

MINUTES of the ANNUAL
MEETING of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in
the Council Chamber, Council
Offices, Godalming on
13 May 2008 at 7.00 pm

* Councillor M W Byham (Mayor)

Councillors:

* Mrs J I Arrick	* R A Knowles
* C R Baily	* Ms D Le Gal
* M H W Band	Dr N J Lee
* L C Bate	* A J Lovell
* Mrs G M Beel	* P J Martin
* M W Byham	* T E Martin
* Mrs E Cable	* B J Morgan
* M Causey	* S N Mulliner
* Mrs C Cockburn	* D J Munro
* S P Connolly	S J O'Grady
* V Duckett	* S L Pritchard
J H B Edwards	* K T Reed
* B A Ellis	* S Renshaw
* Mrs P Ellis	* S N Reynolds
* Mrs L J Fleming	* I E Sampson
* Mrs P M Frost	* J R Sandy
* R D Frost	Mrs C E Savage
* R J Gates	J M Savage
* M R Goodridge	* R J Steel
* R A Gordon-Smith	* A E B Taylor-Smith
* Mrs J P Hargreaves	* J R Thomson
S L Hill	A P Thorp
* N P Holder	* J A Ward
* J P Hubble	Mrs N Warner-O'Neill
* S R E Inchbald	* K Webster
* P B Isherwood	* R A Welland
* Mrs D M James	* Mrs L Wheatley
* Mrs C A King	* C A Wilson

* Present

At the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend John Bundock of Bramley.

1. PAST MAYORESS'S BADGES

For many years, previous Mayors had commented that many other Surrey Borough Mayors provided a past mayoress's badge as a token of thanks to their Mayoress for their valuable work supporting them during their year of office. Last year's Mayor, Councillor David Inman, felt that this was a sad omission and raised the issue with the officers, at the same time securing a possible source of sponsorship for the initial setting up cost. Charterhouse School, through the kind offices of its bursar, David Williams, agreed to fund the initial cost of setting up the die.

The Mayor presented badges as a small token of gratitude of both Waverley and the individual past Mayors for their past Mayoress's efforts to:-

Denys and Maria Kinsella (1989/90)
 Michael and Bernadette Blower (1995/96)
 Pieter and Doreen Blower (1999/2000)
 John and Clare Sandy (2000/01)
 Michael and Hilary Goodridge (2001/02)
 Brian and Patricia Ellis (2002/03)
 Victor Duckett and Janet Maines (2004/05)
 David and Patsy Inman (2006/07)

2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Mayor for the year 2008/2009.

It was proposed by Councillor R J Gates and seconded by Councillor Mrs P M Frost that Councillor L C Bate be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor L C Bate be elected Mayor for the year 2008/2009.

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having been invested with the Mayoral Robes and Chain of Office, Councillor Bate made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

The Mayor thanked his proposer and seconder for their words of support. He promised to do his best in justifying the confidence placed in him for undertaking the role and thanked all councillors for having faith in him. He also thanked his wife Merrill for supporting him in his political career and commented that she would be an asset to the Borough as his mayoress.

The Mayor said that he looked forward to a year of raising profiles and that he would play a vital role in the Borough encouraging organisations to work together and achieve greater aims. He wanted to work with local businesses and the military to see how they can help each other.

He informed the Council that he planned to have a Mayoral page on the Waverley website where councillors and the public could keep up to date with what was happening. He had chosen to support two charities personal to him in his year of office, the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham and Crossways - a professional counselling service.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J H B Edwards, S L Hill, Dr N J Lee, J M Savage, Mrs C E Savage, A P Thorp and Mrs N Warner-O'Neill. Cllr S J O'Grady apologised that he may arrive late.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the year 2008/2009.

It was proposed by Councillor R D Frost and seconded by Councillor R J Gates that Councillor Mrs P M Frost be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs P M Frost be appointed Deputy Mayor for the year 2008/2009.

6. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Mrs Frost made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked her proposer and seconder for her nomination and their kind words.

7. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mrs C Cockburn proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor M W Byham. She commented that some people were born Mayors, some achieve Mayorship and others have it thrust upon them - and that Cllr Byham was a born Mayor. She praised him for the charm and dignity with which he presided in the Council Chamber and how he had shown a genuine interest in every person he had met in his public role.

Cllr K T Reed seconded the vote of thanks and cited the Evening Standard's claim that Cllr Byham was the "greenest" man in England. He added that Cllr Byham had brought integrity and courteousness to the fore in his year of office.

Councillor V Duckett congratulated the Mayor and endorsed the comments already made.

