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Elmbridge Borough Council

Minutes of Proceedings at the Meeting of the Council
held on Wednesday, 5 December 2018

Members of the Council:

* Mrs. S.R. Kapadia (Mayor)
* Mrs. M.C. Sheldon (Deputy Mayor)

* Ms. R. Ahmed	* V.G. Eldridge	* Mrs. D.M. Mitchell
* D.J. Archer	* Mrs. C. Elmer	* Mrs. R. Mitchell
* M. Axton	* B. Fairbank	* T.G. Oliver
* S. Bax	* M.J. Freeman	* A.R. Palmer
* M.J. Bennison	* C.R. Green	* Mrs. K. Randolph
* Tricia W. Bland	* N. Haig-Brown	I. Regan
* L.J. Brown	* P.M. Harman	* Mrs. C. Richardson
* J.W. Browne	* N. Houston	* M. Rollings
* A.P. Burley	* M.F. Howard	* C.R. Sadler
* O.T. Chappell	* C. James	* S.J. Selleck
* B.J.F. Cheyne	* A. Kelly	* Mrs. T. Shipley
* A. Coomes	* A.H. Kopitko	* Mrs. C. Sood
* Mrs. C.J. Cross	* Rachael I. Lake	* Mrs. J.R. Turner
* A. Davis	* D.J. Lewis	* S.J. Waugh
* G.P. Dearlove	* Mrs. V. Macleod	
* I. Donaldson	* Mrs. M. Marshall	

* Denotes attendance

31/18 Declarations of Interest

C. James declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct in respect of agenda item 9 'Reports of Cabinet / Committees and Sub-Committee etc.', and specifically Minute No. 68/18 – 'Revised Parking Charges: 2019-2021' by virtue of being an Annual Season Ticket Holder for Ashley Road Car Park.

G.P. Dearlove declared a pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct in respect of agenda item 9 'Reports of Cabinet / Committees and Sub-Committee etc.', and specifically Minute No. 72/18 – 'Property Transactions' by virtue of being one of the tenants in the premises. He left the room during consideration and determination of the item.

32/18 Exclusion of Public

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information (Schedule 12A)</u>
72/18	Property Transactions	Paragraph 3

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33/18 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 October 2018, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

34/18 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor began by updating Members of the sad news of the recent death of former Councillor Mrs Jane Baldwin.

In terms of Mayoral Engagements, the Mayor had attended the Poppy Launch at Surrey University and had been very proud as two residents of Elmbridge had won awards for their services towards the Poppy Appeal and for the amount of money they had raised for the Appeal.

The Mayor had also attended Armistice Day Services in Long Ditton and in Weybridge, together with an evensong at Guildford Cathedral which had been held the evening before. She had also attended an Army Benevolent Fund event in aid of the Soldiers' Charity.

The Mayor had attended a My Elmbridge public event at Cowey Sale to raise awareness of Council and Partner services. This was the first of a series of such events to be held in the Borough during the autumn.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that a number of water rescue signs had now been installed in Elmbridge, with the first at Cowey Sale.

Other key activities had included events which had been held to raise awareness of domestic abuse, via the White Ribbon Day, which had included a football match at the Xcel Leisure Centre between Elmbridge Borough Council, PA Housing and Surrey Police. The Mayor was pleased to announce that the Borough Council had won the match. There had also been a cake baking competition on White Ribbon Day, with joint winners being announced.

The Mayor had also attended a number of engagements and events in the community and looking forward there were a number of engagements being held on the run up to the Christmas period.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that her Charity Ball had been very well attended by some 195 guests. Thanks were extended to everyone involved in supporting the Charity Ball and whilst the exact sum raised was not yet finalised it was expected to be in excess of £10,000. The Mayor also took the opportunity to thank those who had been unable to attend the event but who had nevertheless donated towards her chosen Charity.

The Mayor also thanked those that had helped with bag packing at Waitrose the previous weekend, which had raised over £1,000.

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The Mayor took the opportunity to outline forthcoming events including a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's Church in Long Ditton; a Consort's Men's Dinner in March 2019 at Brooklands College; a Charity Bridge Tea in April 2019 at Long Ditton Village Hall; and the Mayor's Golf Day in April 2019. Full details for all these events would be provided by her Secretary in due course.

