

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**17 April 2008 at 7.30pm**

**The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor H W V Meares in the Chair)**

Members of the  
Council present:

Councillors Mrs F M Angell, Prof I O Angell, Mrs F J Barden, J Broadhead, Mrs P I Broadhead, M J Brown, A J Davis, R J Edis, J M Edwards, J R Furey, Mrs C E Gant, Mrs E Gill, Mrs L M Gillham, Ms R E Haylor, Miss M N Heath, R N Jones, C Knight, Mrs Y P Lay, H W V Meares, C J Norman, Mrs J Norman, D W Parr, J W Perschke, Mrs M J Roberts, P I Roberts, A P Tollett, P B Tuley P J Waddell and G B Woodger.

Members of the  
Committee absent:

Councillors A Alderson, J R Ashmore, H A Butterfield, D A Cotty, D R Hamilton, M T Kusneraitis, A D Mills, Prof A M Moore, Ms C M Simmons and N Stewart.

**FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

The Mayor read out the Fire Precautions Procedure to be followed in the event of fire or other emergency.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 14 February 2008 and 4 March 2008 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

**RUNNYMEDE DESIGN AWARDS**

The Mayor presented the Runnymede Design Awards in respect of the following schemes:-

**Category 1:** Best Sustainable Development Scheme

New Civic Centre, Runnymede Borough Council/Surrey Police, Addlestone

Recipient: Keith Bradley (Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios)

**Category 2:** Best Housing Development Scheme - Small

Morley Cottages, Village Road, Thorpe

Recipient: Mr Fernando Gonzalez

**Category 3:** Best Housing Development Scheme - Large

Albany Court, Egham

Recipient: Mark Knight of Runnymede Homes Limited

**Category 4:** Best Commercial Development

New Civic Centre, Runnymede Borough Council, Addlestone

Recipient: Councillor J R Furey (Leader of the Council)

In view of the special merit, a *Highly Commended Certificate* in the Best Commercial Development Category was awarded to Thyme in the Tavern, 20 London Street, Chertsey.

Recipient: Mr Robert Palmer-Hall

#### MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor had attended the following recent events:

- deposit of time capsule at Strode's College
- attendance at the Runnymede Access Liaison Group Awards evening
- Installation of new High Sheriff of Surrey
- 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of local resident, Mrs Kernow, a former resistance fighter during the war
- Commemoration of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Territorial Army in Chertsey.

As this was the last Council Meeting before the election on 1 May 2008, the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, bid farewell to those Members who had resigned or were not standing for re-election, namely Councillors Ms Clarke (2000 - 2008), Relph (2002 - 2008), Ms Haylor (2004 - 2008), Ms Simmons (2000 - 2008) and Mrs Norman (2000 - 2008).

The Mayor thanked the Councillors for their commitment to the Council and the community.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Alderson, H A Butterfield, D A Cotty, D R Hamilton, M T Kusneraitis, A D Mills, A M Moore and Mrs C M Simmons.

#### CAPITAL ALLOWANCE - INCREASE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 27 March 2008.

##### **RESOLVED that -**

**a top-up capital allowance of £3,250,000 be approved in respect of housing capital receipts that would otherwise have to be passed to the Government national pool.**

#### HYTHE PARK PROGRESS REPORT

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 27 March 2008.

##### **RESOLVED that -**

- i) **a revised capital estimate in the sum of £394,800 for the creation of Hythe Park be approved to be financed from a virement of £15,000 and £53,000 from planning infrastructure contributions and the balance of £326,800 from capital receipts in hand;**
- ii) **a capital estimate in the sum of £74,000 be approved for the construction of a Wet/Dry Area and Toddlers Play Area at Hythe Park, to be financed from grants sourced through AIR;**
- iii) **a capital estimate in the sum of £116,000 be approved for the construction of a multi-use games area and an Adventure Play Area at Hythe Park, to be financed from grant received from the Big Lottery Fund; and**

- iv) **a capital estimate in the sum of £30,000 be approved for the estimated cost of lighting at Hythe Park, to be financed from a contribution from the Crime and Disorder Partnership.**

POST OFFICE CLOSURES

The Council considered a recommendation from the Review Board which had met the previous evening.

