

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MAIDSTONE  
BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,  
MAIDSTONE  
ON 15 DECEMBER 2010**

**Present: Councillor Hotson (The Mayor) and  
Councillors Ash, Barned, Mrs Blackmore, Bradshaw,  
Burton, Butler, Chittenden, Daley, English, Field,  
FitzGerald, Garland, Mrs Gibson, Greer, Ms Griffin,  
Harwood, Hinder, Mrs Hinder, Horne, Mrs Joy, Lusty,  
Marchant, B Mortimer, D Mortimer, Naghi, Nelson-  
Gracie, Paine, Parr, Parvin, Mrs Parvin, Paterson,  
Pickett, Mrs Ring, Robertson, Mrs Robertson, Ross,  
Sams, Sellar, Sharp, Sherreard, Mrs Smith,  
Mrs Stockell, Thick, Verrall, Vizzard, Warner,  
Mrs Wilson, J A Wilson, J E Wilson and Yates**

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Beerling, Brindle, Mrs Gooch and Miss Langley.

82. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

83. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

84. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

85. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

86. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

87. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

There were no questions from Members of the Council.

## 88. WHOLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Stockell, seconded by Councillor Garland:-

1. That the Council change to a system of whole Council elections in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
2. That having decided to adopt a system of whole Council elections the following issues be referred to the General Purposes Group to consider and make recommendations to Council:-
  - Changing Parish elections to coincide with the whole Council election in May 2011; and
  - Requesting a single Member ward review from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

With the agreement of the mover and the seconder, and the remainder of the Council, the voting on paragraph one of the motion was taken separately.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 19.4, five Members of the Council requested that a named vote be taken on paragraph one of the motion.

For (27) – Councillors Ash, Barned, Mrs Blackmore, Bradshaw, Burton, Butler, Garland, Mrs Gibson, Greer, Hinder, Mrs Hinder, Horne, Hotson (The Mayor), Lusty, Nelson-Gracie, Paine, Mrs Parvin, Parvin, Mrs Ring, Ross, Sams, Sherreard, Mrs Stockell, Thick, Verrall, J A Wilson and Yates.

Against (24) – Councillors Chittenden, Daley, English, Field, FitzGerald, Ms Griffin, Harwood, Mrs Joy, Marchant, B Mortimer, D Mortimer, Naghi, Parr, Paterson, Pickett, Mrs Robertson, Robertson, Sellar, Sharp, Mrs Smith, Vizzard, Warner, Mrs Wilson and J E Wilson.

### MOTION LOST

In order to adopt a system of whole Council elections, the legislation requires that the Council do so with a two thirds majority of those voting. Since the first part of the motion did not receive the two thirds majority, then the current election arrangements will be retained and the second part of the motion was discarded.

## 89. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.