35/18 Leader's Question Time

1. Question asked by Mrs. C. Richardson to the Leader of the Council, T.G. Oliver

'There have been rumours circulating on social media regarding Sunday parking charges and the Saturday Drewitts Court free parking being removed. Can the Leader confirm that there is absolutely no intention to introduce Sunday parking charges in any Elmbridge car parks and clarify the Saturday free parking at Drewitts Court car park?'

Response given by T.G. Oliver

Thank you Madam Mayor and thank you Councillor Mrs. Richardson.

In response to your question, all of the Administration's parking proposals are clearly laid out in the report that was agreed by Cabinet on 14 November and of course that is on the agenda later on this evening. I am happy to confirm that there are no proposals and indeed there never were any proposals to introduce any form of charging on Sundays.

In terms of the Saturday free parking scheme in Walton, the scheme was agreed by this Council on 19 July 2017 on the basis that it would end when the Drewitts Court refurbishment works were completed, or by 31 December 2018 whichever was the later. This position, recommended by the previous Administration, is still the Council's position although Councillor Dearlove will clarify that position later when he deals with the amendment to the Cabinet report on parking charges.

2. Question asked by S.J. Selleck to the Leader of the Council, T.G. Oliver

'What is the Administration's view on whether there should be any restrictions on how and to whom the space in the Civic Centre is leased?'

Response given by T.G. Oliver

Thank you Madam Mayor and I thank Councillor Selleck for his question.

The Civic Centre space is currently used by Elmbridge Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Voluntary Action Elmbridge and there are some external organisations on the ground floor.

In 2018/19, the rental income from lettings was nearly £350,000 which is the equivalent of about 3% of the Elmbridge element of the Council Tax.

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From January 2019, Surrey Police will be taking on more space in the Civic Centre and Surrey County Council have also expressed an interest for further space. Officers have been in discussion with Esher Citizens Advice Bureau who are keen to find space in the Civic Centre and those discussions continue and will be relevant when their lease on their current building expires next year.

Supplementary Question by S.J. Selleck

I thank the Leader for those facts and his answer. Would he agree with me that priority should be given to make the Civic Centre a hub for services for the community including third sector community services when space is available?

Response given by T.G. Oliver

I would certainly agree that a creation of a hub is absolutely consistent with what this Council seeks to achieve. I think in terms of who occupies that hub and on what terms is a matter for detail. At the end of the day, it is imperative that we seek best value on behalf of our residents but absolutely in terms of looking at co-sharing space with other organisations, that is very much in our minds.

3. Question asked by S. Bax to the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Mrs. R. Mitchell

'Most Members of this Council have at one time or another had cause to call on Street Smart to undertake work around the Borough.

Many of these tasks are small, but make a big difference to residents and improve our local environment immensely. I am therefore concerned to hear that Surrey County Council is considering reducing or removing altogether its funding contribution for this essential service, due to the not inconsiderable financial pressures it is under.

Madam Mayor, through you, could the Portfolio Holder for Resources confirm whether Elmbridge will seek to fill any gap in funding for Street Smart that might arise? And if I may make a suggestion - our 3-year protective injunction against unauthorised encampments ought to ensure a saving in next year's budget, of money we might otherwise have spent clearing up after incursions. Might we use some of that money to plug the funding shortfall and continue this highly regarded and much needed service?'

Response given by Mrs. R. Mitchell

Thank you Madam Mayor and thank you Councillor Bax.

I too was concerned to hear at last week's Local Committee meeting about this proposal.

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I agree with Councillor Bax that the Street-Smart service is a highly regarded and responsive service that benefits our residents. The service is currently jointly funded by Elmbridge Borough Council and the County with the County providing £40,000 a year to provide a service to County Councillor requests. This equates to about two days per week.

Elmbridge Borough Council too has financial pressures as reported in the Budget proposals with a budget gap of £400,000 to find and although the provisional allocation for the traveller encampments costs can now be reduced given the three-year injunction, this is required to reduce the current budget gap. We are in discussions with Surrey County Council to come up with a solution which will protect the service, for example match funding i.e. £20,000 by Surrey County Council and £20,000 by Elmbridge Borough Council. We don't want to lose this service.

