

MINUTES of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in
the Council Chamber, Council
Offices, The Burys, Godalming
on 17 February 2015 at 7.00
pm

Present

Cllr Liz Wheatley (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Band (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr Brian Adams	Cllr Carole King
Cllr Paddy Blagden	Cllr Robert Knowles
Cllr Maurice Byham	Cllr Nicky Lee
Cllr Elizabeth Cable	Cllr Denis Leigh
Cllr Carole Cockburn	Cllr Peter Martin
Cllr Jim Edwards	Cllr Tom Martin
Cllr Brian Ellis	Cllr Bryn Morgan
Cllr Patricia Ellis	Cllr Stephen Mulliner
Cllr Jenny Else	Cllr David Munro
Cllr Mary Forsyszewski	Cllr Stephen O'Grady
Cllr Pat Frost	Cllr Donal O'Neill
Cllr Richard Gates	Cllr Julia Potts
Cllr Michael Goodridge	Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale
Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith	Cllr Stefan Reynolds
Cllr Christiaan Hesse	Cllr Chris Storey
Cllr Stephen Hill	Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith
Cllr Nicholas Holder	Cllr Nick Williams
Cllr Simon Inchbald	Cllr Andrew Wilson
Cllr Peter Isherwood	

Apologies

Cllr Stella Andersen-Payne, Cllr Gillian Beel, Cllr Lynn Graffham, Cllr Jill Hargreaves, Cllr Diane James, Cllr Martin Lear, Cllr Jennifer O'Grady, Cllr Stewart Stennett, Cllr Simon Thornton, Cllr Brett Vorley, Cllr Keith Webster and Cllr Ross Welland

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by Minister in Training, Philip Roche.

46/14 MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 December 2014 were confirmed and signed.

47/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Stella Andersen-Payne, Gillian Beel, Lynn Graffham, Jill Hargreaves, Diane James, Martin Lear, Jennifer O'Grady, Stewart Stennett, Simon Thornton, Brett Vorley, Keith Webster and Ross Welland.

48/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

There were no interests raised under this heading and councillors were reminded that it was not necessary to declare their appointments as Waverley representatives on outside organisations, unless the organisation was specifically discussed in the debate relating to the budget or funding for voluntary sector organisations.

49/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 4.)

The Mayor informed the Council that there had been 45 duties since the last meeting, which included the opening of the newly-refurbished Rolston House, Haslemere Leisure Centre and Ophthalmic Department at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

The Mayor and councillors congratulated Cllr Richard Gates on celebrating his 20th anniversary of continuous service to Council. She also advised of the following dates for diaries:

21 March 2015 - Ahmadyan Muslim Youth Community Sponsored Walk on routes around the Devil's Punch Bowl; and

12 April 2015 – Massed Bands Concert in Charterhouse Hall in aid of the Mayoral Charity.

The Mayor also informed councillors that she had accepted a challenge from the parachute team of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment to do a tandem parachute jump and that she would advise councillors of the dates in due course.

And finally, the annual Pancake Race had taken place earlier in the day and unfortunately Waverley had been presented with the Wooden Spoon following a win by Guildford Borough Council. The Mayor thanked the team for participating in the event.

50/14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 5.)

The following question was received from Mr Jerry Hyman of Farnham in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

"Madame Mayor. Crest Nicholson's contract currently requires that they provide a new Brightwell Gostrey Community Centre within the Brightwells site as a Required Element of their proposed scheme, but on 6th January Waverley's Executive agreed to pursue a 'Memorial Hall solution', which would require the sacrifice of the valuable large community hall constructed in memory of lives lost in the Great War, and gifted to the people of Farnham for their use; and although the Portfolio Holder responded to a Public Question at the 3rd February Executive Meeting by stating that other options, including a (perhaps far preferable) 'Cobgates solution' had been considered, the long-awaited Feasibility Study was not presented to the Executive Meeting and has been withheld; hence we don't know the Council's justification for agreeing to pursue an option that your papers say will cost some £1.5 million in construction costs to alter the Memorial Hall, which is worth some £1 million as it stands - representing a total cost to us in the region of TWO AND A HALF MILLION POUNDS, perhaps sufficient to build

a veritable palace on the Brightwells site or solve all of Cobgates' problems - and given that a stand-alone newbuild Community Centre could be constructed for a fraction of that princely sum, it is difficult to believe that there is not a more appropriate and less expensive alternative to the proposed loss of public use of valuable facilities (for Crest's benefit); and so Madame Mayor, in the absence of the Feasibility Study, will you please now inform Members and the public of the estimated costs of each of the alternative solutions considered, including in particular the likely costs of reconstruction of the Gostrey Centre on its existing site, and at Cobgates ?"

