



**MINUTES  
of the  
MEETING  
of the  
COUNCIL  
of the  
LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW  
held on  
THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2005**

**Present:**           **The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Paddy Lyne)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mary John)**

**Councillors:**

R. Arnold  
Nana Asante  
David Ashton  
Mrs Marilyn Ashton  
Mrs Camilla Bath  
Miss C A Bednell  
F. Billson  
Alan Blann  
H. Bluston  
J. Branch  
K. Burchell  
Mrs L. Champagnie  
M. Choudhury  
Mrs Janet Cowan  
John Cowan  
Bob Currie  
Margaret Davine  
M. Dharmarajah  
Sanjay Dighé  
A.T. Foulds

Brian Gate  
Mitzi Green  
Ann Groves  
C. Harrison  
C. Harriss  
T. Idaikkadar  
Mark Ingram  
N. Ismail  
M. Kara  
Mrs E.M. Kinnear  
M. Kinsey  
A.C. Knowles  
Jean Lammiman  
D. Lavingia  
A. Lent  
Myra Michael  
Jerry J. Miles  
Vina Mithani  
Chris Mote  
Mrs Janet Mote

John Nickolay  
Mrs Joyce Nickolay  
Marie-Louise Nolan  
Phillip O'Dell  
A. Omar  
P. Osborn  
Anjana Patel  
A. Pinkus  
R. Ray  
R.D. Romain  
Anthony Seymour  
Navin Shah  
Mrs Rajeshri Shah  
E. Silver  
Bill Stephenson  
Keekira Thammaiah  
S. Thornton  
Keith Toms  
M. Versallion  
Anne Whitehead  
G.G.V. Williams

**PRAYERS**

The meeting opened with Prayers offered by the  
Reverend Terence H. MacMath

**A**      **OPENING PROCEEDINGS****340.**    **SOUTH ASIA EARTHQUAKE - 8 OCTOBER 2005:**

Following the Chaplain's prayers, the Mayor requested Council to remain standing in a minute of silence to pay honour to all those who had lost their lives consequent to the earthquake which had occurred in South Asia on 8 October 2005.

The Mayor confirmed that Letters of Condolence on behalf of the Council had been sent to:

The High Commissioner for India  
The High Commissioner for Pakistan

**341.**    **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST:**

(i)      The following Harrow residents had received awards in the Queen's New Year's Honours List:

Mrs Ruth Fasht	–	Order of the British Empire
Mr Thomas Ryall	–	Member of the British Empire
Mrs Ita McNamara	–	Member of the British Empire
Mr Colin Tufnell	–	Member of the British Empire
Mrs Bertha Levertyon	–	Member of the British Empire

(ii)     Members of Council paid tribute to Thomas ('Freddie') Ryall, a well-respected, long-serving former officer in the Council's Education Department.

**342.**    **ENGLAND CRICKET TEAMS' "ASHES" VICTORIES:**

On behalf of Council, the Mayor offered congratulations to the England Men's Cricket Team on their victory in the "Ashes" Test Match series, and to the England Women's Team on their series victory over Australia also. Particular congratulations were offered to Beth Morgan, a resident of Harrow, and member of the England Women's cricket team.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE MAYOR WRITE TO BETH MORGAN CONGRATULATING HER ON HER PARTICIPATION IN THE ENGLAND WOMEN'S TEAM VICTORY.**

**343.**    **COUNCILLOR VERSALLION:**

Congratulations were offered to Councillor Mark Versallion following the birth of his son.

