

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2007

Attendance:

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (P) (in the Chair);

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Kimber);

Councillors Allen, Ms Ballard (P), Burgess (P), Carr (P), Carter (P), Mrs Champion, Champion, Chegwyn (P), Clinton (P), Mrs Cully (P), Cully (P), Davis, Dickson (P), Edgar, Farr (P), Foster, Foster-Reed, Hicks (P), Hook (P), Jacobs (P), Langdon (P), Mrs Mudie, Philpott (P), Rigg, Mrs Salter (P), Mrs Searle (P), Smith (P), Taylor (P), Train (P), Ward, Mrs Wright (P) and Wright (P).

Also in attendance: Honorary Freeman Ashby and Honorary Aldermen Foster and Hayward.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Allen, Mrs Champion, Champion, Davis, Edgar, Foster, Kimber, Mrs Mudie, Rigg and Ward and Honorary Aldermen Flory and O'Neill.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE – MAYOR'S CHARITIES

The Mayor reported that Christmas Cake raffle tickets were on sale for the Mayor's Charities. Honorary Alderman Hayward had kindly donated a christmas cake to be raffled for the Mayor's charities. In addition a christmas cake plate with server and two bottles of wine had also been donated as raffle prizes.

STANDING ORDER 4.15.1

The Mayor reported that notice had been received requesting that Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Chief Executive to introduce his report related to Proposals for the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That Standing Order 4.15.1 be moved to enable the Chief Executive to introduce his report related to Proposals for the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

PROPOSALS FOR THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Chief Executive introduced his report on the above. He advised that the reference to St. John's School in Norman Road in paragraph 2.16 (Brockhurst GE3 bullet point) of his report should be amended to St. Mary's School in Norman Road.

The purpose of the report was to advise the Council of the responses to consultation on the Review of the Parliamentary Constituency Polling Districts and Polling Places and to agree changes as set out in the report.

The Council was required by Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to carry out the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the Parliamentary Constituency by the end of the year. The review had not considered the boundary of the Parliamentary Constituency. The arrangements put in place following the review would be used for Local Government and Parliamentary elections.

The Council had set up a Sub-Board to consider draft proposals for consultation. The Sub-Board had met on 25 October and 11 November 2007 and the draft proposals for consultation were attached at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendices 2, 3 and 4 to the report covered Draft Proposals for Consultation, Returning Officer's Response, Maps of Changes to Polling Districts and Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

MOTION: That the Council -

- (a) notes the response to consultation;**
- (b) approves the Polling Districts and Polling Places set out in the Schedule; and**
- (c) agrees to fund the net cost of the provision of disabled access facilities at Solent Evangelical Church by virement from Land Charges income.**

AMENDMENT: That the Motion be approved and adopted subject in Forton Ward, 189 – 211 Avery Lane being taken out of GH3 and put into GH2 and in Town Ward, Seafiel Terrace and Suffolk Cottages in Mayfield Road being taken from GQ2 and put into GQ3.

The Amendment was put to the meeting and declared CARRIED.

SECOND AMENDMENT: That the Motion be approved and adopted subject to no change being made to the Polling Districts for Brockhurst Ward but that all of the existing voters in GE2 be directed to the Solent Evangelical Church Polling Place.

The Second Amendment was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

COUNCIL RESOLVED: That the Substantive Motion as amended be approved and adopted.

The meeting ended at 6.33pm