The Portfolio Holder for Older People responded as follows:-

"Thank you for your question Mr Hyman. Following Brightwells Gostrey Centre's request to move off site, the Council examined a number of locations (as I did outline at the Executive on 3 February 2015).

The choice of site depended on two things: the suitability of the site and the cost of acquiring the site. When taking these two considerations together, the overriding favourite was the Memorial Hall because, as you rightly point out, the cost of acquiring other sites would have required significant land purchase.

The proposed designs in front of Council tonight ensure no loss of space for current users and seek to enhance the existing Memorial Hall building. Subsequently, as you know, the Executive have recommended that £1.5m be invested in a fully refurbished and extended Memorial Hall, subject, of course, to Council agreeing this decision tonight. I am sure you would wish to support the Council's commitment to improve services for older people and other groups in Farnham and the surrounding areas."

51/14 BUDGET 2015/2016 (Agenda item 8.)

The Chairman of the Executive presented the reports at Appendices A.1 – A.5 to the agenda, and following this, both the Chairman of the Executive and the Portfolio Holder for Finance delivered Budget Statements to the Council, copies of which are attached as Annexe 1 to these minutes.

General Fund Revenue Estimates 2015/16 (Appendix A.1)

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Appendix A.1 be approved and recommendations 1-8 contained therein adopted.

General Fund Capital Programme 2015/16 (Appendix A.2)

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Appendix A.2 be approved and recommendations 1-5 contained therein adopted.

Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2015/2041 and Revenue Budget 2015/16

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Appendix A.3 be approved and recommendations 1-8 contained therein adopted.

Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2014/15, New Affordable Homes Programme and Stock Improvement Programme (Appendix A.4)

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Appendix A.4 be approved and recommendations 1-4 contained therein adopted.

Council Tax Setting 2015/16

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

RESOLVED that

25.1 The following amounts having been calculated by the Council for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with the Regulations made under Section 31B (3) of the Act be approved:

(a) 52,831.2 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 (as amended) as its Council Tax Base for the year;

(b) Part of the Council's area – Tax Base Band D Equivalents

Alfold	457.7	being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
Bramley	1,638.6	
Busbridge	429.2	
Chiddingfold	1,366.5	
Churt	630.0	
Cranleigh	5,049.3	
Dockenfield	232.1	
Dunsfold	528.3	
Elstead	1,155.4	
Ewhurst	1,169.3	
Farnham	16,686.8	
Frensham	856.0	
Godalming	8,653.9	
Hambledon	420.6	
Hascombe	164.1	
Haslemere	7,508.4	
Peper Harow	110.8	
Thursley	355.4	
Tilford	356.3	
Witley	3,343.8	

Wonersh 1,718.7

25.2 The following amounts have been calculated for the Council for 2015/2016 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) £77,842,637 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A 2 (a) to (f) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils;
- (b) £66,710,610 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act;
- (c) £11,132,027 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year;
- (d) £210.71 being the amount at (c) divided by the amount at 27.1(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act and rounded for administrative purposes, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;
- (e) £2,578,127 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act;
- (f) £161.91 being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by the amount at 27.1(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with the Section 34 (2) of the Act and rounded for administrative purposes, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates;

(g) Part of Council's area

	£	
Alfold	209.93	being the amounts given by adding
Bramley	184.72	to the amount at (f) above the
Busbridge	187.54	special item or items relating to
Chiddingfold	247.16	dwellings in those parts of the
Churt	211.14	Council's area mentioned above
Cranleigh	216.49	divided in each case by the amount

