MINUTES of the MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Godalming on 21 July 2009 at 7.00 pm

## \* Cllr Mrs Pat Frost (Mayor) \* Cllr Mrs Carole Cockburn (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Mrs Jean Arrick

\* Cllr Mike Band
Cllr Len Bate

\* Cllr Mrs Gillian Beel

\* Cllr Maurice Byham

\* Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable
Cllr Mike Causey

\* Cllr Stuart Connolly

\* Cllr Victor Duckett

\* Cllr Jim Edwards

\* Cllr Brian Ellis
Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis
Cllr Mrs Lucinda Fleming

\* Cllr Mrs Mary Foryszewski

\* Cllr Bob Frost

 \* Cllr Michael Goodridge
 \* Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith Cllr Mrs Jill Hargreaves
 \* Cllr Stephen Hill Cllr Nicholas Holder
 \* Cllr Julian Hubble

Cllr Richard Gates

\* Cllr David Inman\* Cllr Peter Isherwood\* Cllr Mrs Diane James

Cllr Simon Inchbald

\* Cllr Mrs Carole King

Cllr Robert Knowles

\* Cllr Ms Denise Le Gal

\* Cllr Dr Nicky Lee

\* Cllr Alan Lovell

\* Cllr Peter Martin

\* Cllr Tom Martin

\* Cllr Bryn Morgan

\* Cllr Stephen Mulliner

\* Cllr David Munro

\* Cllr Stephen O'Grady

\* Cllr Samuel Pritchard

\* Cllr Ken Reed

Cllr Steven Renshaw

\* Cllr Stefan Reynolds

\* Cllr lan Sampson

\* Cllr John Sandy

\* Cllr Mrs Celia Savage

\* Cllr John Savage Cllr Roger Steel

\* Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith Cllr Ms Jane Thomson

\* Cllr Andrew Thorp

\* Cllr John Ward

Cllr Mrs Nerissa Warner-O'Neill

\* Cllr Keith Webster

\* Cllr Ross Welland

\* Cllr Mrs Liz Wheatley

Cllr Andrew Wilson

#### \* Present

At the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Sandy Cavalier of St. Peter's, Wrecclesham.

## 17. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2009 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2009 were confirmed and signed.

#### 18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Len Bate, Mike Causey, Mrs Patricia Ellis, Mrs Lucinda Fleming, Nicholas Holder, Simon Inchbald, Robert Knowles, Steven Renshaw, Ms Jane Thomson, Mrs Nerissa Warner-O'Neill and Andrew Wilson.

### 19. <u>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS</u>

Councillor Mike Band declared a personal interest in Item 40 – Direct Performance of Requirements of an Enforcement Notice as it is in his Ward.

## 20. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed councillors of the change of date of the next Council meeting from 13 October to 20 October.

The Mayor then informed the Council that there had recently been a Royal visit to the Borough from Princess Alexander when she had visited Hambledon.

## 21. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following questions to the Mayor had been received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

## i) <u>from Mrs Anne Cooper of Farnham</u>

"At the Council meeting of 21 April in answer to a question, I was told that Leisure and Tourism and the aims of the Cultural Strategy would be considered in the Local Development Framework and that a further public consultation would be arranged on the Core Strategy once it had progressed.

Could you please tell me what progress has been made on the Core Strategy so far and when we can expect the further public consultation?"

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Richard Gates, gave the following response:

"Thank you Mrs Cooper. I can confirm that work is progressing on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. The current timetable is for there to be consultations on housing options in the autumn with further consultations for the preferred options for the Core Strategy currently scheduled to take place in February/March 2010. I will ensure you get a written reply."

# ii) from Mr Jerry Hyman, Chairman of Friends of Farnham Park, regarding the Miniplan Consultation:

"Mr Mayor, Waverley have in the recent past been good enough to extend consultation periods where appropriate in order to ensure due process, and to account for new information arising and other material considerations.

Friends of Farnham Park are genuinely concerned about the effect of the IAS and Delivery Framework on the nature of Farnham Park and we feel that the public response cannot be considered to be 'informed' unless they are allowed the opportunity to consider

- (i) the alternative proposals for new private SANG at the Farnham Park Hotel,
- (ii) corrections of the many errors and omissions within the consultation papers,
- (iii) the likely effects of the different options on the Park and the endangered birds,
- (iv) a proper ("appropriate") assessment of the proposed strategy

In our opinion it is otherwise unlikely that the process can be considered sound or robust, and so risks a repeat of the same mistakes that caused the failure of the previous draft Core Strategy at its EiP.

Our question is, will the Council please now commit to further consultation, and if not, can you please justify that decision?"

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Richard Gates, gave the following response:

"Thank you Mr Hyman for your question. The consultation period is six weeks, which the Council considered is an adequate time period to enable responses to be prepared. However, I am prepared to make a special dispensation for the Friends of Farnham Park so that they can meet and discuss this matter. We will therefore accept the Friends of Farnham Park response up to 5pm on 7th August. There will be a written reply."

### 22. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

## 22.1 Meeting of 19 May 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 19 May 2009 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

#### 22.2 Meeting of 9 June 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 9 June 2009 be approved and adopted.

i. Local Housing Company – Waverley Initiatives Limited (Minute No. 21)

The Council acknowledged the work undertaken by the Tenants' Panel in the Negative Housing Subsidy Campaign.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 9 June 2009 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

## 22.3 Meeting of 7 July 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 7 July 2009 be approved and adopted, subject to the correction of the date in resolutions 51(2) to read "2012".

i. Recruitment of a Strategic Director (Minute No. 31)

Cllr Mrs D M James asked that her vote against Recommendations No.14 and15 be recorded.

ii. New Powers for Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Introduction of a Protocol for Dealing with a Councillor Call for Action and Other Developments (Minute No. 32)

It was proposed, and the Council agreed, that the words "Chairman's consideration" be amended to read "Chairman's and Vice Chairman's consideration the word "exhausted" be replaced by "explored" and the words "single ward" be replaced by "local area" if Government regulations allowed.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 7 July 2009 earlier that evening be approved subject to the above amendment and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

## 22.4 Meeting of 21 July 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 21 July 2009 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

## 23. MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## 23.1 <u>Meeting of 11 May 2009</u>

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 11 May 2009 be approved.

## 23.2 <u>Meeting of 20 May 2009</u>

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 20 May 2009 be approved.

#### 24. MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Planning Committee held on 12 May 2009 be approved.

## 25. <u>MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE</u>

## 25.1 Meeting of 27 April 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 27 April 2009 be approved.

#### 25.2 Meeting of 12 May 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 12 May 2009 be approved.

#### 25.3 Meeting of 8 June 2009

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 8 June 2009 be approved.

#### 26. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 29 June 2009 be approved.

## 27. ANNUAL REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Council received the Annual Reports from the Community, Corporate and Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committees which had been endorsed at their June meetings.

Cllr Mrs D M James did not agree to endorse the Annual Report of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and asked that this be recorded.

The meeting concluded at 8.32 p.m.

Mayor