ward (Chairman) Wallace</p> <hr/> <p>PERSONNEL APPEALS PANEL</p> <p>Councillors (4) Edger Fawcett Finnie Sargeant</p>	<p>LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (4) Fawcett Sargeant (Chairman) Turrell Ward</p> <p>Reserve Members (2) Adams Edger</p> <hr/> <p>HEALTH AND SAFETY PANEL</p> <p>Councillor (1) Edger Substitute Member (1) Sargeant</p>

<p>ACCESS ADVISORY PANEL</p> <p>Councillors (4) Ms Brown Finnie Harrison (Chairman) Miss Haydon</p> <p>Substitute Members (4) Piasecki Mrs Pile Mrs Ryder Mrs Shillcock</p>	<p>HEALTH PANEL</p> <p>Councillors (8) Barnard (Vice Chairman) Blatchford Miss Haydon McCormack McCracken Mills (Chairman) Mrs Shillcock Thompson</p> <p>Substitute Members (4) Beadsley Birch Glasson Mrs Mattick</p>	<p>CONSTITUTION REVIEW GROUP</p> <p>Councillors (8) Beadsley Edger Mrs Mattick McCormack Thompson Turrell Wade (Chairman) Ward (Vice Chairman)</p> <p>Substitute Members (5) Bettison Flood Jones Piasecki Sargeant</p>
<p>STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</p> <p>(Local Education Authority Representatives) (5)</p> <p>Councillors Fawcett Mrs Hayes Kendall Thompson Ward</p>	<p>EARLY YEARS CHILDCARE & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>(Local Education Authority Representatives) (2)</p> <p>Councillors Mrs Shillcock Ward</p>	<p>SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>(Local Education Authority Representatives) (5)</p> <p>Councillors Glasson Mrs Hayes Kendall Thompson Ward</p>
<p>CROWTHORNE ENTERPRISE CENTRE ADVISORY GROUP</p> <p>Councillors (3) Finnie Jones Wade (Chairman)</p>	<p>LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPACT GROUP</p> <p>Councillor (1) Mills</p>	<p>PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW FOCUS GROUP</p> <p>Councillors (4) Bettison Mrs Ballin McCormack Ward (Chairman)</p>
<p>SOCIAL SERVICES COMPLAINT REVIEW PANELS</p> <p>Any one eligible councillor (not the Executive member for Social Services and Housing) and two other independent members appointed by the Director of Corporate Services.</p>	<p>SECURE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW PANEL</p> <p>Executive Member for Social Services and Housing, together with a suitable qualified social services officer and an independent person, appointed by the Director of Social Services and Housing.</p>	<p>CUSTOMER CONTACT INITIATIVE FOCUS GROUP</p> <p>Councillors (8) Barnard Beadsley Edger McCracken (Vice Chairman) Mills (Chairman) Piasecki Wade Ward</p>

<p>EDGBARROW & SANDHURST SPORTS CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Bracknell Forest Borough (3)</p> <p>Cllr Finnie Cllr Grayson Cllr North</p> <p>Crowthorne Parish (2) Cllr M Pierce-Jones Cllr J C Thompson</p> <p>Sandhurst Town (2) Councillor N Bowers Councillor N Skinner</p> <p>Edgbarrow School (2) Mr R Elsey Mr P Floyd</p> <p>Sandhurst School (2) Mr A Fletcher Mr L Osmond</p>	<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY FOCUS GROUP</p> <p>Councillors (4) Mills (Chairman) North Piasecki Mrs Ryder</p>	<p>CHAMPIONS</p> <p>Children's Champion: Councillor Miss Haydon</p> <p>Pensioners' Champion: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Tenants' and Leaseholders' Champion: Councillor Edger</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Champion: Councillor Mrs Ryder</p>
	<p>COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT STEERING GROUP</p> <p>Councillors (2) McCracken North</p>	

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANELS

<p>EMERGENCY PLANNING ADVISORY PANEL</p> <p>Councillors (4) Blatchford (Vice Chairman) Ms Brown Flood (Chairman) Turrell</p> <p>Substitute Members (4) Adams Glasson Mrs Pile Simonds</p>	<p>SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE ADVISORY PANEL</p> <p>Councillors (4) Edger Mrs Hayes (Chairman) Mrs Shillcock Ward (Vice Chairman)</p> <p>Substitute Members (4) Beadsley Fawcett Mrs Mattick Thompson</p> <p>Parent Governor Representative (1) (to be advised)</p>	
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APPOINTMENTS TO SELECT COMMITTEES

<p>CO-ORDINATION SELECT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (8) Beadsley Edger Flood Mrs Mattick McCormack Sargeant (Chairman) Mrs Pile (Vice Chairman) Kendall</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Glasson Jones Piasecki Mrs Ryder Wallace Worrall</p>	<p>CORPORATE & RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (8) Kendall (Vice Chairman) McCormack North Piasecki Sargeant (Chairman) Simonds Turrell Worrall</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Beadsley Mrs Birch Finnie Flood Glasson Jones</p>	<p>ECONOMIC & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (8) Adams Blatchford Browne Finnie Flood (Chairman) Ms Henfrey Jones (Vice Chairman) Mrs Ryder</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Ms Brown Glasson Harrison Mrs Hayes Piasecki Turrell</p>
<p>LIFELONG LEARNING SELECT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (9) Beadsley (Chairman) Mrs Birch Edger (Vice Chairman) Egan Mrs Hayes North Mrs Shillcock Thompson Wallace</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Adams Ms Brown Browne Fawcett Ms Henfrey Kendall</p> <p>Church Representatives (2) Mr D Anderson Mr D McCann</p> <p>Parent Governor Representatives (2) Mr D Clitheroe Mr I King</p> <p>Teacher Representatives (3) Mrs V Richardson Mrs L Wales</p>		<p>SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Councillors (8) Edger Glasson Harrison Miss Haydon Mrs Mattick (Chairman) Mrs Pile (Vice Chairman) Mrs Ryder Mrs Shillcock</p> <p>Substitute Members (6) Ms Brown Egan Fawcett McCormack Thompson Simonds</p> <p>TENANTS' PANEL REPRESENTATIVE (1) One Vacancy</p>