Supplementary Question by M.J. Bennison

Thank you Madam Mayor. There is possible another source of revenue and that was some money that was being put aside I think from parking in order to do water fountains. So could we use some of that money?

And just to confirm as a question, do you agree that, you refer to Surrey County Council putting £40,000 in, it was actually the Surrey County Council Local Committee want to support it and are 100% behind it but it comes out of their £7,500 which they can give to good causes. You were there on the day, do you agree that Surrey County Councillors are really in favour of continuing this under any circumstance?

Response given by Mrs. R. Mitchell

Thank you Councillor Bennison. Yes, I was there at the meeting and I noticed that quite a few of our Councillors were very keen. They all want to keep the service and they were very keen to forego part of their allowance. So, I would very much welcome that.

4. Question asked by A. Davis to the Leader of the Council, T.G. Oliver

'Elmbridge voted remain in 2016. The leave option was undefined. Now that we have seen the leave deal would you agree that the British people should now vote on whether they would prefer to the European Union leave on that basis of that deal or to remain? Would you write to the national government on Elmbridge's behalf to demand a People's Vote on the deal because it is in Elmbridge's interest to do so?'

Response given by T.G. Oliver

Whilst I and I am sure Councillor Davis would like to think that Elmbridge Borough Council is the epicentre for political decision making, I am not sure that our national politicians who are toiling away at Parliament currently

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would necessarily agree. I think probably in fairness, we should await the outcome of the vote on 11 December and then this Council and indeed all of us can take a view on the best way forward. In practical terms, the officers are working on a Brexit strategy, a plan around that, which we will continue with. But I don't think it would be appropriate at this stage to write to the Government whilst they debate the issues.

Supplementary Question by A. Davis

Thank you very much for that longer answer than I was expecting. I know it's not constitutionally something that Councils usually do. However, a lot of Councils across the country have done so, 40 Councils so far and many others. The timing of our meetings compared to the timings of what's happening in Parliament are different so after that date we don't have an opportunity to do this until February which might be too late. That is why I ask again is there any chance that you could, or your successor, choose to write on the Council's behalf to remind the Government that Elmbridge not only voted in the way it did but our economy is 90% services and we will be affected very heavily. And the major thing is as with other Referendum around Europe and the Good Friday Agreement, the people saw the deal first and then they voted it wasn't the other way round. Now we have seen the deal, I think we should all encourage the Government to give us the choice if it would. Can I again ask you, would you consider at any moment, not at this time, would you consider at any moment of doing it?

Response given by T.G. Oliver

I don't think I will or should get into a debate with you. I think the idea of a People's Vote might not necessarily in any event give us the clarification that people seek. I am happy to write to the Government on any issue which directly affects this Council and where I think that we can lobby them for extra funding or things that directly affect our residents. I appreciate that Brexit does but I am not prepared to write as the Leader of this Council on behalf of our residents but I am very happy Councillor Davis if you wish to send your own letter.

Supplementary Question by J.W. Browne

Thank you very much Madam Mayor. My supplementary question to the Leader is this. Would he agree with me that the one thing we can all agree on about the outcome of the Referendum is that it has unleashed an unprecedented pouring out of vitriol which has rather poisoned our political discourse and that it would be highly regrettable if that were brought into this Council Chamber. Would he also agree perhaps that the use of the word 'People's Vote' is unfortunate. It does make one wonder who was voting in 2016. Perhaps would he agree with me that it would be better to be called a second thoughts vote. And finally, would he also agree with me that the people of Elmbridge are more likely to be keen to see the Government getting on with sorting this out, and our national politicians getting on with sorting this out. And finally, would he agree with me if there

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were a serious proposal from Parliament that there should be a second Referendum that perhaps we should ask to see what Brenda from Bristol might say in those circumstances.

Response given by T.G. Oliver

A very simple answer Madam Mayor. I entirely agree with the Deputy Leader.

Supplementary Question by Mrs. C. Elmer

Thank you Madam Mayor. I thank the Leader for the answer he gave to the Leader of the Liberal Democrats. I would just like to ask another supplementary question which is around the disclosure of any advice that this Council might decide to give in contingency planning that you referred to in your question. Could I ask you would it be our intention to publish that advice as I understand Surrey County Council have declined to do so.