**B**      **PROCEDURAL MATTERS****344.**    **COUNCIL MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2005, HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED, BE TAKEN AS READ AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD.**

**345.**    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Item 17(2) on the Council Summons: RAF Bentley Priory

Having declared a personal interest in the above item, Councillor David Ashton remained and took part in the discussion and voting on this item.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE DECLARATION OF INTEREST MADE BY A MEMBER OF COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AT THIS MEETING SET OUT ABOVE BE DULY RECEIVED AND RECORDED.**

**346. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:****RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVE AND NOTE THE REPORT OF THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR, AS TABLED, UPON HER OFFICIAL DUTIES, TOGETHER WITH THOSE OCCASIONS ON WHICH SHE WAS REPRESENTED BY HER DEPUTY MAYOR AND A PAST MAYOR, SINCE THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 MAY 2005.**

**347. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS:**

Councillor Mark Ingram sought leave of the Council to withdraw the procedural motions advised in his name, to which the Council assented. In consequence, the emergency motion which had also been notified by the Member was not admitted to this meeting.

**C PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS****348. PETITIONS:**

The following petitions were submitted by Members of Council:

- (1) Submitted by Councillor Bill Stephenson containing 63 signatures of residents of Parkside Way, North Harrow, requesting the Council to resurface the road, introduce speed cameras and provide a pedestrian crossing.

[The petition stood referred to the Traffic Advisory Panel].

- (2) Submitted by Councillor Chris Mote containing some 290 signatures of residents in the Pinner South Ward objecting to the erection of an O2 mobile telephone mast at the rear of Cannons Newsagent, Coronation Parade, Cannon Lane in close proximity to residential dwellings, without local consultation.

[The petition had also been submitted to the local Member of Parliament].  
[The petition stood referred to the Development Control Committee].

- (3) Submitted by Councillor Anjana Patel comprising 45 letters from residents of Alfriston Avenue, North Harrow, requesting the Council to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone system in their road to counter its use as a traffic "rat run" between Imperial Drive to the Ridgeway.

[The petition stood referred to the Traffic Advisory Panel].

**349. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

Further to item 6 on the Summons, the following two questions were submitted by members of the public, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.3:

<u>QUESTION BY</u>	<u>QUESTION OF</u>	<u>TEXT OF QUESTION</u>
(1) Mr P Seedher	The Portfolio Holder for Social Care and Health (Councillor Margaret Davine)	"If after the new year budget has been prepared and implemented – your dept was to receive an additional £500,000 or even an additional £1m on top of your requirement – how would you like to spend it? Do you have a wish list of essential items?"
(2) Mrs B Mandalia	The Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Development (Councillors N Shah and Burchell)	"Can you please explain the role of the Authority's Planning Enforcement Officers in investigating adherence to imposed planning conditions and the responsibility of elected Members, including Ward representatives and the Leader of the Council, for the performance of the Council in applying the requirements of the statutory and regulatory planning framework?"

[Notes: (i) Questions (1) and (2) above were answered orally and additionally a supplementary question in each case received an oral response;

(ii) In regard to the second question, the Portfolio Holder agreed also to send the questioner a written copy of the reply and related documentation ].

**D RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET**

**350. SERVICE PLANNING AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 2006-07:**

Further to Item 7 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Cabinet meeting of 28 July 2005 in this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED.**

**E RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

**351. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2004/05:**

Further to Item 8 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 26 April in this matter.

(i) The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee formally moved acceptance of the Annual Report for 2004/05. Council had been provided with the Annual Report as now produced as a separate printed booklet with enhanced textual and artwork presentation.

(ii) In the course of debate a number of Members expressed their appreciation of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED.**

**352. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:**

Further to Item 9 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 19 July 2005 in this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED.**

**353. REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:**

(i) The Chair of the Constitution Review Working Group, Councillor Ann Groves, formally moved the Recommendations arising from the Review Group.

(ii) Councillor Jean Lammiman moved and Councillor Gate seconded an amendment to the Recommendation in relation to Overview and Scrutiny Rules 16.1 and 16.2 (Part 4F of the Constitution) in the following terms:

“Propose retain ‘next meeting’ and retain the present time frames, rather than ‘the next appropriate meeting’ and changing the time frames in accordance with this”.

This was agreed by general assent of the Council.

