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Elmbridge Borough Council

Minutes of Proceedings at the Meeting of the Council
held on Wednesday, 17 July 2019

Members of the Council:

- * Mrs. M.C. Sheldon (Mayor)
- * T. Popham (Deputy Mayor)

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

* Denotes attendance

15/19 Declarations of Interest

Whilst not a disclosable pecuniary or other interest under the Code of Conduct, M.J. Bennison wished that it be noted in respect of any matters within the Agenda that related to Surrey County Council, that he was a Surrey County Councillor.

16/19 Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 3 April and 15 May 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and signed as correct records.

17/19 Mayor's Announcements

It had been a busy period and the Mayor took the opportunity to highlight a particular theme as part of her Mayoral announcements, which on this occasion was the considerable young talent within the Borough. The Mayor and Consort had been delighted to have been invited to lots of activities, school choirs and events at various places all of which involved young people, including attending a Youth Dance Showcase, visiting Scout Groups in a variety of different places,

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and attending the Surrey Youth Games which had been held at Surrey University's sports ground.

The Borough was full of talented young people attaining success in all sorts of activities and coming from across all areas of the Borough.

On a different note, the Mayor and Consort had attended the poignant, traditional flag raising ceremony on Armed Forces Day, which had been supported by the Air Cadets from Cobham. She had also been pleased to have visited Imber Court for the Young Persons' of Honour Awards, where young people were awarded certificates for achievements that were above and beyond what would normally be expected, including caring for parents whilst still being able to achieve their examination results at school. The young people had been nominated from across the Borough and it had been a privilege to attend such a moving occasion.

Thanks were extended to everyone who had attended the Mayor's Civic Service on 14 July.

Thanks were also extended to the Deputy Mayor and his Consort for the various events that they had attended on behalf of the Mayor during this very busy period.

The opportunity was taken to remind Members of forthcoming events, which included the Sandown Race Day and traditional pantomime horse race on 25 July 2019; and the Prudential Ride London Cycle Challenge on 4 August 2019. The Mayor was delighted to announce that she had three cyclists taking part in the Challenge, who were raising money for her chosen Charity, Elmbridge Mencap. They were Elmbridge Borough Councillor Alex Coomes, Senior Planning Officer Mr. Peter Brooks and Mr. Chris Simpson a volunteer with Elmbridge Mencap.

Moving to matters of a more sombre nature, the Mayor advised Members that in the last few weeks Mr. Ken Huddart, former Claygate Parish Councillor, had sadly passed away. She advised that she had attended the Memorial Service which had been held recently and that the Council had been represented by the Chief Executive, Mr. Robert Moran.

The Mayor also advised Members of the sad news that Surrey County Councillor Tim Oliver's daughter had also recently passed away. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor expressed condolences to Councillor Oliver and his family at this very difficult time.

18/19 Leader's Update

The Leader of the Council provided the following update to Members:

'Members, despite the fact that so much is going on at the moment, I want to take this opportunity to update on one topic that will affect us all in the coming

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months, the consultation on the Local Plan which is planned to commence on 19th August.

It goes without saying that the Plan is the critical document that will determine the way in which our Borough is allowed to develop over the next 15 years.

We also know that this goes to the heart of what the vast majority of our residents look to us for, namely the preservation of the character of the area and the safeguarding of their environment and way of life.

As the principal decision makers in this area we have been entrusted by our residents to moderate, mediate and negotiate the various and numerous competing interests. They look to us to strike that critical balance between modernisation and renewal and the maintenance and protection of the rich heritage and high quality environment we cherish so highly.

Of course the Local Plan is not just about housing numbers, or affordable housing or Green Belt. It is about the future of our high streets, the safeguarding of our employment areas and local jobs, it's about play and recreation facilities, the retail economy, highway infrastructure and much much more. We do however appreciate that, in the end, in Elmbridge, it will inevitably come back to housing provision.

