

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on Thursday the 20th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Black (Chairman), Ainsworth, Allen, Bond, Botten, Mrs. Bradbury, Cannon, Compton, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Cooper, Cooper, Davies, Duck, Mrs. Dunbar, Elias, Fisher, Harwood, Jecks, Jones, Lee, Mrs. Lockwood, Manley, Morrow, Mrs. Parker, Perkins, Pursehouse, Stead, Mrs. Thorn, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Webster, Weightman and Mrs. Young.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs. Blake-Thomas, Childs, Cooley, Fitzgerald, Prew, Mrs. Steeds, Mrs. Steer, Warner, Wates and Wren.

The meeting was preceded with a prayer read by the Reverend Phaedra Pamphilon-Green.

61. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 25th May 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

62. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Civic Service

The Chairman advised that her Civic Service was being held on Sunday at 9.45 a.m. at St. Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Bletchingley. All Members were welcome.

(ii) District Councils' Network – Chief Executives' Group

The Chairman advised Members that Louise Round was now the Vice-Chair of the Chief Executives' Group of the District Councils' Network. The Network was part of the Local Government Association and provided a national voice for District Councils throughout England. The Chief Executives' Group was made up of 22 CEOs and Louise's position demonstrated how this Council strived to work at a national level to influence decisions affecting Local Government.

63. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED- that, subject to the amendment in respect of the 29th June Planning Committee as shown below, the reports of the following meetings be received and the recommendations therein adopted:

Planning Committee (25th May and 1st June 2017)

Housing Committee (25th May and 15th June 2017)

Community Services Committee (25th May and 22nd June 2017)

Planning Policy Committee (25th May and 27th June 2017)

Planning Committee (29th June 2017)

Councillor Morrow's name to be deleted from the list of those present as his apologies had been given for this meeting.

Resources Committee (25th May and 6th July 2017)

64. MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE LE PERSONNE BENEVOLENT TRUST

Members considered a proposal to appoint Councillor Mrs. Steer as one of the Council's representatives on this Trust. (The position in question had been vacant since May 2016).

RESOLVED – that Councillor Mrs. Steer be appointed as the Council's representative on the Mrs. Henrietta Frances Le Personne Benevolent Trust for the period ending May 2020.

65. MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ABSENCE UNDER SECTION 85(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Councillor Cooley had not attended a meeting since full Council on the 23rd February 2017 due to ill-health. The above legislation provided that any Member who failed to attend a meeting of his/ her Authority for a period of six months would cease to be a Member unless, within that time, his/ her absence was approved by the Authority. Upon being informed of the Councillor Cooley's circumstances, Members considered it appropriate to grant such approval.

RESOLVED – that approval be given for:

- (i) Councillor Cooley's absence from Council and Committee meetings since the 23rd February 2017; and
- (ii) his future absences, until such time as he is fit and able to attend, or 7th December 2017, whichever is the earlier.

Rising: 9.00 p.m.