(iii) The Recommendation in relation to the particular Rules was adopted as amended.

**RESOLVED:**

**THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP BE ADOPTED, SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT SET OUT AT (i) ABOVE IN RESPECT OF RULES 16.1 AND 16.2.**

**354. PROPOSED VARIATIONS IN COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

Further to Item 11 on the Summons, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Navin Shah) proposed:

(1) the cancellation of the 19 January 2006 Council Meeting (as had been nominally anticipated in the printed Calendar of Meetings 2005/06);

(2) that within future Municipal Years the January Council Meeting be replaced by a July Meeting; and

(3) that the Calendar of Meetings for 2006/07 include a Council Meeting in July 2006.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE PROPOSALS BE ADOPTED.**

**355. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS - PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS REFERRED FROM THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND:**

Further to Item 12 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation I of the Standards Committee meeting of 21 September 2005 in this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED.**

**356. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS - PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINTS REFERRED FROM THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND:**

Further to Item 13 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation II of the Standards Committee meeting of 21 September 2005 in this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED.**

**357. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE:**

Further to Item 14 on the Summons, the Council received Recommendation III of the Standards Committee meeting of 21 September 2005 in this matter.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATION BE ADOPTED AS PRINTED.**

**F EXECUTIVE REPORT****358. REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATIONS:**

Further to Item 15 on the Summons, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Navin Shah) sought the approval of Council to effect that an existing delegation be appropriately transferred from the remit of the Deputy Leader, Portfolio Holder for Business Connections and Performance to the delegations ascribed to the Portfolio Holder for Communications, Performance and Human Resources. The particular delegation read as follows:

“the development of the Council’s response to crime, substance abuse and associated issues and the maintenance of good working relationships with other agencies to secure a safe living and working environment within the Borough”.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE VARIATION IN THE ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER REMITS BE AGREED AS SET OUT ABOVE.**

**G QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13****359. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13.2):**

Further to Item 16 on the Summons, the following five questions had been submitted by Members of the Council, notice of which had duly been given under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.2. Of these, all except question 5 were answered orally (see notes below):

<b><u>QUESTION BY</u></b>	<b><u>QUESTION OF</u></b>	<b><u>TEXT OF QUESTION</u></b>
(1) Councillor Williams	Portfolio Holder for Business Connections and Performance (Councillor Dighé)	“How much does this Council expend, in terms of money, time and facilities, in promoting Black History Month, and what is the expend, on an equal basis, in terms of promoting White History?”
(2) Councillor Marilyn Ashton	The Leader of the Council (Councillor Navin Shah)	“Would the Leader of the Council confirm if he and his Portfolio Holders are dealing in a respectful and polite manner with questions and queries from Harrow residents?”
(3) Councillor Silver	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing (Councillor Burchell)	“Will Councillor Burchell please explain and justify why the Council is insisting on increasing the rent of the Harrow Rifle and Pistol Club, at the Bisley House site in North Harrow, from £850 to £12,000 per annum, an increase of 1400%?”
(4) Councillor Seymour	The Leader of the Council (Councillor Navin Shah)	“Would the Leader of the Council tell us what are the most important matters of concern to Harrow Residents arising from the recent Mori Poll?”
(5) Councillor Bluston	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing (Councillor Burchell)	“Has Councillor Burchell seen the article in ‘Building’ magazine on 7 October regarding Harrow Town Centre and would he comment upon it?”

[Notes: (1) Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 13.5, the Members submitting the above questions 1 to 4 asked an oral supplementary question each, which were also answered;

(2) the time allowed under Procedure Rule 13.2 expired and the fifth notified question and a further urgent question submitted under Rule 13.3(b) could not be asked at Council. It was noted that written responses would be provided].

**360. QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 13.1):**

During the consideration of Item 15 on the Summons (Resolution 358), Councillor Knowles asked one question of the Leader of the Council under the provisions of Rule 13.1, relating to a Petition previously reported to a Cabinet Meeting from residents of Tillotson Road.