Dockenfield	183.88	at 27.1 (b) above calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
Dunsfold	220.59	
Elstead	193.93	
Ewhurst	218.02	
Farnham	219.50	
Frensham	205.72	
Godalming	214.72	
Hambledon	187.72	
Hascombe	205.31	
Haslemere	191.75	
Peper Harow	166.42	
Thursley	203.80	
Tilford	226.33	
Witley	213.61	
Wonersh	183.51	

(h)

Valuation Bands

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Alfold	139.95	163.28	186.60	209.93	256.58	303.23	349.88	419.86
Bramley	123.15	143.67	164.20	184.72	225.77	266.82	307.87	369.44
Busbridge	125.03	145.86	166.70	187.54	229.22	270.89	312.57	375.08
Chiddingfold	164.77	192.24	219.70	247.16	302.08	357.01	411.93	494.32
Churt	140.76	164.22	187.68	211.14	258.06	304.98	351.90	422.28
Cranleigh	144.33	168.38	192.44	216.49	264.60	312.71	360.82	432.98
Dockenfield	122.59	143.02	163.45	183.88	224.74	265.60	306.47	367.76
Dunsfold	147.06	171.57	196.08	220.59	269.61	318.63	367.65	441.18
Elstead	129.29	150.83	172.38	193.93	237.03	280.12	323.22	387.86
Ewhurst	145.35	169.57	193.80	218.02	266.47	314.92	363.37	436.04
Farnham	146.33	170.72	195.11	219.50	268.28	317.06	365.83	439.00
Frensham	137.15	160.00	182.86	205.72	251.44	297.15	342.87	411.44

Godalming	143.15	167.00	190.86	214.72	262.44	310.15	357.87	429.44
Hambledon	125.15	146.00	166.86	187.72	229.44	271.15	312.87	375.44
Hascombe	136.87	159.69	182.50	205.31	250.93	296.56	342.18	410.62
Haslemere	127.83	149.14	170.44	191.75	234.36	276.97	319.58	383.50
Peper Harow	110.95	129.44	147.93	166.42	203.40	240.38	277.37	332.84
Thursley	135.87	158.51	181.16	203.80	249.09	294.38	339.67	407.60
Tilford	150.89	176.03	201.18	226.33	276.63	326.92	377.22	452.66
Witley	142.41	166.14	189.88	213.61	261.08	308.55	356.02	427.22
Wonersh	122.34	142.73	163.12	183.51	224.29	265.07	305.85	367.02

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 25.3 that it be noted that for 2015/2016 the Surrey County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
S.C.C.	813.12	948.64	1084.16	1,219.68	1,490.72	1,761.76	2,032.80	2,439.36
PCC for Surrey	143.93	167.91	191.90	215.89	263.87	311.84	359.82	431.78

- 25.4 that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 27.2 (h) and 27.3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2015 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Alfold	1,097.00	1,279.83	1,462.66	1,645.50	2,011.17	2,376.83	2,742.50	3,291.00
Bramley	1,080.20	1,260.22	1,440.26	1,620.29	1,980.36	2,340.42	2,700.49	3,240.58
Busbridge	1,082.08	1,262.41	1,442.76	1,623.11	1,983.81	2,344.49	2,705.19	3,246.22
Chiddingfold	1,121.82	1,308.79	1,495.76	1,682.73	2,056.67	2,430.61	2,804.55	3,365.46
Churt	1,097.81	1,280.77	1,463.74	1,646.71	2,012.65	2,378.58	2,744.52	3,293.42
Cranleigh	1,101.38	1,284.93	1,468.50	1,652.06	2,019.19	2,386.31	2,753.44	3,304.12
Dockenfield	1,079.64	1,259.57	1,439.51	1,619.45	1,979.33	2,339.20	2,699.09	3,238.90
Dunsfold	1,104.11	1,288.12	1,472.14	1,656.16	2,024.20	2,392.23	2,760.27	3,312.32
Elstead	1,086.34	1,267.38	1,448.44	1,629.50	1,991.62	2,353.72	2,715.84	3,259.00
Ewhurst	1,102.40	1,286.12	1,469.86	1,653.59	2,021.06	2,388.52	2,755.99	3,307.18
Farnham	1,103.38	1,287.27	1,471.17	1,655.07	2,022.87	2,390.66	2,758.45	3,310.14
Frensham	1,094.20	1,276.55	1,458.92	1,641.29	2,006.03	2,370.75	2,735.49	3,282.58
Godalming	1,100.20	1,283.55	1,466.92	1,650.29	2,017.03	2,383.75	2,750.49	3,300.58
Hambledon	1,082.20	1,262.55	1,442.92	1,623.29	1,984.03	2,344.75	2,705.49	3,246.58
Hascombe	1,093.92	1,276.24	1,458.56	1,640.88	2,005.52	2,370.16	2,734.80	3,281.76
Haslemere	1,084.88	1,265.69	1,446.50	1,627.32	1,988.95	2,350.57	2,712.20	3,254.64
Peper Harow	1,068.00	1,245.99	1,423.99	1,601.99	1,957.99	2,313.98	2,669.99	3,203.98
Thursley	1,092.92	1,275.06	1,457.22	1,639.37	2,003.68	2,367.98	2,732.29	3,278.74
Tilford	1,107.94	1,292.58	1,477.24	1,661.90	2,031.22	2,400.52	2,769.84	3,323.80
Witley	1,099.46	1,282.69	1,465.94	1,649.18	2,015.67	2,382.15	2,748.64	3,298.36
Wonersh	1,079.39	1,259.28	1,439.18	1,619.08	1,978.88	2,338.67	2,698.47	3,238.16

