

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Godalming on
12 April 2011 at 7.31 p.m.

- * Cllr Mrs Carole Cockburn (Mayor)
- * Cllr Richard Gates (Deputy Mayor)

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| * Cllr Mrs Jean Arrick | * Cllr Robert Knowles |
| * Cllr Mike Band | Cllr Ms Denise Le Gal |
| * Cllr Leonard 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 Forszewski | * Cllr Stefan Reynolds |
| * Cllr Bob Frost | Cllr Ian Sampson |
| * Cllr Mrs Pat Frost | * 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

51. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 February 2011 were confirmed and signed.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Connolly, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Hargreaves, Hill, Hubble, Pritchard, Mrs Savage, Ms Thomson and Welland.

53. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

The following personal interests were raised in advance of and during the meeting:-

Name	Item	Interest
Cllrs Robert Knowles and Mike Band	Minute 176 of the Executive Minutes 29.03.11	As they both attended the LGC Awards Dinner at which their table was sponsored by White Young Green
Cllr Mrs Pat Frost	Minute 178 of the Executive minutes 29.03.11 (Air Quality)	As a Surrey County Councillor

54. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed the Waverley Apprentices to the Council meeting and invited them to introduce themselves to the Council and say a few words about how they had found their first few months in their various placements around the Council. The scheme was working very well and all apprentices were enjoying their jobs.

The Mayor reported that the Landrat had visited at the beginning of April and thanked everyone who had helped make the visit such a success. The Mayor commented that relationships and friendship with Mayen Koblenz continued to get stronger.

As the last Council meeting of this Council, the Mayor thanked the fifteen members of the Council who would not be standing for re-election, for their service on the Council and to the community in Waverley.

55. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question was received from Mrs Ann Thurston of Farnham:-

“Is this Council concerned that Crest Nicholson is now controlled by Varde, the American hedge fund? Varde intends to restructure the company and to cut the amount of money that it borrows. Crest’s main focus has always been on the building of large family homes and not small flats in market towns. Will this affect the future of the East Street Development?”

The Executive Portfolio Holder for East Street responded as follows:-

“Thank you for your question Mrs Thurston. You will be given a written response which I will read to you now. The short answer is no. I’m not concerned. Crest Nicholson like many other UK house builders over recent years have been forced to restructure as a consequence of the credit crunch and the slump in UK property values. This is a well-

documented legacy of tax and spend under the new Labour era and the very light bank regulations.

We are of course aware that Varde is in the process of taking effective control of Crest Nicholson. I see this as a positive move as Varde is in a position to restructure the Crest Nicholson business. Rather like the UK economy, Crest Nicholson has had too much debt. Varde is taking steps to re-gear Crest so the business is well placed to expand in what many house builders, particularly those in the South East, regard as an improving market. There are signs that the market is improving and Crest is seeing an upswing already in their business, focussed mainly in Southern England. Crest Nicholson has a track record of developing a wide range of sites and with planning permission for 239 homes and a significant planned investment in Farnham, we do not expect control by Varde to adversely affect the future of the East Street redevelopment.

I was indeed told today by Crest that they have spent in the region of £50,000 already progressing the detailed design work in relation to the Odeon cinema.”

56. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 29 March 2011, be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

[NB. Cllr Mrs James asked that her vote against on Recommendations 58 and 69 in Minute 164 and 165 be recorded. Cllr Victor Duckett wished to record that he had abstained from voting on Recommendation 58].

57. 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 8 March 2011 be approved.

58. 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 16 March 2011 be approved.

59. 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 Special Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 28 March 2011 be approved.

The meeting concluded at 8.39 p.m.

Mayor

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