**RESOLVED that -**

- i) **the Council write to the Government asking the Government to recognise the grave hardship which the closures of Little Green Lane and Stepgates Sub Post Offices would cause to the community and suggesting that the Government amend the minimum access criteria; and**
- ii) **Post Office Ltd be requested to revisit the decision to close these branches.**

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 8.16pm)

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Your Ref: GM/ih/48.12

29<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Dear Mr Marson,

**Englefield Green Committee – Residents Representatives**

I refer to your letter, dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008, in connection with the above matter and, as requested, have briefly set out below brief details of my CV and a short supporting statement.

I am a Chartered Civil Engineer and was previously Managing Director of Wimpey Homes Holdings and a member of the Executive Board of George Wimpey plc. Prior to that I had been CEO and President of Wimpey Minerals North America and MD of the Wimpey Minerals, Asphalt and Waste Companies.

Current roles include being the Chair of Bourne Housing Society Ltd and a Non Executive board member of Moat Homes Ltd, SLFHA Ltd and Amicus Horizon Group Finance Ltd.

I am a Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire, Upper Warden of the Worshipful Company of Paviers and a Trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund.

I have lived in my present home overlooking the Green since 1984 and have been a proactive member of the Englefield Green Committee for the last few years, serving as Vice Chair for two of those years. My professional career has given me extensive experience in development, open space and planning matters, which I have endeavoured to use in overseeing the management of the Green and preserving its character for the benefit of the Community.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew E Panter

**Englefield Green Committee Residents' Representative  
CV and Supporting Statement  
Lisa Lawson**

I have worked in and for the IT industry in a sales and marketing capacity for over 20 years, the last sixteen years running my own business from home. I was born in Laleham and moved to Egham in 1985.

I have lived at Greyholme, Coopers Hill Lane, within the Conservation Area, for over eight years and moved from Egham in 1999 for the peace and tranquility this location offered us.

My children attended St. Judes School in the village over a period of 8 years and still attend school locally. During the whole of their time at the village junior school, I was heavily involved with the PTA and since moving to the Green, I have developed a passionate interest in the surrounding area.

I feel it is extremely important that we preserve the natural beauty of the area which surrounds us and, if elected, I will take a keen interest in representing the views of our neighbours in facing any proposed new developments which may threaten to have a detrimental effect on the Green.

The present representatives have been on the EGC for many years now and, from my past experience with many years on PTA committees, contributions can become rather stale, which is when I believe it is time to step down and let others bring new ideas and voices to the table.

## **Englefield Green Committee Residents' Representative**

### **CV and Supporting Statement**

#### **Andrew Telford**

I have lived at Cowman's Cottage, on the Green, since 1991 and have now lived in four houses fronting the Green since September 1970, possibly longer than any current residents except one. My wife and I have personally renovated from derelict, three of these houses.

My children went to local schools, and both continue to live locally. I have been an Englefield Green enthusiast for 37 years, with a particular interest in the Common Land. I am a member of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, and the Open Spaces Society.

I am a retired British Airways Captain. I spent 6 years negotiating with British Airways' management on behalf of my colleagues, as an elected representative.

Englefield Green Councillors will know that, although disagreeing with them on certain aspects of the Green's management, I have a keen interest in the Common Land.

There has been a recent planning application for development on the Green. At least 14 occupiers of houses round the Green have written objecting letters. Both Honorary Wardens of the Green have objected. As far as is known, no occupiers have written in support.

The current representatives have not voted against the proposal in Committee. They are not representing the views of people living in houses round the Green.

The current representatives do not canvass occupier's views, as their predecessors, Messrs Forbes, Berger and Reeve always did, and have declined, on at least 3 occasions, to take items to the EGC agenda on behalf of the residents they represent. One will not accept emails from residents. I will do all this.

They have served for around 10, and 18 years. It is time for a change.