The Leader of the Council agreed to provide a written response, which would be copied to all Members of Council.

**H MOTIONS****361. MOTION AT ITEM 17(1) - FAIR TRADE BOROUGH:**

- (i) Councillor Thornton moved and Councillor Marie-Louise Nolan seconded the Motion appearing at Item 17(1) of the Summons.

- (ii) The Motion was the subject of an agreed alteration under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 17.7 as follows:

In paragraph 4 to delete the word “outside” and to insert between the words “Borough and” and the words “to ensure” the following additional wording:

“liaise with surrounding Boroughs practising Fair Trade”.

The amended paragraph would then read in full:

“4. to request that officers work with Fair Trade Groups in the Borough and liaise with surrounding Boroughs practising Fair Trade to ensure continued commitment to Harrow becoming a Fair Trade Borough.”

- (iii) Following debate the substantive motion was moved and upon a vote agreed in the following terms:

“This Council resolves

1. To express its support for the principles of Fair Trade as part of the Council’s commitment to Local Agenda 21 and in pursuit of sustainable development;
2. To commit itself to promote awareness of Fair Trade through the Council’s communications and its website;
3. To encourage the serving of Fair Trade products at its meetings and Council run outlets;
4. To request that officers work with Fair Trade Groups in the Borough and liaise with surrounding Boroughs practising Fair Trade to ensure continued commitment to Harrow becoming a Fair Trade Borough.”

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE MOTION SET OUT AT (iii) ABOVE BE ADOPTED.**

[Notes: (1) During the course of the debate, Councillor Miss Bednell moved at 8.45 pm, under the provisions of Procedure Rule 17.10(d), “that the question be now put”. This was carried by general consensus and the meeting then moved to a vote;

(2) the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Paddy Lyne, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mary John, Councillors Arnold, Nana Asante, D Ashton, Marilyn Ashton, Camilla Bath, Miss Bednell, Billson, Blann, Bluston, Branch, Burchell, Mrs Champagnie, Choudhury, Janet Cowan, John Cowan, Currie, Margaret Davine, Dharmarajah, Dighé, Foulds, Gate, Mitzi Green, Ann Groves, Harrison, Harriss, Idaikkadar, Mark Ingram, Ismail, Kara, Mrs Kinnear, Kinsey, Jean Lammiman, Lavignia, Lent, Myra Michael, Miles, Vina Mithani, C Mote, Janet Mote, John Nickolay, Mrs Joyce Nickolay, Marie-Louise Nolan, O’Dell, Omar, Osborn, Anjana Patel, Pinkus, Ray, Romain, Seymour, N Shah, Mrs R Shah, Silver, Bill Stephenson, Thornton, Toms, Versallion, Anne Whitehead and Williams wished to be recorded as having voted in favour of adopting the above Motion].

**362. MOTION AT ITEM 17(2) - RAF BENTLEY PRIORY:**

- (i) In the tabled documents the Council was notified of a proposed change of the seconder to this Motion, from Councillor C Mote to Councillor Burchell, which was agreed.

- (ii) Councillor John Cowan moved and Councillor Burchell seconded the Motion at Item 17(2) of the Summons, in the following terms:

“This Council regrets that the Ministry of Defence is contemplating selling RAF Bentley Priory with its historical significance to a property developing company and calls upon the Borough’s two MPs to use all their best endeavours to keep the Priory within public ownership, for the future benefit of the British people.”

- (iii) Following debate, the Motion was adopted with the unanimous approval of Council.

**RESOLVED:****THAT THE MOTION SET OUT AT (ii) ABOVE BE ADOPTED.**

[Note: During the course of the debate, Councillor Gate moved at 9.03 pm, under the provisions of Procedure Rule 17.10(d), "that the question be now put". This was carried by general consensus and the meeting then moved to a vote].

