

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL
HELD ON 9 JUNE 2016 FROM 7.30 PM TO 8.10 PM**

Members Present

Councillors: Bob Pitts (Mayor), Rob Stanton (Deputy Mayor), Mark Ashwell, Alistair Auty, Keith Baker, Laura Blumenthal, Prue Bray, UllaKarin Clark, Andy Croy, Richard Dolinski, Lindsay Ferris, Michael Firmager, Charlotte Haitham Taylor, Tim Holton, John Jarvis, Clive Jones, Norman Jorgensen, Pauline Jorgensen, David Lee, Charles Margetts, Ken Miall, Philip Mirfin, Barrie Patman, Anthony Pollock, Malcolm Richards, Angus Ross, Beth Rowland, Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey, David Sleight, Chris Smith, Bill Soane, Alison Swaddle, Oliver Whittle and Shahid Younis

20. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Parry Batth, Chris Bowring, David Chopping, Gary Cowan, John Halsall, Pauline Helliard-Symons, Emma Hobbs, Philip Houldsworth, John Kaiser, Dianne King, Abdul Loyes, Julian McGhee-Sumner, Ian Pittock, Chris Singleton, Wayne Smith, Paul Swaddle and Simon Weeks.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions submitted.

23. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN

The Council considered the report which recommended the appointment of ex-Councillor Bob Wyatt as an Honorary Alderman, as set out in the Agenda.

It was proposed by Oliver Whittle and seconded by Pauline Jorgensen that the recommendation contained within in the report be agreed.

A large number of Members made speeches in support of the appointment of ex-Councillor Wyatt as an Honorary Alderman which included memories of his time on the Council and the work he had carried out for residents in the Wescott ward and the charities and other organisations he had been involved in. The Mayor also read out a number of statements from Members who were unable to attend the meeting.

Upon being put to the vote it was:

RESOLVED: That Council in sincere appreciation of the distinguished public service rendered by him to the Borough of Wokingham does hereby admit Mr Robert John William Wyatt to be an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Wokingham in recognition of his

untiring service over a period of 22 years to the people of the Borough, and particularly to those of the Wescott Ward, on Committees of the Council, to local organisations and in the offices of Chairman and Mayor.

Following the resolution Alderman Wyatt addressed Council and thanked Members for their kind words and for the appointment which he was very surprised and honoured to have bestowed on him.