

MINUTES of the ANNUAL  
MEETING of the WAVERLEY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in the  
Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Godalming on 13 May 2014 at  
7.00 p.m.

\* Cllr Patricia Ellis (Mayor)

* 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 Wyatt Ramsdale
Cllr Pat Frost	* Cllr Stefan Reynolds
* Cllr Richard Gates	Cllr Ian Sampson
* Cllr Michael Goodridge	* Cllr Janet Somerville
* Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith	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

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

## 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Mayor for the Council year 2014/2015.

It was proposed by Councillor Richard Gates and seconded by Councillor Andrew Wilson that Councillor Liz Wheatley be elected Mayor for the ensuing year. The nomination was also supported by the Cllr Diane James as Leader of the UKIP Group.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Liz Wheatley be elected Mayor for the year 2014/15.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Having been invested with the Mayoral Robes and Chain of Office, Councillor Liz Wheatley made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Patricia Ellis on her mayoral year and then thanked her proposer and seconder for their kind words. She informed councillors that she was looking forward to working with Cllr Band and his wife over the next year and serving to the best of her ability.

She informed the Council that her chosen charity would be Waverley CAB and gave the Council the following dates for their diaries:-

- 15 June – Civic Service at St Peter and St Paul
- 18 October – Fundraising Concert at Charterhouse
- February 2015 – Waverley-wide Charity Concert.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Stella Andersen-Payne, Gillian Beel, Paddy Blagden, Pat Frost, Lynn Graffham, Jill Hargreaves, Nicky Lee, Denis Leigh, Jennifer O'Grady and Roger Steel.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the year 2014/2015.

It was proposed by Councillor Robert Knowles and seconded by Councillor Michael Goodridge that Councillor Mike Band be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. Cllr Diane James again spoke in support of the appointment.

There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Band be appointed Deputy Mayor for the year 2014/2015.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Mike Band made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked those who had spoken in support of his appointment. He pledged to do everything he could to support and assist the Mayor throughout her mayoral year.

## 6. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Cllr Carole King proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Patricia Ellis. She said that Cllr Ellis had fulfilled a unique and special year and that she had chaired Council meetings with humour and efficiency. Cllr Janet Somerville commented that Cllr Ellis was an example of a good civic leader who had far exceeded all expectations through her hard work and dedication over the year. Cllr Diane James was also delighted to support the vote of thanks on behalf of the UKIP Group.

Cllr Patricia Ellis thanked Cllrs King, Somerville and James for their kind words. She thanked councillors and officers for all of their support and guidance over the last year which had helped her to be an effective Mayor. She summarised the great number of events that she had attended which included awards and prize-givings, talks, as well as visits to schools, hospitals, nursing homes and sports clubs. She told the Council that she would miss being Mayor but that she had been very lucky to share a year full of treasured memories with Cllr Brian Ellis.

## 7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 April 2014 were confirmed and signed.

## 8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reminded the Council about her Civic Service that was due to take place at 10am on 15 June and the fundraising concert in aid of Waverley CAB on Saturday 18 October.

## 9. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Two questions were received from Cllr Bryn Morgan in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.2:-

- i. "Waverley members were briefed recently by the TAG team from Farnborough Airport, as were some parish councils previously, on the consultation concerning TAG's proposals to alter the approach and departure routes of aircraft landing and taking off at Farnborough.

One overall effect of the changes will be to permit Farnborough to control air traffic at a much lower level, allowing a shallower climb or descent from and to the runway. Given that the steeper the climb, the smaller the area over which aircraft noise presents a problem, the proposal to allow shallow and lower flight paths will potentially affect areas of north Farnham detrimentally, if implemented. The airspace proposed for use by Farnborough is well below that currently occupied by Gatwick aircraft departures across Waverley.

A second, and potentially more damaging (for Waverley) objective of the proposed change is to remove some of the noise disruption from areas further to the north of Farnborough (the Hook, Crookham direction), by increasing the routing of aircraft to a corridor further south

of Farnham, running through the centre of Waverley, from Hindhead to Churt, Rushmoor, Frensham, Thursley, Tilford, and Elstead, with aircraft descending or ascending *en route* to Farnborough within the new lower-level controlled airspace. The estimated number of daily flights through the corridor has been put at between 42 and 65 per day, with noise levels at about 69 dB (the proverbial vacuum cleaner at three paces).