Response given by T.G. Oliver

I am not aware that Surrey County Council did that. I am not sure that advice would be the right word. There are plans, practical plans, around what might happen and I am quite sure that the officers would be happy to share this with all Members.

Supplementary Question by V.G. Eldridge

Thank you Madam Mayor. I am not quite sure whether we should have this sort of question put before the Council. It tends to be political. But we did have the vote in 2016 and that was a strong vote to come out. And I will be quite honest I voted to come out. Perhaps going against the trend and majority. Therefore, would it not have been best to have kept this question until after at least the 11th of this month when perhaps we will be more informed of what is going on and certainly on the 29 March when I hope we come out with a hard Brexit.

Response given by T.G. Oliver

I think in fairness to Councillor Davis I think he did preface his question on the basis that things have moved on in the last 24 hours. So I remain of the same view that we should wait until after the 11 December and then I am sure we can have the debate again.

5. Question asked by A. Davis to the Leader of the Council, T.G. Oliver

‘There are essentially two ways of looking at parking charges:

- Treating the parking charges as a service for the community, therefore lowering charges where possible whilst maximising the availability of parking spaces - as long as the car parks pay their way; or

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- Treating the parking charges as a tax, therefore increasing charges where possible and maximizing the amount raised – as long as people are prepared to pay.

As you are apparently not doing the former, are parking charges in Elmbridge now simply another tax burden on our town and village centres?’

Response given by T.G. Oliver

Thank you Madam Mayor and thank you Councillor Davis.

Uncharacteristically for you this is a very simplistic way of looking at what is a complex issue. Both options are true in that we always look to ensure that the Village and Town Centre car parks serve the local economies and that car parking fees are an important income stream in truth as you know which has helped to keep the Council Tax down well below RPI over the recent years.

Now I acknowledge that when you Councillor Davis were the Portfolio Holder you made changes such as the introduction of the monthly season ticket and the introduction of limited Saturday free parking as a service for certain communities in the Borough. Indeed, at that same time you were happy to see the annual increases, which had been built in, to continue and that of course has been a significant contribution to the budget. So I think we will pick this issue up when we come on to the Cabinet paper itself and I hope that some of the recommendations that Councillor Dearlove will make will perhaps assist you.

Supplementary Question by A. Davis

This may come later on because you do have an amendment but I haven't seen it so I can't tell so I am going to ask you the question. Council Objective ET2, Section 3 of the Borough Plan for 2018/19 says 'Introduce a new plan for the ongoing management of parking demand in public car parks by appropriate parking controls and charges. The new plan be developed in consultation with local Members and other agencies such as Surrey County Council by September 2018 and a plan to be considered by the Cabinet from that by December 2018'. Unfortunately, this didn't happen, was there any reason for that?

Response by T.G. Oliver

Thank you for that Councillor Davis. In fact I will pre-empt a little of what Councillor Dearlove is going to say that there will be a review. There hasn't been a review in fairness. I am not entirely sure why but there hasn't been a review as at December 2018 but we will be proposing a thorough review of how all of the car parks operate and whether there is a better way of looking at some individual bespoke solutions. It may well be if the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is happy to take that on,

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that his Committee can pick up that piece of work. But a review there will be, and I hope that that will receive cross-party support and input.

Supplementary Question by C.R. Sadler

Thank you Madam Mayor. Could I ask the Leader a question of whether this review will take place before any increases in charges are implemented. I think that is a fairly key issue for the people of this Borough.

Response by T.G. Oliver

No.

6. Question asked by N. Houston to the Leader of the Council, T.G. Oliver

'To play squash on a public court in Elmbridge costs £15.30 an hour, to play badminton costs £16.20 for an hour, other sports charge their members to compete, yet to play tennis you propose to charge nothing. In the recent Cabinet meeting you had the chance to choose option 3 and give targeted support to those within the borough that need it most whilst keeping the Lawn Tennis Association on board. These fees would have helped maintain our courts and help promote tennis more. So my question is why do some sports have to pay whilst tennis players will not have to?'

