MINUTES of the MEETING of the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Godalming on 15 October 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

# \* Cllr Patricia Ellis (Mayor) \* Cllr Liz Wheatley (Deputy Mayor)

- \* Cllr Brian Adams
- \* Cllr Stella Andersen-Payne
- \* Cllr Mike Band
- \* Cllr Gillian Beel Cllr Patrick Blagden
- \* Cllr Maurice Byham
- \* Cllr Elizabeth Cable
- \* Cllr Carole Cockburn
- \* Cllr Jim Edwards
- Cllr Brian Ellis
   Cllr Jenny Else
- \* Cllr Mary Foryszewski
  - Cllr Pat Frost
- \* Cllr Richard Gates
  - Cllr Michael Goodridge
  - Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith
- \* 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 Wyatt Ramsdale
- \* Cllr Stefan Reynolds
- \* Cllr lan 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 Keith Webster
  - Cllr Ross Welland
- \* Cllr Nick Williams

#### \* Present

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Jonathan Thomas.

### 22. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 17 July 2013 were confirmed and signed.

# 23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Patrick Blagden, Jenny Else, Michael Goodridge, Tony Gordon-Smith, Jill Hargreaves, Christian Hesse, Peter Isherwood, Denis Leigh, Bryn Morgan, Roger Steel, Simon Thornton, John Ward and Ross Welland.

<sup>\*</sup> Cllr Andrew Wilson

# 24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were declared at the meeting:-

Councillor Band declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 50 of the minutes of the Executive of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 as he was a Wonersh Parish Councillor.

All Farnham Town Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 55 of the minutes of the Executive of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 as it was in regard to action being taking that could have had an affect on Farnham Town Council.

Paul Wenham and Robin Pellow declared a potential pecuniary interest on minute 87 of the minutes of the Executive of 15 October 2013 but in light of special circumstances and need for possible financial advice from the section 151 officer and standards matters from the Monitoring Officer, they would both remain in the room.

# 25. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor advised Members that she had recently attended the Minden Day event, the regimental anniversary of the battle of Minden, and had met with families of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. They had wanted to thank the Council and officers for all the support they had given the Regiment and for organising the Freedom Parade in July, a special day which was much appreciated.

The Mayor had attended the Civic Service at St Nicholas Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and thanked her Chaplain Jonathan Thomas for organising the event, Cranleigh Parish Council for allowing them to use the Village Hall and to everyone who attended the wondrous occasion.

The Mayor announced that the Volunteers Party was taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Charterhouse School from 2.30pm and Members were asked to advise officers as soon as possible of any further volunteers that should be invited to attend so that invitations could be sent out.

# 26. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question was received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 from a member of the public:-

# i. from Ann Thurston of Farnham

"I understand that the Brightwells Steering Group meets with no elected representative present and that no minutes are sent to Councillors. It appears that this is not a decision making committee but much important information is discussed at these meetings.

It is understood that Councillor Taylor Smith is invited to attend but, as he is in full time employment, he is unable to be present. Surely it would be appropriate for the Ward Councillor or for the Leader of the Farnham Town Council to attend in his place?"

The Leader gave the following response:-

"Thank you Mrs Thurston, It is a contractual meeting between Waverley Borough Council and Crest Nicholson. It is commercially confidential and it would not be appropriate for any others to attend". And, for accuracy within the question, Farnham Town Council does not have a Leader."

# 27. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

### 27.1 Meeting of 3 September 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 3 September 2013 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

# 27.2 Meeting of 1 October 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 1 October 2013 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

# 27.3 <u>Meeting of 15 October 2013</u>

i. <u>Core Strategy</u> (Minute No. 85)

It was moved and seconded that the following text in bold be added to Recommendation 2 so that it now reads:

"2. At its meeting in November, the Executive receives a detailed project plan, to include plans for public consultation, to take forward a revised Core Strategy"

The amendment was CARRIED.

ii. Staffing Matter (Minute No. 87)

For consideration of this item, at 8.15p.m. it was

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I) of the Act) of the description specified in the following paragraph of the revised Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, namely:-

# 1. Information relating to any individual.

At 8.35p.m. the meeting resumed in open session where the Leader gave a public statement to the press and members of the public about the staffing matter. It was then moved by the Chairman of the Committee, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive held on 15 October 2013, as tabled at the meeting be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

[NB All officers, except the Head of Democratic and Legal Services, Section 151 officer and Monitoring Officer, left the meeting during consideration of Minute Number 87.]

#### 28. 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 17 September 2013 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

# 29. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

#### 29.1 <u>Meeting of 25 July 2013</u>

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 25 July 2013 be approved.

#### 29.2 Meeting of 26 September 2013

It was noted that the recommendation in Part 1 had been previously dealt with by the Executive meetings of 1 and 15 October. Therefore, it 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 26 September 2013 be approved.

# 30. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the Annual Reports from the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees be received.

The meeting concluded at 8.50p.m.