

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY  
MEETING of the WAVERLEY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the  
Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Godalming on 4 November 2008 at  
7.00 pm

Cllr Len Bate (Mayor)

\* Cllr Mrs Pat Frost (Deputy Mayor) (in the Chair)

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| * Cllr Mrs Jean Arrick     | * Cllr Robert Knowles           |
| * Cllr Cyril Baily         | * Cllr Ms Denise Le Gal         |
| * Cllr Mike Band           | * Cllr Dr Nicky Lee             |
| Cllr Mrs Gillian Beel      | Cllr Alan Lovell                |
| * Cllr Maurice Byham       | Cllr Peter Martin               |
| * Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable | * Cllr Tom Martin               |
| Cllr Mike Causey           | * Cllr Bryn Morgan              |
| Cllr Mrs Carole Cockburn   | * Cllr Stephen Mulliner         |
| * Cllr Stuart Connolly     | Cllr David Munro                |
| * Cllr Victor Duckett      | * Cllr Stephen O'Grady          |
| Cllr Jim Edwards           | * Cllr Samuel Pritchard         |
| * Cllr Brian Ellis         | * Cllr Ken Reed                 |
| * Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis  | * Cllr Steven Renshaw           |
| * Cllr Mrs Lucinda Fleming | * Cllr Stefan Reynolds          |
| Cllr Bob Frost             | Cllr Ian Sampson                |
| * Cllr Richard Gates       | * Cllr John Sandy               |
| * Cllr Michael Goodridge   | * Cllr Mrs Celia Savage         |
| * Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith   | * Cllr John Savage              |
| * Cllr Mrs Jill Hargreaves | * Cllr Roger Steel              |
| * Cllr Stephen Hill        | * Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith        |
| * Cllr Nicholas Holder     | * Cllr Ms Jane Thomson          |
| Cllr Julian Hubble         | Cllr Andrew Thorp               |
| * Cllr Simon Inchbald      | * Cllr John Ward                |
| Cllr David Inman           | Cllr Mrs Nerissa Warner-O'Neill |
| Cllr Peter Isherwood       | * Cllr Keith Webster            |
| * Cllr Mrs Diane James     | * Cllr Ross Welland             |
| * Cllr Mrs Carole King     | * Cllr Mrs Liz Wheatley         |

\* Cllr Andrew Wilson

\* Present

At the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Margaret Jackson.

35. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Pat Frost, was in the chair for the meeting and presented a certificate to Cllr Sam Pritchard for winning I'm a Councillor Get Me Out of Here, an initiative to encourage youth engagement in democracy during Local Democracy Week. Members of the Top Youth Council attended the meeting during the presentation.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor (Cllr Leonard Bate), Councillors Mrs Beel, Causey, Mrs Cockburn, Edwards, Bob Frost, Hubble, Inman, Isherwood, Lovell, Peter Martin, Mr Savage and Mrs Warner-O'Neill.

37. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Roger Steel declared a personal interest in East Street because of his involvement with objectors to the East Street scheme before he became a councillor. Cllr Stephen O'Grady declared a personal interest as a Farnham Town Councillor.

38. QUESTIONS

The following question to the Mayor had been received from Mrs Thurston, in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

"It is understood that Waverley Borough Council is considering issuing a Compulsory Purchase Order for the F and C Asset Management land to facilitate the regeneration plans for the East Street area of Farnham.

F and C Asset Management took part in the original competition to develop the East Street site under the name of Friends, Ivory and Sime, and subsequently put in a regeneration plan involving their own land and part of the Waverley-owned site.

If F and C Asset Management decide to oppose the Compulsory Purchase procedure, it could be very expensive for Waverley. With 5848 objections to the Crest Nicholson scheme, the leading groups involved are likely to engage barristers to stand alongside the legal team of F and C Asset Management.

In the Sunday Times dated 19 October, it is reported that Crest Nicholson is in danger of breaking its banking covenants before the end of the year. Will Crest Nicholson be in a position to finance Waverley Borough Council in this venture, and if it is not successful, will it pay the legal fees? If Councillors vote for this action, do they feel that they can justify the financial risks involved if the compulsory purchase bid fails?"

The Executive Portfolio Holder for East Street, Cllr Richard Gates, gave the following reply:-

"Thank you for your question. Councillors have received a very comprehensive briefing paper on the compulsory purchase process and the risks, time and costs associated with this and they will no doubt bear the relevant considerations in mind when making a decision".

39. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive relating to East Street, Farnham held on 3 November 2008 be approved and adopted.

- i. East Street, Farnham - Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order (Minute No. 115)

It was clarified that the scheme included 72 new affordable housing units, whilst the report referred to "at least 60 units".

It was moved and seconded that a new recommendation 26A be added, as follows:-

"26A. the Council confirms that landowner sanction given under Minutes 35 and 36 of the recommendations of the Executive meeting of 8 October 2007, as adopted by the Council meeting on 16 October 2007, applies to the scheme approved as application WA/2008/0279."

Having been put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED.

[Cllr Mrs James wished to have it recorded that she abstained from voting on recommendations 26-30 relating to this item].

- ii. East Street, Farnham - Contractual Matters (Minute No. 116)

Cllrs Victor Duckett and Mrs Diane James asked to have their votes recorded against Recommendation 31 and Cllr Mrs Diane James voted against recommendation 34.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 3 November 2008 relating to East Street, Farnham be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

40. PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR EAST STREET

Before the close of the meeting, the Leader announced that he was handing over the East Street portfolio to Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith, with immediate effect.

The meeting concluded at 8.07 p.m.

Mayor