Councillor S N Mulliner, as last Town Mayor standing for 2007-08 in Haslemere, said that he had very happy memories of working with Cllr Byham during their Mayoral year.

Councillor Byham responded by thanking everyone for a wonderful array of kind words. He informed the Council that being Mayor is the most rewarding and humbling experience, providing an opportunity to meet volunteers of charities and organisations who are doing things because they care about their communities.

The two highlights of his year had been the Landrat of Mayen Koblenz visit and the Scouting Centenary. He had also enjoyed opportunities to visit schools, attend youth sporting events, concerts and plays. He praised the Chief Executive who had arrived at Waverley shortly after the Annual Council meeting in 2007 and how she had needed to deal immediately with the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Cllr Byham thanked his chaplain, John Bundock, and his Mayoress for the wonderful year they had spent together.

8. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 April 2008 were confirmed and signed.

9. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council of the following dates:

- 22.06.08 - Civic Service at St Andrew's Church in Farnham
- 26.06.08 - A visit to RAF Odiham for Waverley Councillors.
- 10.07.08 - Volunteers' Garden Party
- 05.10.08 - Sponsored walk around Frensham Ponds.

The Mayor also thanked David January, Strategic Director (Housing and Community) who was retiring after more than twenty years at Waverley. The Deputy Mayor thanked David for all the effort and hard work he had put into the housing service over the years.

10. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor M H W Band and seconded by Councillor Mrs P M Frost that Councillor R J Gates be appointed Leader of the Council for the year 2008/2009. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor R J Gates be appointed Leader of the Council for the year 2008/2009.

Councillor Gates thanked his proposer and seconder for their kind words and informed the Council that he appreciated their confidence and would continue to do his best to serve the residents of this outstanding borough.

11. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER

It was proposed by Councillor J R Sandy and seconded by Councillor S N Mulliner that Councillor M H W Band be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for 2008-2009. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor M H W Band be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the year 2008/2009.

12. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

Having amended paragraph 1.1 of Appendix A to read 'up to eight other members...' it was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED that the Executive be constituted as follows for the year 2008/2009:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Main Corporate Plan Priority</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
Cllr R J Gates	Affordable Housing	Corporate Strategy, Housing, East Street
Cllr M H W Band	Value for Money	Finance, Best Value (Cranleigh PC Liaison)
Cllr Mrs C A Cockburn	Environment	Planning, Major Projects, Community Safety
Cllr Mrs C A King	Improving Lives	Youth, Children and Young People
Cllr R A Knowles	Improving Lives	Local Economy, Car Parking and Strategy, On-Street Enforcement (Haslemere TC Liaison)
Cllr Ms D M-R Le Gal	Value for Money	Human Resources, Member Development, Property, Equality and Diversity
Cllr B J Morgan	Value for Money	Partnerships, Community Engagement, Enhanced Two-tier Working (Villages Liaison)
Cllr J R Sandy	Environment	Climate Change, Neighbourhood Environmental Services (Godalming TC Liaison)
Cllr R J Steel	Leisure	Sport Leisure and Culture (Farnham TC Liaison)
Cllr A E B Taylor-Smith	Value for Money	Customer Care, Communications, and IT

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS)
REGULATIONS 1990

RESOLVED that the principal Committees of the Council for the year 2008/2009 be constituted as follows:-

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Corporate (17)

Cllr Mrs J I Arrick
Cllr M Causey

Cllr P J Martin
Cllr T E Martin

Cllr S P Connolly	Cllr S N Mulliner
Cllr V Duckett	Cllr K T Reed
Cllr B A Ellis	Cllr S Renshaw
Cllr Mrs P M Frost	Cllr S N Reynolds
Cllr R D Frost	Cllr J A Ward
Cllr J P Hubble	Cllr Mrs L Wheatley
Cllr P B Isherwood	

<u>Substitutes (C)</u>	<u>Substitutes (LD)</u>	<u>Substitutes (I)</u>
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Cllr Mrs P Ellis Cllr R A Welland	Cllr Mrs C E Savage	Cllr Mrs D M James
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Community (17 Waverley)

Cllr Mrs E Cable	Cllr I E Sampson
Cllr M Causey	Cllr Mrs C E Savage
Cllr S P Connolly	Cllr J R Thomson
Cllr V Duckett	Cllr Mrs N Warner-O'Neill
Cllr Mrs P Ellis	Cllr K Webster
Cllr S L Hill	Cllr R A Welland
Cllr J P Hubble	Cllr Mrs L Wheatley
Cllr Dr N Lee	Cllr C A Wilson
Cllr S J O'Grady	

