

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
held in the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Godalming on
15 April 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

* Cllr Patricia Ellis (Mayor)

* Cllr Liz Wheatley (Deputy Mayor)

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

* Cllr Andrew Wilson

* Present

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

49. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 February 2014 were confirmed and signed.

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gillian Beel, Lynn Graffham, Christiaan Hesse, Diane James, Carole King, Denis Leigh, Stephen O'Grady, Martin Lear, Roger Steel, Stewart Stennett, Adam Taylor-Smith, Brett Vorley and John Ward.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests raised under this heading.

52. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor commented upon the success of the recent Commonwealth Flag Day and thanked those who had attended the special service. The Mayor felt very privileged to read a message from Her Majesty the Queen and say the Commonwealth Affirmation, following which the Leader had raised the Commonwealth Flag.

The Mayor reported that she had attended many functions since the last Council meeting and events relating to young people in the Borough. She had been delighted to meet so many young people volunteering in sports and the performing arts. The Mayor had also welcomed the Landrat and his party in March and considered it a great pleasure to show him around the Borough.

53. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following questions were received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 from members of the public:-

i. from Mrs Celia Sandars of Farnham

“Has either Crest Nicholson, their agents, or Waverley Borough Council recently reviewed the demand for provision of a 752-seat cinema in Farnham in the East Street/Brightwells scheme, investigated whether that proposed cinema remains appropriate in scale and viable, or whether it might now be more sensible to plan for a smaller cinema, particularly in view of the success of the new cinema in Aldershot in attracting customers, from a North Farnham catchment area and also from Farnham as a whole, and in view of the changing viewing habits for film, as a result of developments in alternative provision, such as early online and DVD availability? If there has been no review as yet, will one be undertaken before the start of construction of the East Street/Brightwells development?”

The Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“This is fundamentally a commercial decision for Crest Nicholson and Odeon; they will have modelled demand of a cinema for this size. Both Waverley BC and its partners Crest Nicholson and the Odeon look forward to delivering this exciting facility for Farnham’s residents.”

ii. from Mrs Ann Thurston of Farnham

“My question relates to the East Street development. The planning application for the Riverside car park and an EIA for the whole of the development have not been submitted. The electricity cables at Riverside have not been buried and the tennis courts have not been built. The partially constructed car park there has been covered in topsoil and appears to have been seeded with grass. The feasibility

study for the removal of the Gostrey Centre to the Memorial Hall is not expected until July. Any work there will require two new planning applications, one for the Memorial Hall site and one for East Street. The CPO for the Marlborough Head has not been carried out. Funding for the commercial part of the development appears not to be in place. With all these problems, is the East Street development viable and will building start in July as programmed?"

The Leader replied:-

"The Brightwells development is still viable, with the market continuing to improve daily. Work on the main Scheme will not commence until the enabling works which involve the creation of a new home for the Brightwell Tennis Club at the new Riverside site have been completed. Completion of these enabling works has been delayed due to months of extreme weather conditions from October/November through to February. Waverley remains committed to keeping the public informed and will provide a detailed timescale whenever appropriate."

iii. from Mr Andy MacLeod of Farnham

"I understand that the latest announcement from Waverley of a date for work to commence on the main East Street/Brightwells development is July 2014. Work on the main site has to be preceded by the enabling project of the construction of a temporary construction access bridge from the A31 over the River Wey. This will take 3 to 4 months to build and it is acknowledged in the planning application and in the officer's report that this project will cause very significant traffic disruption and inconvenience to the Farnham public and visitors to Farnham during the build period. What plans has the Council in place to advise the Farnham public and road users in the Farnham area, that this disruption and inconvenience will be taking place in the near future?"

The Leader of the Council replied:-

"It is correct that work on the main Scheme will be preceded by the creation of a temporary construction bridge from the A31 over the river Wey, this is important to keep construction traffic away from Farnham town centre. Waverley remains committed to keeping the public informed and will provide details of potential traffic diversions or changes, when appropriate, giving adequate notice to residents."

54. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 1 April 2014 be approved and adopted.

i. Review of Housing Services (Minute No. 173)

The Leader amended a word in Recommendation 52 to read 'or' instead of 'and'. This amendment was accepted by the Council.

ii. Purchase of Land (Minute No. 179)

The Leader informed the Council that this item had been withdrawn from the minutes.

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Executive held on 1 April 2014 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

55. 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 18 March 2014 be approved.

56. 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 19 March 2014 be approved.

57. 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 20 March 2014 be approved.

58. CONTINUING ABSENCE

The Council approved the continued absence until 1 November 2014 of Cllr Gillian Beel who had been unwell in recent months and sent best wishes for her recovery.

The meeting concluded at 8.04 p.m.

Mayor