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 came into effect from 25 February 2014 making it mandatory for Councils to conduct a recorded vote at budget-setting Council meetings. Recorded votes were therefore taken on Recommendations 1-24 and 25, with the voting for each as follows:-

Voting for (38)

Cllr Brian Adams, Cllr Mike Band, Cllr Patrick Blagden, Cllr Maurice Byham, Cllr Elizabeth Cable, Cllr Carole Cockburn, Cllr Jim Edwards, Cllr Brian Ellis, Cllr Patricia Ellis, Cllr Jenny Else, Cllr Mary Forszewski, Cllr Pat Frost, Cllr Richard Gates, Cllr Michael Goodridge, Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith, Cllr Christiaan Hesse, Cllr Stephen Hill, Cllr Nicholas Holder, Cllr Simon Inchbald, Cllr Peter Isherwood, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Robert Knowles, Cllr Nicky Lee, Cllr Denis Leigh, Cllr Peter Martin, Cllr Tom Martin, Cllr Stephen Mulliner, Cllr David Munro, Cllr Stephen O'Grady, Cllr Donal O'Neill, Cllr Julia Potts, Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale, Cllr Stefan Reynolds, Cllr Chris Storey, Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith, Cllr Liz Wheatley, Cllr Nick Williams, Cllr Andrew Wilson.

Voting Against (None)Abstentions (1 vote)

Cllr Bryn Morgan.

[NB. Cllr Stephen Mulliner left the meeting at the conclusion of this item].

52/14 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Agenda item 9.)52/14a Meeting of 6 January 2015 (Agenda item 9.a)

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 6 January 2015 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

53/14 Meeting of 3 February 2015 (Agenda item 9.b)

It was moved by the Chairman of the Executive and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 3 February 2015 be approved and adopted.

i. Funding for Voluntary Sector Organisations 2015/16 (Minute No.133)

It was moved and seconded that the following words be added to the end of the existing Recommendation 60:-

“...and that Waverley Borough Council receive full and transparent accounts detailing income, expenditure and a balance sheet for Rowleys (excluding other AGE UK Waverley activities)”.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 3 February 2015 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted, as amended.

54/14 MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE (Agenda item 10.)

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Joint Planning Committee held on 5 and 26 January and 2 February 2015 be approved.

55/14 MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS PANEL (Agenda item 11.)

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Panel held on 26 January 2015 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

[NB. Cllr Bryn Morgan asked that his vote against the recommendations be recorded].

56/14 MINUTES OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (Agenda item 12.)

It was moved by the Chairman of the Committee and duly seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 29 January 2015 be approved and adopted.

i. Waverley Borough Council – Designated Streets Review (Minute No. 25)

It was moved and seconded that Recommendation 5 be amended to delete “and Godalming” and add at the end “and the designation of streets in Godalming be referred back to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee for further consideration.”

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 29 January 2015, as amended, be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.58 pm

Mayor