So, in August and September we will again offer our residents an opportunity to have their say on the Plan. It will offer options and scenarios which are intended to navigate those difficult choices and try to resolve the conundrum of needing to renew our infrastructure by taking "good growth", but at the same time resisting pressure for even more intensification and what some will see as "over-development" in areas already under great pressure.

Members, we are caught between a rock and a hard place. The Government is saying there are no special cases or exceptions and there is a national "housing crisis". They are saying that we simply need to get on with it (where have we heard that before?!) – and, frankly, we all know this to be their position.

Councillor Browne met with senior Civil Servants to make the Elmbridge case. He set out the pressures we are under, the fact that 60% of our Borough is Green Belt and that the rest is mainly of high quality and low density character which none of us want to jeopardise. In the politest way, he got short shrift.

Since becoming Leader again, the Portfolio Holder for Planning and I have met with both of our local MPs. We have made the same case as Councillor Browne and, in the same way we have received the same message - we need to accommodate all of the identified need for additional housing and this needs to be central to our Local Plan. There are tough choices but they must not be ducked.

Tonight I am simply recognising the position in which all members of this Council find themselves. We know that we are required to accommodate

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growth and that our job is to moderate the impact and explain and translate this so that our residents know we have selected the “least-worst” option and have done all we can to protect the character of the Borough.

I say this in order to cut across any political party lines or any gaming of political advantage, when all of us know that whoever forms the administration of this Council will inherit the same circumstances, the same evidence base, the same sensitivities, the same lobbying interests and passionate views, and the same pressures and priorities.

So let’s not kid ourselves that any of the forthcoming Local Plan consultation is going to be easy or that we will somehow have found the silver bullet that will make everything acceptable.

I am however confident that through hard and persistent work by Members and officers over many years we have got the right evidence base. We have got the correct advice and we have done our level best to distil the most appropriate options for our Borough.

We all know that there is no alternative way or argument to be the national exception where the normal rules do not apply.

We have “just got on with it” and we are therefore all standing behind the options for growth and for the measured and managed control of future development. I hope that all Members in this Chamber will do all they can to explain and defend as appropriate in the coming weeks so that the Local Plan consultation is as calm and constructive as it can possibly be.’

The Mayor thanked the Leader for his update to Members.

19/19 Leader's Question Time

1. Question asked by J.W. Browne to the Leader of the Council, S.J. Selleck

‘Will the Leader please explain why it is necessary to have a Cabinet of 9 Members as compared to 7 under the previous Conservative Administration?’

Response given by S.J. Selleck

Thank you Madam Mayor. I did think long and hard about how many Members should form the Cabinet and I have been in a fortunate position to have a wealth of talent to choose from. I felt that 9 was the appropriate number to continue to deliver the services that this Council prides itself on. This Council, like many other Councils, is under severe pressure and faces many challenges not least the reduction of financial support from many areas and it's essential that all the Portfolios are looked at very, very carefully and scrutinised. I'm asking the Portfolio Holders to work with officers to come up with ideas and schemes to generate savings, generate income, to generate a better result for our residents. That's what I want, better outcomes and I feel that 7 was too small and 9 is the correct number. It also enables the Portfolio Holders to bring

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forward things, and I think the Motion that has been brought forward from Councillor Mrs. Mary Marshall, the Portfolio Holder for Environment, at the end of the meeting highlights this. The Motion that she's brought so quickly to us following the Elections in May is a tribute to the efforts of the officers and Mrs. Marshall in acknowledging how important this issue is and having the time and opportunity to bring it forward.

Supplementary Question by J.W. Browne

Thank you Madam Mayor. Since the Leader has such a wealth of talent at his disposal, I would ask whether he is therefore able to assure all Members that these extra Cabinet Members will generate at least £12,666 in extra revenue or make equivalent savings in order to offset their Special Responsibility Allowances and would he agree with me that if they do not generate such extra revenue or make such extra savings then it will have to be the Elmbridge tax payer who picks up the costs of securing another coalition Administration?

Response given by S.J. Selleck

I'd just like to remind the Council that when I was elected Leader in 2016, the first thing I decided to do was to look at the Cabinet and there were 10 positions and I reduced that by one to 9 saving some £6,000.