Response given by T.G. Oliver

Thank you Madam Mayor, thank you Councillor Houston.

I note that you have quoted a couple of examples both of which are indoor sports and therefore carry a much higher and more significant level of overheads. In addition, those have always been charged for whereas tennis until recently hasn't been. It has always been free. In the run up to the election, the residents of Elmbridge gave my Group, certainly when we were out on the doorstep, a clear view that they felt that tennis should remain free and we have delivered on that promise. However, in deciding that, we recognise that the Council needs to maintain the courts and we continue to work with the Lawn Tennis Association in terms of their support, financial or otherwise. I would just make one small observation that the figures that you have quoted are the peak non-card rates, so actually badminton off peak i.e. before 5 p.m. is £10.30 rather than £12.90 and the squash is £12.90 instead of £15.30. I take the point but at the end of the day there are significant costs in maintaining those facilities and much higher than is the case for the tennis courts.

Supplementary Question by N. Houston

Tennis hasn't always been free just as a point I think in 2006 I believe. It wasn't free up to then. So how confident are you that the proposals for free tennis will be sustainable given the ongoing costs of maintenance

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especially when the Lawn Tennis Association doubts that your proposal will be successful and would have to withdraw the funding. And also what plans are in place to stop people from other Boroughs taking advantage of Elmbridge's generosity.

Response by T.G. Oliver

I am confident that it won't be abused. There is a booking system and we haven't removed the booking system so we can track usage and figures and the Lawn Tennis Association, it is my understanding that they remain supportive of this. I was going to pick this up in my statement. This Borough needs to encourage people to be physically active and this is one way of doing it. They are well used and they are well liked and we have made the promise to the residents at their request that we remove the charges and that is what we have done.

Supplementary Question by C.R. Sadler

Thank you Madam Mayor. A question to the Leader. I notice that he makes a distinction between the indoor facilities and the outdoor facilities. Does this mean that outdoor football pitches are going to be free in future as well?

Response given by T.G. Oliver

I am sure Councillor Sadler if any Member of this Council wishes to recommend or propose free charges for any outdoor activity then we will happily consider it.

36/18 Leader's Update

The Leader began by advising that the Chief Executive, a number of Officers and himself had held a series of public meetings across the Borough. It was noted that the attendance levels had varied across those meetings but all of them had been informative and interactive. It was clear from those meetings that residents took the responsibilities of the Council seriously and whilst it was inevitable that there were some challenges to respond to, the majority view was that the Council was delivering on its promises to provide the best services it could do at all times.

Thanks were extended to Officers involved in the meetings, for their hard work and support that they had provided.

There were four particular areas that the Leader wish to highlight to the Council on this occasion.

The first of these related to planning matters, where there had been mixed views on the need for additional housing across the Borough and there had been some strong views expressed on the density of units on any particular site. Many people said that they did not wish to see their neighbourhoods

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changing beyond all recognition, though they acknowledged the need to build more houses that young people and key workers could afford to live in. Meeting those aspirations would be a key challenge as the Council worked through the preparation of the next iteration of the Local Plan.

The Leader commented that he believed that the Council would provide a sensible balance between over-development & increasing density and retaining the identity of neighbourhoods. This was all the more challenging where there was a commitment to protect the Green Belt.

Secondly, issues had been raised regarding the significant disruption to residents this summer caused by the large number of traveller encampments experienced across the Borough and the size of some of the encampments which, on occasion, exceeded 50 caravans. The Council had been successful in extending the Injunction preventing encampments across the Borough for 3 years. It was disappointing to have had to have taken that step, but with nearly 30 encampments at a cost of some £200,000 to residents, the Council had no alternative. The Council would continue to work with other Surrey Districts & Boroughs and with Surrey County Council to identify a suitable transit site and whilst it was acknowledged that this would not be a complete solution, it would enable the Police to use their powers more effectively. Elmbridge along with everyone else, wished to see a long-term solution.

Thirdly, the Leader acknowledged that the Council could improve upon the way in which it communicated with residents. Whilst a large proportion of residents accessed relevant information via the Council's website and through the local newspaper, and others valued the Elmbridge Review which was delivered to every household three times a year, not everybody considered that they were able to have their voice heard. This was why the public meetings had been arranged and the Leader indicated that he hoped that they would become a regular feature for every Administration in the future.

