



# FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes Annual Council

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### Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 7 May 2009

### Place

The Council Chamber, South Street, Farnham

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- \* Cllr G M Beel (Town Mayor) Chairman for the first 4 items only)
  - \* Cllr L J Fleming (Deputy Town Mayor) Chairman for item 5 onwards)
  - \* Cllr J A Ward
  - \* Cllr D J Attfield
  - \* Cllr C Cockburn
  - \* Cllr V Duckett
  - \* Cllr (Mrs) P M Frost
  - \* Cllr R D Frost
  - \* Cllr C G Genziani
  - \* Cllr G P Hargreaves
  - \* Cllr S L Hill
  - \* Cllr D Le Gal
  - \* Cllr A J Lovell
  - \* Cllr J E Maines
  - \* Cllr S J O'Grady
  - o Cllr R J Steel
  - \* Cllr C S Storey
  - \* Cllr A P Thorp
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- \* Present
  - o Apologies for absence

### Officers Present:

Roland Potter (Town Clerk)  
Wendy Coulter (Members and Committees Services Co-ordinator)  
Janet Stanton (Civic Events)  
Sheila Rayner (Town Centre Development)  
Kevin Taitt (Grounds Maintenance)  
Ginny Gordon (Receptionist/Farmers' Market Co-ordinator)

C 001/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Steel

C 002/09 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest received for any items on the agenda.

C 003/09 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Cllr S Hill proposed and Cllr V Duckett seconded that Councillor Lucinda Fleming be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Local Government Year 2009/2010. There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Lucinda Fleming be elected Town Mayor of Farnham for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.**

C 004/09 THE TOWN MAYOR TO MAKE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having been invested with the Chain and Badge of Office, Cllr Lucinda Fleming made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and continued with the duties of the Mayor.

The Town Mayor thanked the members for electing her as Town Mayor and informed the meeting that there were challenging times ahead and “she would like this year to be seen as one of community with Councillors, Officers and members of the public working together with courtesy.

We might not all agree on everything but let’s treat each other with respect.

We are all committed to the best for Farnham.

As Councillors we have a great professional hardworking team behind us who work tirelessly to support us in Meetings such as this and many others”

The Town Mayor presented the consort’s badge to Mr A Fleming and presented a button hole of flowers to the new Consort and a button hole of flowers to the past Consort Mr R Beel.

C 005/09 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

Cllr S O’Grady proposed and Cllr J Maines seconded that Cllr J Ward be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Local Government Year 2009/2010.

There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED: That Cllr J Ward be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.**

C 006/09 THE DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR TO MAKE THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having received the Badge of Office, Cllr J Ward made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Council for his appointment.

C 007/09 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING TOWN MAYOR

A vote of thanks to the retiring Town Mayor, Cllr G Beel, was proposed by Cllr D Attfield who thanked Cllr G Beel for doing a wonderful job as Town Mayor and thanked Mr Beel for supporting Cllr G Beel as her Consort.

In response Cllr Beel expressed her thanks to all the people she had met during her Mayoral year and how much she had enjoyed her year as the Farnham Town Mayor.

C 008/09 PRESENTATION OF PAST TOWN MAYOR'S BADGE

The Town Mayor presented Cllr G Beel with a past Town Mayor's Badge and a corsage of flowers. The Past Town Mayor, Cllr G Beel presented the Town Mayor, Cllr L Fleming with a corsage of flowers.

C 009/09 INSPECTION OF REGALIA, DEEDS AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS

The Town Mayor informed the meeting that she had already inspected the Regalia, Deeds and Management Agreements.

C 010/09 APPOINTMENT OF A LEADER OR SPOKESPERSON OF THE COUNCIL (Standing Order 57 (j))

There were no proposals for the role of Spokesperson for the Council and the role would therefore be undertaken by the Lead Member of the Corporate Development and Audit Working Group in accordance with Standing Order 57j.

C 011/09 APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUPS

Members considered a report of the Councillors' preferences for membership of Working Groups.

Cemeteries and Appeals Working Group

**RESOLVED: that the membership of the Cemeteries and Appeals Working Group would be:**

**Cllr C Cockburn  
Cllr V Duckett  
Cllr G Hargreaves  
Cllr S O'Grady  
Cllr J Ward**

Corporate Development and Audit Working Group

Cllr G Hargreaves proposed and Cllr S O'Grady seconded that that a vote be taken to elect 5 members to the core membership of the Corporate Development and Audit Working Group for 2009/2010

Cllr C Cockburn proposed an amendment and Cllr C Storey seconded deferring the vote to the next Council meeting

Members took a vote to defer this item to the next Council meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That a vote to elect 5 members to the core membership of the Corporate Development and Audit Working Group is deferred to the next Council meeting.

**Votes: 8 For and 6 Against**

Farnham in Bloom

**RESOLVED:** that the membership of Farnham in Bloom Working Group would be:

**Cllr D Attfield  
Cllr V Duckett  
Cllr G Hargreaves  
Cllr S O'Grady  
Cllr J Maines**

Tourism and Events

**RESOLVED:** that the membership of Tourism and Events Working Group would be:

**Cllr G Hargreaves  
Cllr S Hill  
Cllr D Le Gal  
Cllr S O'Grady  
Cllr C Storey**

Planning Consultative Group

**RESOLVED:** that the membership of Planning Consultative Group would be:

**Cllr D Attfield  
Cllr C Genziani  
Cllr R Frost  
Cllr J Maines  
Cllr C Storey  
Cllr G Hargreaves  
Cllr S Hill  
Cllr S O'Grady**

C 012/09 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members noted that all representative positions were offered to all Councillors for 2009/2010 and where possible representations were allocated as per each individual request.

However, the Farnham Transportation Task Group had two vacancies but officers had received 3 nominations: Cllr R D Frost, Cllr A Lovell and Cllr R Steel.

Members noted that under Standing Order 52, Town and Parish Councils voted on the basis of the majority of members present. The Standing Orders required this to be done in Town and Parish Councils by a show of hands.

Members voted under Standing Order 21 Q to suspend Standing Order 52 to allow Members to hold a confidential ballot.

Members therefore completed a ballot paper for two out of three nominees. The result was as follows:

Cllr R D Frost and Cllr R Steel were voted as the Farnham Town Council representatives on the Farnham Transportation Task Group.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. That the Representatives for Outside Bodies (attached to record minutes) for 2009/2010 be agreed.
- b. That Cllr R Frost and Cllr R Steel be elected as Farnham Town Council representatives on the Farnham Transportation Task Group.
- c. That Representatives for Farnham Crime Prevention Panel and Farnham and District Sports Advisory Council be deferred due to lack of volunteers.

C 013/09 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PLANNING SITE INSPECTIONS

Members agreed that two representatives to attend Planning Site Inspections would be appointed from the Planning Consultative Group as required.

C 014/09 DEMPSTER TRUST

Members received the letter from Dr M G Lane, Chairman of the Dempster Trust, requesting the approval of the Town Council of three changes to the status of the Trustees.

**Resolved: That the changes of three Trustees on the Dempster Trust be noted and agreed.**

The Town Mayor closed the meeting at 7.57pm. .

Date

Chairman