**363. MOTION AT ITEM 17(3) - HARROW BOROUGH CONTROLLED DRINKING ZONE:**

- (i) Councillor C Mote moved and Councillor D Ashton seconded the Motion at Item 17(3) of the Summons.
- (ii) Councillor O'Dell moved and Councillor Idaikkadar seconded the following amendment:

To insert after the words "calls for", in the third line, the following additional wording:

"an officer report to be made to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on the required processes and consultation necessary for"

- (iii) The mover and seconder of the original Motion indicated their willingness to accept the amendment, which was adopted with the consent of the Council.
- (iv) Following debate the substantive Motion, as amended, was agreed as follows:

"This Council notes the success of controlled drinking zones in other London boroughs, in particular Westminster where it has been adopted for the whole borough, and calls for an officer report to be made to the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on the required processes and consultation necessary for the introduction of a controlled drinking zone to cover the whole of Harrow, thereby giving the police power to act against anti-social drinking".

**RESOLVED:****THAT THE MOTION SET OUT AT (iv) ABOVE BE ADOPTED.**

[Notes: (1) During the course of the debate, Councillor Ann Groves moved at 9.18 pm, under the provisions of Procedure Rule 17.10(d), "that the question be now put". This was carried by general consensus and the meeting then moved to a vote;

(2) Councillors Branch, Kinsey and Thornton wished to be recorded as having voted against adopting the above Motion].

**I MISCELLANEOUS****364. STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

Having received the report of the Chief Executive in the Supplemental Summons, further to Item 18 on the Summons, Council was requested to agree the designation of two Statutory Officers.

**RESOLVED:**

**(1) THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF THE CHILDREN ACT 2004, THAT A DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND A DIRECTOR OF ADULT SERVICES BE DESIGNATED;**

**(2) TO AUTHORISE THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LEADERS OF THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTIES TO DETERMINE WHICH OFFICERS SHALL BE DESIGNATED TO THESE STATUTORY POSTS;**

**(3) THE POSITION OF LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES BE DETERMINED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY.**



**365. COUNCIL APPOINTEES AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:**

Further to Item 19 on the Summons, Council received confirmation of the nominations by the political groups for Council appointees as Members of Committees and Representatives on an Outside Body.

**RESOLVED:****THAT THE APPOINTMENTS BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:****(1) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee On The Redevelopment Of Northwick Park Hospital: Membership**

That Councillor Gate replace Councillor Ann Groves as Reserve Member for the Labour Group.

**(2) Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education: Council Side Membership**

(i) That Councillor Mrs Champagnie replace Councillor Janet Cowan as Member for the Conservative Group.

(ii) Councillor Janet Cowan replace Councillor Mrs Champagnie as Reserve Member.

**(3) Outside Body Representation: LGA Rural Commission**

That Councillors Blann and Burchell be appointed as representatives for 2005/06.

**366. URGENT DECISION TAKEN ON A MATTER RESERVED TO THE COUNCIL:**

An urgent decision which was a matter reserved to Council had in accordance with the delegations to Chief Officers been the subject of consultation with the Leaders of the three political groups on the Council and had been agreed on behalf of Council, and was now reported, relating to the Election Administration for the General Election called for 5 May 2005.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF OFFICERS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL AS NOW REPORTED BE NOTED.**

**367. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE URGENCY PROCEDURE AND THE USE OF THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE:**

In accordance with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Access to Information Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, the Meeting received a report at Item 21 of the Summons regarding decisions taken as a matter of urgency on behalf of the Executive (that is, as individually authorised by the Portfolio Holders).

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT THE DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER THE SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE AS NOW REPORTED BE NOTED.**

**368. ATTENDANCE BY TENANTS AND RESIDENTS:**

The Mayor thanked the members of local Tenant Associations for their attendance at the meeting.

**(CLOSE OF MEETING:** All business having been completed, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.23 pm).