The last main topic to be raised had been parking. It continued to be a major issue for residents, workers, shoppers and employers, with there not being enough on-street parking to meet the demands in the Borough's towns. The Council recognised that position and would continue to look at ways in which additional off-street parking could be created. It was noted that later in the meeting the Council would be reviewing parking charges, but as a result of feedback received from residents since the Council Agenda had been published, the Leader advised that there was no intention to introduce charges on Sundays or in the evenings as there was a wish to encourage as many people as possible to use the night-time economy across the Borough. Furthermore, in the light of feedback received, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport would be proposing some amendments to the recommendations from Cabinet which it was hoped would help address people's concerns. It was proposed that a cross-party Working Group would also be established to review all of the car parks and it was hoped that the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would take that aspect forward. The Council nevertheless had to raise income to fund this services that the residents valued and if it wasn't increasing fees and charges then

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inevitably it would result in an increase in Council Tax. Over the past 10 years or so the Council has saved in excess of £5m pounds through efficiencies and savings. Conversely, the chargers use of the Council's tennis courts had been removed because of the intention to encourage as much physical activity as possible for the Borough's children and young adults, as it was incumbent upon the Council to encourage people to engage in sport and providing free access was a small contribution that the Council could make to improving health outcomes for local residents.

Finally, as set out later on the agenda, the Council would be invited to consider investing in a portfolio of commercial and residential properties. This portfolio achieved two aims, to support commercial retailers on the High Street and secondly to provide a significant number of residential units available for social renting. The Leader acknowledged that all of the elected Members for Elmbridge Borough Council had the same wishes at heart, namely to do the best for local residents. It was noted that on occasions there could be disagreement as to the most effective way to do that but it was hoped that as the Council debated the matters before them that evening, that Members would remember that they were there to deliver services and wherever possible improved outcomes for local residents and it was hoped that that mandate would transcend party politics.

37/18 Urgency Decisions

Members noted that there had been no executive or non-executive decisions taken as a matter of urgency since the last meeting of the Council.

38/18 2019/20 Council Tax Base

Resolved that the Council Tax Bases (showing Band 'D' equivalent dwellings for tax setting purposes) for the Elmbridge area in respect of the year 2019/20 be approved as follows:

For the whole Borough	64,720 dwellings
For the area of the Borough covered by Claygate Parish Council	3,474 dwellings

39/18 Community Governance Review - Hersham

Further to the report to the meeting of the Council on 18 July 2018, the Leader introduced the report and Members considered the outcome of a Community Governance Review (CGR) for Hersham.

Members noted that the Council had previously received a valid petition from the Hersham Community Council Steering Group, signed by 731 local government electors, requesting that a CGR be conducted, to consider the establishment of a parish council for Hersham, to be called the 'Hersham Community Council'.

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The Council considered the results of the extensive consultation undertaken. In total, 10,067 electors / interested individuals / businesses etc had been sent the Terms of Reference of the CGR and had been invited to give their views. The consultation took place over a twelve-week period, ending 23 October 2018.

In total, 632 responses to the consultation had been received, which represented an overall response rate of 6.46%. Of those, 43.83% were in favour and 55.70% were not in favour of the creation of a parish council for Hersham. Members had regard to the low numbers that had responded to the consultation, with the majority of those respondents not supporting the creation of a parish council for Hersham.

Members acknowledged the work of the Steering Group in seeking a CGR together with the views that had been submitted in response to the consultation.

During consideration of the item, C.R. Green, Mrs. M.C. Sheldon and Mrs. R. Mitchell requested that thanks be recorded to the Steering Group, Head of Democratic Services, the Electoral Services Manager and the Democratic Services Team for their hard work in undertaking the Review.

Having considered the report, on whether to establish a new parish (community) council for Hersham, the Council

Resolved that

- (a) the detailed report on the undertaking of the Community Governance Review for Hersham and the outcome of the consultation be noted;
- (b) having regard to the Community Governance Review and the outcome of the consultation, that no change to current arrangements be made; and
- (c) authority be delegated to the Head of Democratic Services to take the necessary next steps and to inform the electors and organisations affected by the proposal of the Council's decision.

