

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Godalming on
20 April 2010 at 6.45 pm

* Cllr Mrs Pat Frost (Mayor)

* Cllr Mrs Carole Cockburn (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Mrs Jean Arrick	* Cllr Robert Knowles
* Cllr Mike Band	* Cllr Ms Denise Le Gal
* Cllr Len Bate	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 Stuart Connolly	* Cllr Stephen Mulliner
* Cllr Victor Duckett	* Cllr David Munro
Cllr Jim Edwards	* Cllr Stephen O'Grady
* Cllr Brian Ellis	* Cllr Samuel Pritchard
* Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis	* Cllr Ken Reed
Cllr Mrs Lucinda Fleming	* Cllr Steven Renshaw
* Cllr Mrs Mary Foryszewski	* 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 Dr Anne Gell of St Peters Church, Wrecclesham.

59. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 February 2010 were confirmed and signed.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Edwards, Mrs Lucinda Fleming, Mrs Jill Hargreaves, Dr Nicky Lee, Alan Lovell, Ms Jane Thomson and Mrs Nerissa Warner-O'Neill.

61. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no interests raised under this heading.

62. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council that the Poppy Appeal had almost reached their target of collecting £1 million across Surrey and that more money had been raised in Waverley than anywhere else. She also congratulated Cllr Sandy and Waverley for a special award that had been presented to the Council by Aylesford Print for consistently providing good quality paper and magazines for recycling. This was supported by the continuing keen and committed recycling efforts of the residents in the Borough.

The Mayor reminded councillors that the final event of the mayoral year would be her Charity Ball which would be held on Friday 7 May at Farnham Castle.

63. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question to the Mayor had been received from Mr Hyman of Farnham in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

“Madam Mayor,

If Farnham Park were functioning effectively as a SANG to mitigate the effects of urbanisation around the protected heaths, then we would expect the average distance travelled by Park users that also use the heaths to have increased. However the 2007 and 2009 Farnham Park User Surveys appear to indicate the opposite.

According to the *Waddensee* judgment, for development in Farnham to be lawfully consented without restriction, Waverley requires "convincing evidence" that the mitigation is effective.

Accepting that using accessible existing spaces as SANGS could not be assumed to be a robust strategy, the South East Plan Panel limited Waverley's housing allocation to 250 dpa and specifically stated their assumption that it could all be placed outside the TBHSPA 5km zone.

Can you please state categorically whether or not this council accepts that in the circumstances, the effect of *Waddensee* is to restrict the amount of new housing that can be built in Farnham?”

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Cllr Richard Gates, responded as follows:-

“It is too early to draw such conclusions, even if they were logically accurate, from the surveys of Farnham Park in 2007 and 2009, not least because the number of completed developments is insufficient (only around 100 dwellings occupied and with only around 300 where contributions have been received and spent) while the management measures to direct existing users away from the SPA have yet to be put in place by Natural England. In any case the specific purpose of

the Avoidance Strategy is to encourage the occupiers of new development to use SANG rather than the SPA. This may also so encourage the occupants of existing developments but that is not the primary purpose of a SANG. There is no requirement for a SANG for existing developments.

It will be for the LDF Core Strategy to consider how to meet South East Plan targets for new housing in the period up to 2026. In agreeing a Core Strategy the Council will consider all the relevant guidance and legislation (including that relevant to protecting the SPA) together with the views of Waverley residents. The Council has recently concluded a wide ranging consultation on the options for meeting these housing targets and the comments received will inform the development of a draft preferred option for consultation later in the year.

It is, in our view, incorrect to state that the South East Plan Panel assumed that all 250 dwellings per annum should or could be built away from the TBHSPA. As has previously been made clear - the panel in making a case that Waverley's annual housing target should be increased from 230 dwellings to 250 dwellings assumed that the increase could fall outside the 5km zone, not the total number."

64. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

64.1 Meeting of 2 March 2010

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 2 March 2010 be approved and adopted.

i. Redundancy Payments - Locality Offices (Minute No. 204)

Councillor Mrs Diane James asked that her vote against recommendation 79 be recorded.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 2 March 2010 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

64.2 Meeting of 13 April 2010

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 13 April 2010 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

65. 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 22 March 2010 be approved.

66. MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 23 March 2010 be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

67. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

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 29 March 2010 be approved.

68. MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Joint Planning Committee held on 23 February and 10 March 2010 be approved, subject to the addition of Councillor O'Grady to the list of apologies for absence.

The meeting concluded at 8.00 p.m.

The Mayor pointed out that this was her last meeting, thanked all Councillors for their support and also expressed her gratitude to the officers.

Mayor