The Conservative Administration had control for nine years and they chose to keep 10 Cabinet Members. Surely they could have looked at that before? I don't consider that Cabinet Members can be assessed by the value of which they produce money. If we are going down that route what a sad society we are, where we judge every bit of performance by the amount of on the balance sheet, but I can assure him that I think the value for money of this Cabinet is well worthwhile to the residents of Elmbridge.

2. Question asked by A. Kelly to the Leader of the Council, S.J. Selleck

'Can the Leader confirm whether his Administration support the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation as recently discussed by the Planning Committee?'

Response given by S.J. Selleck

Thank you Councillor Kelly for your question. As you are fully aware, the Scheme of Delegation is a regulatory matter and as such matters are decided by the Planning Committee, this Council does not have a locus in this matter. The Planning Committee has sought observations from all Councillors and I understand the Planning Committee are due to debate their Scheme of Delegation next week. As a member of the Planning Committee I am sure you will participate in the debate in a robust style. I think it would be wrong of me as the Leader of this Council in any way to seek to direct Members ahead of that meeting on the way that they should vote. Thank you.

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Supplementary Question by A. Kelly

Thank you Madam Mayor. I agree with Councillor Selleck's answer and that this is not an Administration thing, but if that is the case then could he explain why two of his Councillors including his Cabinet Member for Resources, are lobbying residents to lobby him about these changes, as if it is not in his remit as Leader to progress this, and I agree it's not, why is his Cabinet Member for Resources and one of his other Councillors asking members of the public to lobby him?

Response given by S.J. Selleck

I will give back the answer that Councillor Browne gave to, I think, Councillor Lewis back in April. Every Councillor in this Chamber has the right to express their views on anything that comes before this Council whether it's from the Administration or from any other Committee. I would even defend Councillor Kelly's right to object and for everyone to express their opinions and that is the way that democracy in this Council works.

3. Question asked by D.J. Lewis to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture, Mrs. J.R. Turner

'This year, many of the oak trees in Oxshott, Cobham and Stoke d'Abernon, and across Elmbridge, have been affected by infestations of the Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) which can result in unpleasant symptoms in both animals and human beings.

Please would the Portfolio Holder explain what steps are being taken by the Council to control, and ultimately eradicate, such infestations. Please would she also indicate what support the Council is providing to those residents who have OPM either on oak trees within their gardens or on adjacent Council owned land?'

Response given by Mrs. J.R. Turner

Thank you Madam Mayor and I thank Councillor Lewis for asking this question. It is a huge problem and this moth actually came into the country with the Olympic Games, it has spread and we are all suffering and it is one of the reasons we have to be very careful when we import foreign trees or plants, so it is really important that we take this on board. The spread of Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) has continued in the region despite the best efforts of the Forestry Commission. Elmbridge Borough Council has sought to support residents with information through our own and the Forestry Commission's websites.

Where OPM is found on Elmbridge Borough Council land we will use site notices to advise residents of the problem and to avoid the OPM nests. The northern half of the Borough has been classified as the Core Zone, which the Forestry Commission will survey, but importantly not treat nests. The southern part of the Borough, including Oxshott is classified as the Control zone - here the Forestry Commission will survey and, in some cases, carry out and fund

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limited (spraying) control measures.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide financial support for residents who have encountered this problem, due to the scale and cost on Council land, but I would recommend reporting any infestation to the Forestry Commission who have a programme of control through spraying within the control zone, this is done early in the season when the caterpillars have first emerged. The problem is widespread across Elmbridge Borough Council's (EBC) open space and countryside estate and EBC is actively managing the problem through a risk-based strategy, where we will treat the trees of greatest risk to our residents, i.e. near children's playgrounds or busy paths.