My question concerns the consultation. Whilst many individuals and parish councils have put forward their views on these proposals, what positive action has Waverley taken to adequately represent the concerns and issues raised by residents worried about the environmental effect of these proposals and the potential loss of the “Quality of Life” presently enjoyed by many who live in central Waverley?”

The Leader of the Council responded as follows:-

“Waverley was not consulted directly by either TAG or Rushmoor Borough Council. We became aware of the consultation through other sources, in fact, a member of my Executive. As soon as we found out about it, the Environment Portfolio Holder arranged an All Member Briefing inviting TAG and representatives from other interested groups to attend. Following this, the Council responded to the consultation well within time, taking account of all member comments.”

- ii. “In view of the poorly maintained condition of some of our housing stock for elderly residents in Elstead and the neglected public areas of the Springfield Estate, can the Leader of the Council offer any meaningful prospect that this part of Waverley might benefit from a long-overdue blitz on maintenance and a make-over of the estate areas.

A primary need is for adequate off-road car parking to prevent the need for tenants to park on the grass verges and, perhaps, some of the extensive funding now available to the Housing Revenue Account might be deployed to bring such neglected areas up to standard ahead of, or in parallel with, the more exciting, yet laudable, prospect for the portfolio holder of building lots of new houses.”

The Leader of the Council replied:-

“As the Councillor knows from his time on the Executive, the Council has set aside unprecedented levels of investment for Waverley’s Housing Stock – much to the delight of Waverley’s housing tenants. Over the past year Waverley has spent £102,748 on general maintenance to Council homes in Elstead and in addition to this, has installed 22 new kitchens, 17 new bathrooms, and 33 new efficient gas boilers. Looking over the past two years in Elstead, 12 properties have had their electrical wiring upgraded and 34 properties have had their windows replaced, dramatically improving energy efficiency and reducing fuel bills. This investment is mirrored across the whole of the borough.

In relation to the Councillor's request for spending on more off-road parking in the Springfield Estate, the Councillor will also know that this type of expenditure is not identified in the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan which was approved when he was still on the Executive and was not identified as a "primary need" by him at that time. However, Waverley has subsequently developed new planning guidelines for developers to ensure that sufficient parking provision is set aside in new developments. The importance of parking is also reflected in the Council's standards for new Council homes. In response to feedback from tenants, Council officers in Housing are looking at parking provision across all of the Council's housing estates recognising the space constraints, and that additional parking may not be possible in many areas because of the impact this would have on other local amenities. These considerations will feed into the planning for future financial years alongside other housing priorities."

#### 10. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council announced the members of the Executive for 2014/2015 and their portfolio holder responsibilities, along with the appointment of Cllr Julia Potts as Deputy Leader with immediate effect, as follows:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Portfolio Holder Responsibilities</u>
Cllr Robert Knowles (Leader)	Corporate Strategy including Policy and Governance, Human Resources (Strategic and Operational), Representing Waverley, Wider Issues
Cllr Julia Potts (Deputy Leader)	Finance, Property and Capital Resources, Waverley Training Services
Cllr Brian Adams	Planning
Cllr Carole King	Housing Operations, Community Safety, Older People
Cllr Tom Martin	IT and Customer Services
Cllr Donal O'Neill	Environment
Cllr Stefan Reynolds	Member Support and Communications, Grants
Cllr Simon Thornton	Leisure and Culture
Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith	Major Projects, Brightwells and Economic Development
Cllr Keith Webster	Housing Strategy and Delivery

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

The Leader of the Council moved the adoption of the recommendations in Appendix A relating to the appointments to Committees for the forthcoming Council year.

It was then moved and seconded that the Leader should defer the decision on the allocation of places to the SCC Local Committee to explore offering one place to the opposition. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

It was then further moved that Recommendation 2 be amended by deleting the words “being offered to the Leader of the Principal Opposition Group” and replacing them with “being allocated to a member of the Principal Opposition Group.” Upon being put to the vote this amendment was LOST.

The Council then

RESOLVED that

1. the principal Committees and the Area Planning Committees, together with the Surrey County Council Local Committee, Standards Panel, Appeals Panel and Emergency Advisory Group for the year 2014/2015 be constituted as set out in Annexe 1 to these minutes;
2. the number of places available on the Standards Panel be increased to 9, with one ex-officio place being offered to the Leader of the Principal Opposition Group; and
3. the Licensing (General Purposes) and Licensing Act Sub-Committees be constituted as indicated in Annexe 2 to the report [NB. this decision was taken by members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee only].

The meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.

Mayor