# PARISH OF GODALMING

# AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

#### OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD IN THE GODALMING CHAMBER

# ON THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY 2012 AT 6.30 PM

- \* The Town Mayor (Councillor Cosser)
- \* The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor Wheatley)

\* Councillor P Martin \* Councillor RA Gordon-Smith

Councillor Poulter Councillor Thomson Councillor C Gordon-Smith Councillor Lister Councillor T Martin Councillor S Reynolds Councillor Wilson Councillor Woodham Councillor A Bott Councillor S Bott Councillor Hunter Councillor Novce Councillor Thornton Councillor Robinson Councillor Welland Councillor Williams 0

\* Present # Absent without apology 0 Apology for Absence L Late

The meeting was preceded by Prayer, Reverend James Rattue of St John's Church, Farncombe officiating.

## 318. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 November 2011 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

# 319. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 80.

## 320. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Members declared no Personal or Prejudicial Interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No.1159.

## 321. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

There were none.

# 322. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the following Committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED:

### **Planning & Environment Committee**

There were no recommendations.

# **Policy & Management Committee**

The Policy & Management Committee made three recommendations to Full Council, they were considered and the Council decided as follows:

#### Precept 2012/13

Council RESOLVED to agree a Budget for the financial year 2012/13 (budget papers attached to the record minutes) and that the precept for the financial year 2012/13 should be £443,027.

## Address of Congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen

Council RESOLVED to send an Address of Congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of completing the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her reign on 6 February 2012. The Address to be worded thus (sealed copy attached to record minutes):

To OUR MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN LADY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Mayor, Councillors and people of the Ancient Town of Godalming, in the County of Surrey, humbly desire to tender to your Majesty our most loyal and hearty congratulations on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of your glorious reign.

We are deeply sensible of the inestimable value of the influence of your Majesty's noble example so constantly to be witnessed throughout all the challenges of a long and eventful life.

We wish that your Majesty is blessed in life and good health long to reign over a devoted and happy people.

In token whereof the Common Seal of the Council was hereto affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

[SEALED]

(Signed) Stephen Cosser, Mayor Louise Goodfellow, Town Clerk

#### **Draft Schedule of Meetings 2012/13**

Council RESOLVED to agree the schedule of meetings for the Civic Year 2012/13 (schedule attached to the record minutes).

# **Mayoralty Committee**

The Mayoralty Committee made recommendations to Full Council but these were considered in confidential session and are minuted below.

# 323. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The reports of the following committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED:

Planning & Environment Committee

8 December 2011 5 January 2012

Policy & Management Committee

5 January 2012

## 324. GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The report of the meetings of the Joint Burial Committee held on 8 December 2011 and 12 January 2012 were noted.

#### 325. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS, ETC.

The following resolution was passed nem con.

THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SEALED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ANY ORDERS, DEEDS OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO ANY OF THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS RECEIVED AT THIS MEETING OR IN ANY RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

### 326. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

An Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 15 March 2012 at 8.00pm in the Council Chamber. The next ordinary meeting of the Full Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 3 May 2012 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

#### 327. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Clerk announced that the meeting would be followed by the presentation of awards from Sport Godalming Go for Gold Champions' Fund to athletes and afterwards by a drinks reception in the Mayor's Parlour.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IE. STAFFING MATTERS.

#### 328. REPORT OF THE MAYORALTY COMMITTEE

Note that although the report of the Mayoralty Committee was considered in confidential session, the resulting minute need not be considered confidential.

Members received an oral report from the Chairman of the Mayoralty Committee and RESOLVED that, Councillor Wheatley should be nominated to be Godalming Town Mayor for the Local Government year 2012/13. Members also RESOLVED that Councillor T Martin should be nominated to be Godalming Deputy Town Mayor for the Local Government year 2012/13.

Members further RESOLVED that Mr John Young should be invited to accept the title of Honorary Freeman of the Town of Godalming and that, subject to Mr Young's agreement, the title would be conferred at the Full Council Meeting to be held on 3 May 2012 (Councillor Thomson's citation considered by the Mayoralty Committee is attached to the record minutes).