

MINUTES of the Extraordinary
MEETING of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the
Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Godalming on 22 January 2013

- * Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith (Mayor)
- * Cllr Patricia Ellis (Deputy Mayor)

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| * Cllr Brian Adams | * Cllr Denis Leigh |
| Cllr Stella Andersen-Payne | * Cllr Peter Martin |
| * Cllr Mike Band | * Cllr Tom Martin |
| Cllr Gillian Beel | * Cllr Bryn Morgan |
| Cllr Patrick Blagden | Cllr Stephen Mulliner |
| * Cllr Maurice Byham | * Cllr David Munro |
| * Cllr Elizabeth Cable | Cllr Elliot Nichols |
| Cllr Carole Cockburn | * Cllr Jennifer O'Grady |
| Cllr Jim Edwards | * Cllr Stephen O'Grady |
| * Cllr Brian Ellis | * Cllr Donal O'Neill |
| * Cllr Jenny Else | * Cllr Julia Potts |
| * Cllr Mary Foryszewski | * Cllr Stefan Reynolds |
| Cllr Pat Frost | Cllr Ian Sampson |
| * Cllr Richard Gates | Cllr Janet Somerville |
| Cllr Michael Goodridge | Cllr Roger Steel |
| * Cllr Lynn Graffham | Cllr Stewart Stennett |
| Cllr Jill Hargreaves | Cllr Christopher Storey |
| Cllr Christiaan Hesse | Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith |
| Cllr Stephen Hill | Cllr Jane Thomson |
| * Cllr Nicholas Holder | * Cllr Simon Thornton |
| Cllr Simon Inchbald | * Cllr Brett Vorley |
| Cllr Peter Isherwood | Cllr John Ward |
| * Cllr Diane James | Cllr Nerissa Warner-O'Neill |
| * Cllr Carole King | * Cllr Keith Webster |
| * Cllr Robert Knowles | Cllr Ross Welland |
| Cllr Martin Lear | * Cllr Liz Wheatley |
| Cllr Nicky Lee | * Cllr Nick Williams |

*Cllr Andrew Wilson

* Present

Cllr Vorley arrived at 7.30 p.m.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Stella Andersen-Payne, Gillian Beel, Patrick Blagden, Carole Cockburn, Jim Edwards, Pat Frost, Michael Goodridge, Jill Hargreaves, Christiaan Hesse, Stephen Hill, Simon Inchbald, Peter Isherwood, Martin Lear, Nicky Lee, Stephen Mulliner, Elliot Nichols, Ian Sampson, Janet Somerville, Roger Steel, Stewart Stennett, Christopher Storey, Adam Taylor-Smith, Jane Thomson, John Ward and Nerissa Warner-O'Neill.

40. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Mrs Patricia Ellis and Brian Ellis declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minutes No. 148 and 149 of the Executive Minutes for the meeting held on 22 January 2013 as members of Cranleigh Parish Council. Cllr Peter Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No 150 of the Special Executive Minutes for the meeting held on 22 January 2013 as a Board Member of the M3 LEP.

41. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question was received from Mr Ken Reed in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

“In deciding to forge ahead with the submission of Waverley’s Core Strategy would the Council agree that the Executive have dismissed without any public debate the concerns raised by the O&S Committee and most of the respondents to the last consultation? Having attended both the December and January Executive Meetings I do not recall any debate on the observations submitted by the O&S to the December Meeting.

From the response to my question at the 8th January Executive the Portfolio Holder for Planning accepted that Waverley’s Core Strategy does not conform to key elements of the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework. Does the Leader of the Council realise that as a consequence the Strategy is very likely to fail if submitted in its current form. Would he confirm that this is an opinion held by the majority of Councillors, but the Executive have decided to proceed anyway in the hope that they can then blame the Government for any planning blight that befalls Waverley?”

The Executive Portfolio Holder for Planning gave the following reply:-

“Thank you for your question Mr Reed. I am well aware that a favoured strategy of some politicians when answering difficult questions is to ignore the question asked and reply to a different question that was not asked but which would have proved more convenient. Mr Reed has taken this a stage further and ignored the answer he was given to his question in January and submitted one that he would have preferred.

The answer given in January was correct and remains correct.

Waverley’s Core Strategy conforms in all required respects with the National Planning Policy Framework and, together with the Development Management and Site Allocations Policy, will present a complete new Local Development Framework to replace and extend the current Local Plan.

All of the comments made during the consultation were taken into account and, I can assure Mr Reed, that it is our approach that where improvements or beneficial changes are available, they will be given every consideration. This is especially true for comments that originate from Overview and Scrutiny Committees. After due consideration, the Council will be asked to confirm the present final revision of the Core Strategy for submission to the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State and Mr Reed may then judge for himself the support from members for the new Core Strategy here this evening.

I would emphasise to Mr Reed that it is the policy of this administration to use its best endeavours to do the right thing for Waverley and not, as may be the case with other parties, to do only that which is expedient.”

42. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

42.1 Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2013 relating to the Core Strategy

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 8 January 2013 relating to the Core Strategy be approved and adopted.

i. Core Strategy Submission (Minute No. 127)

Cllrs Mary Forszewski, Diane James, Denis Leigh and Brett Vorley asked that their vote against the recommendation be recorded.

RESOLVED that the extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 8 January 2013 be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

42.2 Special Meeting of 22 January 2013

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive held on 22 January 2013 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 22 January 2013 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

The meeting concluded at 7.49 p.m.

Mayor