This matter was considered recently at the meeting of the Countryside Consultative Group, where a most helpful paper was considered. I will ask that following this meeting that a copy of that report is shared via email with all Members. The light at the end of the tunnel is that the caterpillars will pupate probably within the next 2-3 weeks and will become moths. That doesn't mean to say you can put your fingers in the nests as they leave behind hairs within those nests, so do be very careful. We will have respite in 3-4 weeks' time but this is something that we are going to have to live with for several years because there is no natural predator to these caterpillars.

Supplementary Question by D.J. Lewis

Thank you Madam Mayor and thank you Councillor Mrs. Turner for your response. Do you think it's fair that residents living in Guildford don't have to pay for the removal of the OPM nests, whereas in Elmbridge they generally do. What will you do to end this postcode lottery?

Response given by Mrs. J.R. Turner

I am surprised if Guildford are doing this. They must be running out of money very fast because to remove these nests costs a lot of money. We can only do what we can do. We have to spend to get rid of these and it's not that easy. We will be doing all we can to protect people and to help them to avoid these nests but as I say this actually isn't just going to disappear in two or three weeks' time. This is going to go on for several years. It is not of our making and I only hope that the birds then decide that these caterpillars are tasty and eat them, and if they do then we're saved.

Supplementary Question by Mrs. C. Elmer

Does the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Cultural Services agree with me that the recent visit we had on the Countryside Tour was most informative?

We went around the Borough and we saw a lot of these nests on the Commons' trees. Would she also agree with me that we would like to thank the work of the Countryside Team and the Rangers for explaining to us in such a succinct fashion about how terrible this is and how it is in fact endemic in the Borough and it's almost impossible to eradicate?

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Response given by Mrs. J.R. Turner

Thank you Councillor Mrs. Elmer and I would encourage every Member in this room to go on the Countryside Tour. This was an extremely interesting Tour and that's another reason why I've asked the officers to send you the report from the Countryside Team, because it is interesting and it will give you things that we can't talk about here this evening, so please do come to the next tour as I'm sure you will find it very enlightening.

Supplementary Question by Rachael I. Lake

I note the comment that we will have this plague for several years and I wondered whether the Portfolio Holder would agree that publicising this on our notice boards across the countryside and in our parks should be a priority? It's very well Councillors knowing about it but it's people that use our countryside that really need to know more about it.

Response given by Mrs. J.R. Turner

We're already ahead of the game. The notices are out and it's been in the local papers. Anywhere where these caterpillars are a danger, there is a notice and there is a notice near the nest as well so it's very well publicised.

4. Question asked by S. Bax to the Leader of the Council, S.J. Selleck

'Heathrow's intention to relax the westerly preference, along with the introduction of Independent Parallel Approaches could result in thousands of additional aircraft movements over our Borough. And because of Precision Based Navigation these will be unfairly routed over the same householders, including our residents in Molesey. What will his Administration do to prevent this?'

Response given by S.J. Selleck

As Councillor Bax is aware from previous consultation responses, Elmbridge has always stated that any changes to airspace should not have a detrimental impact on the residents in our Borough, especially in terms of noise and air quality. We continue to be concerned at the number of consultations that Heathrow are carrying out as they are extremely complex and have short response times. We are aware of upcoming consultations on 1. Steeper take-offs; 2. Independent Parallel Approaches (IPA); 3. The Compton Route; and of course the current Runway 3 consultation – which in our opinion overshadows some of the 'smaller' consultations.

As a former Chair of the Heathrow Task and Finish Group you are aware of the Council position on IPA proposals. IPA proposals are deeply concerning and we made our standpoint clear in the recent consultation on airspace changes at the Individual Cabinet Member Decision Making meeting.

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We have recently been made aware of a further consultation by Heathrow on changes to the Compton route (Easterly operations) which could result in further flights being concentrated over Molesey and Walton. We intend to make our position clear in the coming consultation and have already been involved in setting design principles for airspace changes on the Compton route. There is a follow up workshop on 16 August 2019.

Stakeholders such as Local Authorities Aircraft Noise Council (LAANC), the Heathrow Community Noise Forum, the Heathrow Strategic Planning Group, which we are members of, are all being consulted by Heathrow and there are very strong views on Performance Based navigation (PBN). Planning Services are currently leading on the R3 (3rd runway) consultation.

