

**COUNCIL
22 NOVEMBER 2000**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Clifford, Glasson and Mrs Hayes.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR BARRY EGAN, IN THE CHAIR

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Michael Hore, opened the proceedings with prayers.

331. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 July 2000 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

332. Mayor's Announcements

The Deputy Mayor

The Mayor informed the Council that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs Hayes, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. A bouquet of flowers had been sent on behalf of the Council, together with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mayor's Engagements

A list of the engagements undertaken by the Mayor on behalf of the Council since the last meeting had been circulated to all members. The mayor also circulated a note advising of the Council's involvement with the Young People in Sport scheme and the Bracknell Forest day at the Millennium Dome which had taken place on 4 November 2000.

333. Public Participation at Meetings

- (i) In accordance with Standing Order 12, the Council received a deputation in the following terms by Mr R Dumelow on behalf of Bracknell and District Friends of the Earth:

I am very concerned about the vehicles driven at excessive speed in Bracknell. Speeding traffic reduces the free mobility of pedestrians and cyclists, increases noise and pollution and is a potential danger to all road users.

I support the strict enforcement of speed limits on all of Bracknell's roads. I am also in favour of the widespread establishment of 20mph zones in residential areas and near schools.

Please could you do everything you can to ensure that speed limits are reduced in areas where people live, and that all speed limits are strictly enforced.

Following questions, the submission was noted.

- (ii) In accordance with Standing Order 12 the Council received a petition in the following terms presented by Mrs E Lockyer of Harmanswater:

We oppose the building of 680 houses on the RAF site, and call on the Council to reject this recommendation in the Inspector's recent report on the Bracknell Local Plan.

Following questions, the petition was noted.

334. **Planning & Transportation Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Planning & Transportation Committee held on 25 July 2000 was submitted.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mrs Ballin, seconded by Councillor Worrall, that the report be received.

335. **Strategy & Policy Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Strategy & Policy Committee held on 5 September 2000 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

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

336. **Standards Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 12 September 2000 was submitted and the Vice Chairman responded to a question thereon.

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

337. **Leisure Services**

The report of the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held on 10 October 2000 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

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

338. **Education Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 17 October 2000 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

In relation to minute 254 (iv) the appointment of Mr D Clitherow as the Parent Governor Representative (Secondary) was reported.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Thompson, that the report be received and the appointment of Mr D Clitherow as Parent Governor Representative (Secondary) be confirmed.

339. **Public & Environmental Services Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Public & Environmental Services Committee held on 24 October 2000 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

In relation to minute 262 (Waste Management Partnership) the appointment of Councillors Mrs Ballin and Mills to serve on the new Joint Waste Disposal Board was reported.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mr Mills, seconded by Councillor Flood that the report be received, the recommendations in minutes 262 and 268 be adopted and that Councillors Mrs Ballin and Mills be appointed to serve on the new Joint Waste Disposal Board.

340. **Planning & Transportation Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Planning & Transportation Committee held on 26 October 2000 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mrs Ballin, seconded by Councillor Worrall, that the report be received and the recommendations in minutes 286 and 287 be adopted.

341. **Social Services & Housing Committee**

The report of the meeting of the Social Services & Housing Committee held on 2 November 2000 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 and the recommendation in minute 307 be adopted.

342. **Strategy & Policy Committee**

In accordance with Standing Order 25, Councillor Sargeant declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from the Chamber during its consideration.

The report of the meeting of the Strategy & Policy Committee held on 8 November 2000 was submitted and the Chairman responded to questions thereon.

In relation to minute 327 (appointment of Champions) the following appointments were reported and confirmed:

Voluntary Sector Champion -	Councillor Mrs Ryder
Tenants' and Leaseholders' Champion -	Councillor Edger
Children's Champion -	Councillor Miss Haydon

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Bettison, seconded by Councillor Birch, that the report be received and the recommendations in minutes 327 and 328 be adopted.

343. Questions Submitted under Standing Order 11

Question to Chairman of Strategy & Policy Committee from Councillor Beadsley:

Following the flooding in May, recent storms and floods elsewhere and in the light of warnings that "global warming" may mean that such events will occur more frequently, what steps are the Council taking to prepare for the next time?

Reply by Councillor Bettison

The Chairman of the Strategy & Policy Committee expressed sympathy for the residents who had suffered the effects of the recent extreme weather conditions and on behalf of the Council expressed thanks to all the staff involved in working hard to minimise the effects to the Borough's residents. Their work had been co-ordinated with that of the Emergency Services and in particular the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Council had learnt lessons that would benefit its preparation for any such future emergency. Officers were due to meet representatives from the Environment Agency and Thames Water to discuss what proactive and preventative actions could be taken.

344. Reports by Members

Councillor Mills, the Chairman of the Health Panel, in accordance with the terms of motion 1/99 submitted a progress report to the Council on health issues, and answered questions thereon.

345. Calculation of Council Tax Base 2001/2002

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 2001/2002, 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 years 2001/2002 shall be as follows:-

Binfield	3,180
Bracknell	17,260
Crowthorne	2,380
Sandhurst	7,780
Warfield	4,140
Winkfield	<u>6,300</u>
Bracknell Forest	41,040

346. **Motion Submitted Under Standing Order 8**

Motion 7/2000

Motion 7/2000, as set out in the Agenda for the meeting, was moved by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Councillor Piasecki. An amendment in the terms set out below was moved by Councillor Bettison and seconded by Councillor Birch.

With the consent of the Council and of his seconder, Councillor McCormack accepted the amendment. On being put to the meeting the substantive motion was declared carried and it was:

RESOLVED that this Council welcomes any additional income that can be channelled to the Borough's elderly residents. In doing so, it pledges to use its best endeavours to enable its pensioners to take full advantage of the benefits available.

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm
and concluded at 9.25 pm

MAYOR