40/18 Reports of Cabinet/Committees and Sub-Committee etc.

Resolved that, subject to any amendments noted below, the reports of the Cabinet and the following Committees and Sub-Committees at the meetings held on the dates shown, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	27 September 2018
Shareholder Board	10 October 2018
Appointments Sub-Committee	10 October 2018

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Cabinet	10 October 2018
Individual Cabinet Member Decision Making – Planning Services	12 October 2018
Planning Committee	16 October 2018
Individual Cabinet Member Decision Making – Housing	17 October 2018
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 October 2018
Individual Cabinet Member Decision Making – Resources	31 October 2018
Licensing Committee	12 November 2018
Cabinet	14 November 2018

Minute No. 68/18 – Revised Parking Charges: 2019-2021

G.P. Dearlove, seconded by A. Kelly moved the following amendment:

‘Further to the car parking review which was approved at the Cabinet meeting on 14 November 2018 the following aspect in respect of the proposed parking charges be amended:

Firstly, yearly permits to the Station car parks, I am recommending that annual permits continue and still receive the 30% discount which, at present, the yearly permit in this current year is £1,417 with no increase for 2019, proposed increase in year 2, 2020 to £1,505 and year 3, 2021 and increase to £1,558;

Secondly, with regard to main car parks annual permits, I recommend the discount or 45% continues which, at present, for 2018 the yearly permit is £1,090, with an increase to £1,174 in 2019 and an increase to £1,258 for the year 2020 and 2021;

With regard to the free car parking periods on Saturdays in Walton-on-Thames, that is Ashley Park, Drewitts Court and Manor Road, I recommend that the free periods continue up to the end of June 2019;

Finally, the local village car parks, free period on Saturdays that is Ashley Road Thames Ditton, Newbury Lane, South Bank and Walton Road, also continue with the current concessions until the end of June 2019;

It is my further suggestion that the matter of free car parking periods on Saturdays in Walton-on-Thames and local village car parks, be sent to Overview and Scrutiny to look into these two items, keeping in mind that our

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residents should obtain the correct and fair benefits, by placing this item to Overview and Scrutiny, this will give the Committee ample time to review and make recommendations to the Cabinet, prior to end of June 2019; and

The Portfolio Holder agrees with the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee any wider terms of reference.'

During consideration of the recommendations from the Cabinet and the proposed above amendment, the Leader of the Council advised Members that an e-Petition from a resident of Walton-on-Thames had been received, in respect of many of the matters covered by the amendment.

Mrs. C. Elmer requested a recorded vote, whereupon there voted:

In favour of the amendment:

D.J. Archer, S. Bax, M.J. Bennison, L.J. Brown, J.W. Browne, A.P. Burley, O.T. Chappell, B.J.F. Cheyne, Mrs. C.J. Cross, G.P. Dearlove, I. Donaldson, M.J. Freeman, M.F. Howard, A. Kelly, A.H. Kopitko, Rachael I Lake, D.J. Lewis, Mrs. D.M. Mitchell, Mrs. R. Mitchell, T.G. Oliver, Mrs. C. Richardson, Mrs. C. Sood and S.J. Waugh. (23)

Against the amendment:

Ms. R. Ahmed, M. Axton, Tricia W. Bland, A. Coomes, A. Davis, V.G. Eldridge, Mrs. C. Elmer, B. Fairbank, C.R. Green, P.M. Harman, N. Houston, C. James, Mrs. V. Macleod, Mrs. M. Marshall, A.R. Palmer, Mrs. K. Randolph, M. Rollings, C.R. Sadler, S.J. Selleck, Mrs. T. Shipley and Mrs. J.R. Turner. (21)

Abstain:

N. Haig-Brown, Mrs. S.R. Kapadia and Mrs. M.C. Sheldon. (3)

The Mayor declared the amendment to be carried.

C.R. Sadler, seconded by A. Davis proposed the following amendment:

'The recommendations in respect of Station Car Parks, Local Car Parks and Main Car Parks, which include increases in charges that would raise the annual cost of parking by over 20% for many people, increases amounting to almost £300 at Station Car Parks, are considered excessive and unnecessary. It is recommended therefore that the proposals set out in Appendix B of the report are withdrawn and that the Portfolio Holder and relevant Officers consult with Members with a view to producing a revised range of proposals in which increases are generally more in line with current levels of inflation.'