<u>Substitutes (Con)</u>	<u>Substitute (LD)</u>	<u>Substitute (I)</u>
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Cllr Mrs G M Beel Cllr N P Holder	Cllr J M Savage	Cllr A Lovell
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[Note: Mrs J Rawlings and Miss P Wright from the Tenants' Panel also serve on this Committee]

Environment and Leisure (17)

Cllr M W Byham	Cllr K T Reed
Cllr J H B Edwards	Cllr S N Reynolds
Cllr B A Ellis	Cllr I E Sampson
Cllr Mrs P Ellis	Cllr Mrs J R Thomson
Cllr M R Goodridge	Cllr J A Ward
Cllr R A Gordon-Smith	Cllr N Warner-O'Neill
Cllr N P Holder	Cllr R A Welland
Cllr Mrs D M James	Cllr C A Wilson
Cllr A Lovell	

<u>Substitutes (Con)</u>	<u>Substitute (LD)</u>	<u>Substitute (I)</u>
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Cllr J P Hubble Cllr K Webster	Cllr J M Savage	Cllr V Duckett
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REGULATORY COMMITTEES

Licensing and Regulatory

Cllr Mrs G M Beel	Cllr J P Hubble
Cllr M W Byham	Cllr Mrs C A King
Cllr Mrs E Cable	Cllr P B Isherwood
Cllr V Duckett	Cllr R A Knowles
Cllr R D Frost	Cllr B J Morgan
Cllr N P Holder	Cllr J M Savage

Substitutes (Con) Substitute (LD) Substitute (I)

Cllr S P Connolly	Cllr Mrs C E Savage	Cllr Mrs D M James
Cllr I E Sampson		
Cllr K Webster		

Joint Planning Committee

Cllr Mrs J I Arrick	Cllr Ms D Le Gal
Cllr C R Baily	Cllr Dr N Lee
Cllr M H W Band	Cllr A Lovell
Cllr M W Byham	Cllr P J Martin
Cllr Mrs E Cable	Cllr T E Martin
Cllr Mrs C Cockburn	Cllr B J Morgan
Cllr S P Connolly	Cllr S N Mulliner
Cllr J H B Edwards	Cllr S J O'Grady
Cllr B A Ellis	Cllr S L Pritchard
Cllr Mrs P Ellis	Cllr K T Reed
Cllr Mrs L J Fleming	Cllr S Renshaw
Cllr Mrs P M Frost	Cllr S N Reynolds
Cllr R D Frost	Cllr I E Sampson
Cllr R J Gates	Cllr Mrs C E Savage
Cllr M R Goodridge	Cllr J M Savage
Cllr Mrs J P Hargreaves	Cllr R J Steel
Cllr N P Holder	Cllr A E B Taylor-Smith
Cllr J P Hubble	Cllr A P Thorp
Cllr S R E Inchbald	Cllr Mrs J R Thomson
Cllr D C Inman	Cllr J A Ward
Cllr P B Isherwood	Cllr Mrs N Warner-O'Neill
Cllr Mrs D M James	Cllr R A Welland
Cllr Mrs C A King	Cllr Mrs L Wheatley
Cllr R A Knowles	Cllr C A Wilson

OTHER COMMITTEES

Standards (6 Waverley)

Cllr R A Gordon-Smith	Cllr Mrs C A King
Cllr V Duckett	Cllr D J Munro
Cllr M R Goodridge	Cllr J M Savage

[Note: Cllr F N J Davies (Independent Member and Chairman), Miss K Heenan and Cllr D Wheatley (Independent Members) also serve on this Committee.]

Audit (7)

Cllr M Causey	Cllr S N Mulliner
Cllr S L Hill	Cllr K T Reed
Cllr N P Holder	Cllr Mrs N Warner-O'Neill
Cllr Mrs D M James	

Appeals Panel (4 from a pool of 12)

[To be appointed at the July Council meeting].

Emergency Advisory Group (4)

[To be appointed at the July Council meeting].

SCC Local Committee (9 Waverley) (Operates under SCC Standing Orders)

Cllr M W Byham	Cllr A Lovell
Cllr B A Ellis	Cllr R J Steel
Cllr S P Connolly	Cllr K Webster
Cllr R A Gordon-Smith	Cllr J A Ward
Cllr R A Knowles	

Substitutes (Con)

Cllr R D Frost
Cllr B J Morgan
Cllr S N Reynolds

Substitute (I)

Cllr V Duckett

The meeting concluded at 8.33 p.m.

Mayor