MINUTES of the MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Godalming on 19 July 2011

* Cllr Richard Gates (Mayor) * Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith (Deputy Mayor)

- * Cllr Brian Adams
 - Cllr Stella Andersen-Payne
- * Cllr Mike Band Cllr Gillian Beel
- * Cllr Patrick Bladden
- * Cllr Maurice Byham
- * Cllr Elizabeth Cable
- * Cllr Carole Cockburn
- * Cllr Jim Edwards
- * Cllr Brian Ellis
- * Cllr Patricia Ellis
- * Cllr Jenny Else
- * Cllr Mary Foryszewski
 - **Cllr Pat Frost**
- * Cllr Michael Goodridge Cllr Lynn Graffham
- * Cllr Jill Hargreaves
- * Cllr Christiaan Hesse
- * Cllr Stephen Hill
- * Cllr Nicholas Holder
- * Cllr Simon Inchbald
- * Cllr Peter Isherwood
- * Cllr Diane James
- * Cllr Carole King
- * Cllr Robert Knowles Cllr Martin Lear
- * Cllr Nicky Lee

- * Cllr Denis Leigh
- * Cllr Peter Martin
- * Cllr Tom Martin
- * Cllr Bryn Morgan
 Cllr Stephen Mulliner
- * Cllr David Munro
 - Cllr Elliot Nichols
 Cllr Jennifer O'Grady
- * Cllr Stephen O'Grady
- * Cllr Donal O'Neill
- * Cllr Julia Potts
- * Cllr Stefan Reynolds Cllr Ian Sampson
- * Cllr Janet Somerville
- * Cllr Roger Steel
- * Cllr Stewart Stennett
- * Cllr Christopher Storey Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith
- * Cllr Jane Thomson
- * Cllr Simon Thornton
- * Cllr Brett Vorley
- * Cllr John Ward
- * Cllr Nerissa Warner-O'Neill
- * Cllr Keith Webster Cllr Ross Welland
- * Cllr Liz Wheatley
- * Cllr Nick Williams

* Present

David Wheatley, Independent Chairman of the Standards Committee was also present

At the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Canon Paul Jenkins.

13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2011 were confirmed and signed.

^{*} Cllr Andrew Wilson

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Beel, Frost, Lear, Mulliner, Nichols and Taylor-Smith.

15. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

The Deputy Mayor declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Henry Smith Charity in relation to the Lammas Lands item on the Executive minutes of 5 July 2011.

16. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that his proudest moment so far as Mayor had been taking the salute in Farnham for the Freedom Parade when the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment had processed through the town. The Mayor had been presented with a miniature brass tiger by the Regiment which would be placed on the dais in the Council Chamber for all Council Meetings.

The Mayor informed the Council that Godalming did not have a Poppy Appeal Organiser this year and asked for councillors to advise the Mayor's Secretary of any potential volunteers who would like to undertake the role.

The Mayor then reminded the Council of his 100 Club and encouraged as many councillors as possible to support the cause and help raise money for his chosen charity, the Hydon Hill Cheshire Home in Godalming.

17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question was received from Mr J Hyman of Farnham:-

"Mayor, Will this Council please confirm that it fully accepts that

- (i) the designation of the disused 'Old Hale Road' as a car park serving Farnham Park, and
- (ii) the proposal to add a traffic phase to the Royal Deer junction, doubling pedestrian and traffic waiting times (with the aim of further congesting the town and diverting A287 through traffic to the Upper Hale Road),

are ill-conceived and unworkable, and will you confirm that pending this Council's adoption of realistic alternative proposals, the progression of all plans and projects that rely on those concepts (including the AQAP and the LDF) will now cease? Thank you."

The Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

"(i) The use of the Old Hale Road for visitor parking forms part of a range of measures which support the provision of SANG. These have been adopted by the Council as part of its Thames Basins Heaths Avoidance Strategy. People are currently able to park their cars here.

(ii) the proposals for Royal Deer Junction - these alterations to the junction formed part of the comprehensive range of traffic measures approved as part of the East Street regeneration scheme. These were modelled by Surrey County Council, the highway authority.

There is no evidence to show that these are ill-conceived and/or unworkable. The Council remains committed to pursuing its Local Development Framework and Air Quality Action Plan."

18. MOTION

The following motion was received from Cllr Diane James in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:-

"As members will be aware Surrey County Council (SCC) proposes to introduce parking charging to areas in our 4 key towns where currently visitors and residents are able to park free of charge. Members may also be aware that certain Surrey areas have managed to achieve exemption from these plans thus protecting the business and economic health of the communities served. It is my view that Waverley should support its 4 key business areas in the same way and that a formal communication be sent to the Leader of SCC requesting that Cranleigh, Godalming, Farnham and Haslemere should be excluded from the parking charges introduction".

Having been seconded by Councillor Mrs King, in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.3a, the matter was referred via a Special Joint Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to take place on 30 August, to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive on 6 September 2011.

19. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

19.1 <u>Meeting of 1 June 2011</u>

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

RESOLVED that

- 1. the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 1 June 2011 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted; and
- 2. the Mayor's and Council's thanks to John Swanton, Head of Housing, for his long and loyal service to Waverley be recorded.

19.2 Meeting of 5 July 2011

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 5 July 2011 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

20. 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 17 May 2011 be approved.

21. 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 17 May 2011 be approved.

22. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 21 June 2011 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

23. 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 27 June 2011 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.02 p.m.

Mayor

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