C.R. Sadler requested a recorded vote, whereupon there voted:

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In favour of the amendment:

Ms. R. Ahmed, M. Axton, Tricia W. Bland, A. Coomes, A. Davis, V.G. Eldridge, Mrs. C. Elmer, B. Fairbank, C.R. Green, N. Haig-Brown, P.M. Harman, N. Houston, C. James, Mrs. V. Macleod, Mrs. M. Marshall, A.R. Palmer, Mrs. K. Randolph, M. Rollings, C.R. Sadler, S.J. Selleck, Mrs. T. Shipley and Mrs. J.R. Turner. (22)

Against the amendment:

D.J. Archer, S. Bax, M.J. Bennison, L.J. Brown, J.W. Browne, A.P. Burley, O.T. Chappell, B.J.F. Cheyne, Mrs. C.J. Cross, G.P. Dearlove, I. Donaldson, M.J. Freeman, M.F. Howard, A. Kelly, A.H. Kopitko, Rachael I Lake, D.J. Lewis, Mrs. D.M. Mitchell, Mrs. R. Mitchell, T.G. Oliver, Mrs. C. Richardson, Mrs. C. Sood and S.J. Waugh. (23)

Abstain:

Mrs. S.R. Kapadia and Mrs. M.C. Sheldon. (2)

The Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

Minute No. 69/18 – Park Tennis Review

S.J. Selleck, seconded by Mrs. J.R. Turner, proposed the following amendment:

‘The future management of the Council’s tennis courts should be continued as set out in Option 3 of the recommendation in the Park Tennis Review contained in the Cabinet papers of 14 November 2018.’

A.P. Burley requested a recorded vote, whereupon there voted:

In favour of the amendment:

Ms. R. Ahmed, M. Axton, Tricia W. Bland, A. Coomes, A. Davis, Mrs. C. Elmer, B. Fairbank, C.R. Green, N. Haig-Brown, P.M. Harman, N. Houston, C. James, Mrs. V. Macleod, Mrs. M. Marshall, A.R. Palmer, Mrs. K. Randolph, M. Rollings, C.R. Sadler, S.J. Selleck, Mrs. T. Shipley and Mrs. J.R. Turner. (21)

Against the amendment:

D.J. Archer, S. Bax, M.J. Bennison, L.J. Brown, J.W. Browne, A.P. Burley, O.T. Chappell, B.J.F. Cheyne, Mrs. C.J. Cross, G.P. Dearlove, I. Donaldson, M.J. Freeman, M.F. Howard, A. Kelly, A.H. Kopitko, Rachael I. Lake, D.J. Lewis, Mrs. D.M. Mitchell, Mrs. R. Mitchell, T.G. Oliver, Mrs. C. Richardson, Mrs. C. Sood and S.J. Waugh. (23)

Abstain:

V.G. Eldridge, Mrs. S.R. Kapadia and Mrs. M.C. Sheldon. (3)

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The Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

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Planning Services

Minute No. 10/18 – The Draft Response to the Government’s Technical Consultation on Updates to National Planning Policy and Guidance

S.J. Selleck thanked the Portfolio Holder for Planning Services for his continuing efforts to lobby the Government on behalf of Elmbridge in respect of the current objectively assessed housing need figures for Elmbridge, which did not suitably reflect expected decreases in household projections as provided by the Office for National Statistics.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm, adjourned at 8.33 pm, reconvened at 8.42 pm and concluded at 9.43 pm

Mrs. S.R. Kapadia
Mayor

Democratic Services Officer

Ms. M. Bailey Committee and Member Services Manager

Other Officers in attendance

R. Moran	Chief Executive
Mrs. S. Selvanathan	Strategic Director and Deputy Chief Executive
R. Lee	Strategic Director
Ms. B. Greenstein	Head of Democratic Services
A. Harrison	Head of Legal Services
Miss. A. Mammous	Electoral Services Manager
Mrs. E. Jones	Sports Development Officer