We continually ask Heathrow to engage with us and they are visiting Elmbridge Borough Council on 30 July, at 6.30pm, to discuss the current expansion consultation – all Members have been invited. This would be a good opportunity to ask about IPA. We would ask that all Members and residents engage in the workshops, the various consultations and Groups that they are part of so that the Elmbridge voice is heard. The Heathrow R3 expansion documents are available in reception as we are a document inspection location.

Supplementary Question by S. Bax

Thank you Madam Mayor and I would like to thank the Leader for that informative answer and I wondered if you agree with me that the case for Heathrow expansion and a third runway is often being made because Heathrow say that they are at full capacity with their existing two runways and therefore I think to then introduce IPA will tend to undermine the case for that. Mr. Szanto is our representative on the Heathrow Community Noise Forum and has written to Heathrow objecting to the IPA on behalf of the Borough and the ending of the westerly preference and I understand that the MP, Mr. Dominic Raab, has done so as well and I'm just wondering whether he agrees with me that the Council ought to write, notwithstanding that will have a chance to speak to Heathrow in person on the 30th July. Does he therefore feel that the Council should send its own letter reiterating our concerns because, if I may say, we've had a lot of consultations as he alludes to and we all have our say, but I'm not exactly sure that we're being listen to.

Response given by S.J. Selleck

I will obviously consult with officers as any further representations that we can make on behalf of our residents is a very positive thing to do, but I would also ask him because I think he has the ear of our MP, whether he could, on behalf of this Council, make stronger representations to our MP, whatever position he gets in a new Government, to present our case. It's something that should be considered very seriously and places like Molesey and Walton should be considered special cases.

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Supplementary Question by T. Popham

Would the Leader not agree with me that if our MP, who supports the third runway at Heathrow, was actually on our side I think we could stop a lot of the flights coming over Molesey?

Response given by S.J. Selleck

It is unfortunate that our MP has different views than some of the residents of Elmbridge but that's his privilege and I'm sure he is well aware of the views of this Council because he's seen letters from myself on these issues before. I think is up to us to lobby him as much as possible.

20/19 Urgency Decisions

Members received a report in respect of decisions taken as a matter of urgency relating to the commissioning of a written specification outlining the necessary works needed to re-open the Hersham Village Hall, including project management costs for the project.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

21/19 Reports of Cabinet / Committees and Sub-Committee etc.

Resolved that the reports of the Cabinet and the following Committees at the meetings held on the dates shown, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved:

Audit and Standards Committee	15 May 2019
Licensing Committee	15 May 2019
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15 May 2019
Planning Committee	15 May 2019
Shareholder Committee (Housing)	15 May 2019
Audit and Standards Committee	29 May 2019
Cabinet	5 June 2019
Planning Committee	11 June 2019
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	13 June 2019
Appointments Sub-Committee	17 June 2019
Licensing Committee	24 June 2019

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Individual Cabinet Member Decision Making - Resources	28 June 2019
Cabinet	3 July 2019
Shareholder Committee (Housing)	4 July 2019

22/19 Notice of Motion

Members of the Council considered a Notice of Motion which was moved by Mrs. M. Marshall and seconded by Tricia W. Bland.

The Notice of Motion was in the following terms:

'This Council notes:

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. Global temperatures have already increased by 1°C from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO₂ levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm). The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October 2018 gave us just twelve years to implement changes to keep global warming at a maximum of 1.5°C in order to avoid widespread drought, food scarcity, heat related deaths and loss of biodiversity, including insects and vital food crop pollinators.

At present the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050. In order to reduce the chance of runaway global warming and limit the effects of climate breakdown, it is imperative that we as a species reduce our CO₂ eq (carbon equivalent) emissions from their current 6.5 tons per person per year (14 tons per year in Elmbridge) to less than two tons pa as soon as possible.

1. Individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own. Society needs to change its laws, taxation and infrastructure to make low carbon living easier and the new norm;
2. Carbon emissions result from both production and consumption;
3. The borough has already made some positive progress, but this is not enough. More can and must be done. The IPCC in its October 2018 report was very clear that action from all parts of society is necessary and local government has a responsibility to lead the way; and
4. Local governments around the world are therefore responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and taking positive action to address this emergency.

Elmbridge Borough Council believes that:

- 1) All levels of government (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown. Local councils that

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recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies;

- 2) Elmbridge is already suffering from flooding problems, and a significant proportion of its population and a large number of its settlements are located on low or flood plain areas which would be severely affected by more frequent and extreme storms and rainfall both in the borough and up river. The consequences of the global temperature rising above 1.5°C are potentially so severe that preventing this from happening is a number one priority; and
- 3) Bold local climate action can deliver economic and social benefits in terms of new green jobs, economic savings and market opportunities, as well as much improved well-being for the people living and working in Elmbridge – for example through reducing fuel poverty and energy bills, encouraging healthy, active travel and improving green spaces and access to nature.

This Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Pledge to make Elmbridge carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions; and
3. Report to full Council within six months setting out the immediate action the council will take to address this emergency, offer best efforts to forecast progress towards meeting the 2030 target and produce a methodology to compare the Borough with other local lower tier districts.

References:

IPCC Website: <https://www.ipcc.ch/>

IPCC Report: https://report.ipcc.ch/sr15/pdf/sr15_spm_final.pdf '

Arising from consideration of the proposed Notice of Motion, J.W. Browne queried whether the reference to 'Elmbridge' within point two of the proposed Motion referred to 'Elmbridge Borough Council' or 'the Borough of Elmbridge'. In response, Mrs. M. Marshall confirmed that the reference within the proposed Notice of Motion should read 'Elmbridge Borough Council'.

M.F. Howard, seconded by J.W. Browne, moved the following amendment:

'That in respect of the proposed Notice of Motion

- 1) Delete the entirety of paragraph 2 and insert as follows:
"Commit to working closely with the Government, the Environment Agency, Surrey County Council, our borough and district colleagues,

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local businesses, our residents and other partners in order to match locally the Government's announcement that the UK will eradicate its net contribution to climate change by 2050."; and

2) In paragraph 3, delete "2030" and replace with "2050".

Remainder of motion to proceed as drafted.'

A. Coomes requested a recorded vote, whereupon there voted:

In support of the Amendment:

S. Bax, M.J. Bennison, J.W. Browne, Mrs. H.C. Butler, B.J.F. Cheyne, Mrs. C.J. Cross, G.P. Dearlove, M.F. Howard, A. Kelly, A.H. Kopitko, Rachael I. Lake, D.J. Lewis, Mrs. R. Mitchell, Mrs. C. Richardson, Mrs. C. Sood and S.J. Waugh. (16)

Against the Amendment:

Ms. R. Ahmed, M. Axton, Tricia W. Bland, T. Catton, A. Coomes, A. Davis, Mrs. C. Elmer, B. Fairbank, C.R. Green, N. Haig-Brown, P.M. Harman, N. Houston, C. James, Mrs. S.R. Kapadia, Mrs. V. Macleod, Mrs. M. Marshall, Mrs. K. Randolph, M. Rollings, C.R. Sadler, S.J. Selleck, Mrs. T. Shipley, Mrs. J.R. Turner, R.C.J. Williams, G.L. Woolgar and Mrs. L.A. Yauner. (25)

Abstained:

D.J. Archer, Mrs. D.M. Mitchell, T. Popham and Mrs. M.C. Sheldon. (4)

The Mayor declared the amendment to be LOST.

In the interests of clarity, A. Kelly sought confirmation as to whether Mrs. M. Marshall and Tricia W. Bland would be willing to amend point two of their proposed Notice of Motion to read:

'2. Pledge to make Elmbridge Borough Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions; and'

Mrs. M. Marshall and Tricia W. Bland confirmed that they would be willing to amend point 2. of their proposed Notice of Motion to reflect this clarification.

