

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Godalming on
23 April 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 Forszewski | * 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 Keith Webster |
| Cllr Carole King | * Cllr Ross Welland |
| * Cllr Robert Knowles | * Cllr Liz Wheatley |
| * Cllr Martin Lear | * Cllr Nick Williams |
| * Cllr Nicky Lee | * Cllr Andrew Wilson |

* Present

At the commencement of the meeting, prayers were read by the
Rev'd Mervyn Roberts

51. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 February 2013 were confirmed and signed.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mike Band, Gillian Beel, Pat Frost, Christiaan Hesse, Diane James, Carole King, David Munro, Elliot Nichols, Jane Thomson and John Ward.

53. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no interests raised under this heading.

54. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question was received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 from Mrs Ann Thurston:-

“In Farnham, the new day centre has, from the beginning, been located within the East Street Development. Why now is an off-site location being sought? A town centre position is very important for the Gostrey Centre, so why are the needs of the centre not being addressed within the development?”

The Portfolio Holder for East Street gave the following response:-

“Thank you for your question and continued interest in these matters.

I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to work towards the development of an enlarged and improved day care facility for the benefit of Farnham residents. The existing Gostrey Centre building could be greatly improved and any move from the existing site to new premises will of course only be undertaken if the move makes sense and it will result in improved facilities.

As you would expect, the Council is exploring the opportunities that are available, so that a top-notch facility can be delivered. It is of course your wish over many years to prevent the regeneration of the Brightwells area progressing. To be absolutely clear, I cannot foresee that there will be any resources available to contemplate the relocation of the Gostrey Centre from its current premises, unless the wider regeneration scheme progresses. I am in regular contact with the Chairman of the Trustees of the Gostrey Centre, who quite understands this point.

I can only say yet again that I would not seek to relocate the Gostrey Centre unless the facilities (and location, parking etc) were an improvement. No decision has of course been taken as this Council is not in a position to deal with certainties and we are waiting for the outcome of the CPO.”

55. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council that the Landrat of Waverley’s twin area, Mayen-Koblenz, had visited in March and the Mayor had had the pleasure of showing him the sights of the Borough, including an impressive tour of watercolour artist Alexander Creswell’s studio.

The Mayor had also recently attended the celebration of William Cobbett's 250th birthday and had been impressed by all of his achievements, including being the first person to publish the record of parliamentary debates known as Hansard. He then reported that Waverley had recently been named the best rural place to live in Britain.

The Mayor continued by expressing his best wishes to the Deputy Leader, Cllr Mike Band who was unable to attend the meeting and to the Chief Executive wishing her a good recovery after a recent accident.

56. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

56.1 Meeting of 5 March 2013

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 March 2013 be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

56.2 Meeting of 9 April 2013

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 9 April 2013 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

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 19 March 2013 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 20 March 2013 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 Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 21 March 2013 be approved.

60. CLLR CHRISTOPHER STOREY – CONTINUING ABSENCE

This item was withdrawn as no longer necessary because Cllr Storey was present at the meeting. The Mayor welcomed back Cllr Storey who then thanked councillors for all the visits and messages of best wishes he had received over the last few months.

61. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS)
REGULATIONS 1990

The Council received Appendix A, reviewing the allocation of seats on principal committees following recent changes to the political composition of the Council. The following amendment was moved by Cllr Bryn Morgan and seconded by Cllr Robert Knowles:-

“To approve an additional recommendation, as follows:-

In view of the changes to the boundary of the Eastern Area Planning Committee to incorporate Dunsfold Ward, the number of seats on Eastern be increased by one, with effect from 14 May 2013”.

The amendment was CARRIED. The Council also

RESOLVED that the principal and Area Planning Committees be reappointed with current memberships for the remainder of 2012/13 and that the Annual Council reappoints to Committees in accordance with political proportions after the by-election on 2 May 2013.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.

Mayor