

MINUTES of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in
the Council Chamber, Council
Offices, The Burys, Godalming
on 10 December 2019 at 7.00
pm

- * Cllr Mary Forszewska (Mayor)
- * Cllr Penny Marriott (Deputy Mayor)

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| * Cllr Brian Adams | * Cllr Peter Isherwood |
| * Cllr Christine Baker | * Cllr Jacquie Keen |
| * Cllr David Beaman | * Cllr Robert Knowles |
| * Cllr Roger Blishen | * Cllr Anna James |
| * Cllr Peter Clark | * Cllr Andy MacLeod |
| * Cllr Carole Cockburn | * Cllr Peter Marriott |
| * Cllr Richard Cole | Cllr Michaela Martin |
| * Cllr Steve Cosser | * Cllr Peter Martin |
| * Cllr Martin D'Arcy | * Cllr Mark Merryweather |
| * Cllr Jerome Davidson | Cllr Kika Mirylees |
| * Cllr Kevin Deanus | * Cllr Stephen Mulliner |
| * Cllr Simon Dear | * Cllr John Neale |
| Cllr Sally Dickson | * Cllr Peter Nicholson |
| * Cllr Brian Edmonds | Cllr Nick Palmer |
| * Cllr Patricia Ellis | * Cllr Julia Potts |
| * Cllr David Else | * Cllr Ruth Reed |
| * Cllr Jenny Else | * Cllr Paul Rivers |
| Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass | * Cllr Penny Rivers |
| * Cllr Paul Follows | * Cllr John Robini |
| * Cllr Michael Goodridge | * Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman |
| * Cllr John Gray | * Cllr Trevor Sadler |
| Cllr Michaela Gray | * Cllr Richard Seaborne |
| * Cllr Joan Heagin | Cllr Liz Townsend |
| * Cllr Val Henry | * Cllr John Ward |
| Cllr George Hesse | * Cllr Steve Williams |
| * Cllr Chris Howard | * Cllr George Wilson |
| * Cllr Daniel Hunt | Cllr Vacancy |
| * Cllr Jerry Hyman | |

*Present

Apologies

Cllr Sally Dickson, Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass, Cllr George Hesse, Cllr Michaela Martin, Cllr Nick Palmer and Cllr Liz Townsend

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Ian Maslin.

The Mayor opened the Council meeting by asking Members and Officers to remain standing for a minute's silence to remember Cllr Jack Lee, who had passed away on 19 November.

CNL36. MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 October 2019 were confirmed, subject to the correction of the heading on Minute CNL 29, and would then be signed.

CNL37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sally Dickson, Jan Floyd-Douglass, George Hesse, Michaela Martin, Nick Palmer, and Liz Townsend.

CNL38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

There were no interests declared in relation to items on the agenda.

CNL39. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 4.)

39.1 The Mayor began by announcing that following the Council meeting she would draw the raffle for the Christmas cake that had been made and decorated by Cllr Peter Isherwood. All proceeds would go to the Mayor's charity, Mane Chance.

39.2 The Mayor had enjoyed many attending many events, including the reception for Waverley volunteers at Charterhouse; the Remembrance Sunday service in Cranleigh where she had had the honour of leading the procession; and the Waverley staff long-service awards. This had been a great event celebrating the contribution of long-standing members of staff:

For 40 years of service	Diane Hale
For 30 years of service	Ailsa Woodruff, Lorraine Wilson, David Ridley, Tracey Langdon, and Carole Sharpe
For 20 years of service	Jackie Hammick, Michelle Newman, Gisella de Gennaro, Jo Dawes, Julie Jones and Debourah Holland

The Mayor also thanked Tania Cadman for her work in organising the event and the certificates of long-service.

39.3 The Mayor reported that she felt an important part of her role was networking and bringing people together to find common ground. Recently, together with the High Sherriff, the International Rotarians from Cranleigh, and other dignitaries from across Waverley, the Mayor had met with His Holiness Mirza Masroor Ahmad at Islamabad in Tilford. This was a unique experience, and as a result of the meeting it was hoped that the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community would fund the building of a hospital in Africa, and the Rotarians would fund the running of the hospital as a joint project.

39.4 The Mayor's Christmas Fayre had been well attended, and the Mayor thanked Cllr Jackie Keen and Cllr Peter Isherwood for making Christmas

cakes for the raffle, and also John Sandy and Alison Burrows for their help in the arrangements.

CNL40. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 5.)

40.1 The Leader advised Members that he had come to an agreement with the Leader of the Principal Opposition Group on the seating plan for Council, which he hoped that all Members were happy with. He went on to wish all Members and Officers a very happy Christmas.

CNL41. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 6.)

41.1 The following question was received from Mrs Thoreya Swage, of Farnham, in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:

“What plans (and commitment) does the council have to double tree cover in the area?”

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, Cllr Steve Williams:

“I fully endorse the sentiments of the campaign to double tree cover as part of a nationwide response to the Climate Emergency and Waverley is committed to tree planting within the Borough as part of our own response to the Climate Emergency and commitment to net zero carbon by 2030.

To ensure appropriate planting the Council is creating a tree planting policy for the Borough over the coming year, this will allow the identification and consideration of sites and species of trees. It is sensible that this works in line with our Climate Emergency Action Plan and Surrey County Council’s commitment to planting 1.2m trees. It would also be advisable before committing to planting figures that we have the facts on our actual carbon footprint. It is also worth noting that we are already a heavily wooded borough on average in England tree cover sits around 13% Waverley is already around 33%.”

Mrs Swage was not present at the Council meeting, and Cllr Williams advised that a written copy of the response would be sent to her.

CNL42. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda item 7.)

42.1 The following question was received from Cllr John Gray:

“I submit this question as a member (and the owner of an EV) under Procedure rule 11.2.

Would the Council explain why the EV charging point in Cranleigh is from a tied company scheme requiring membership rather than allowing payment to be made by credit card at time of use. The charges for the use is 30p per KW and an additional charge of £1 each time it is used. Could the council explain what other charge structures were considered and do they consider this is a cost effective supply to residents in line with the comments made to the O&S Environment Committee on 25th November page 82 para 3.5.

John Gray”

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, Cllr Steve Williams:

“The system operating on our EV charging points is not one that requires a membership. It is a pay as you go system, there is no joining fee and you do not need to pay any monthly subscription. Customers are asked to load money onto an app via a credit or debit card (the user can choose to save the card details in the app if they wish, it is not a requirement to do so). The pre-loaded money is then debited following a charge session, any monies can be refunded at any time, via a simple request on the app.

The tariff is broken into two elements to help with usage. By asking a connection fee, the company can reduce the cost per KW. This encourages the user to take a longer charge and often ensures the charger is free for those who need it. A connection fee is a standard practice in this market, especially when it comes to rapid chargers.

To help show this calculation, shown below are companies who do not charge a connection fee. On average there is a KW take of circa 21KW per vehicle. By using the connection fee (rather than a higher KW cost) our supplier can ensure a cost effective charge for users.

21KW take:

Geniepoint total cost: £7.30 (30p per KW, £1 connection fee)

Ecotricity: £8.19 (39p per KW, no connection fee)

Shell recharge: £8.19 (39p per KW, no connection fee)

Instavolt: £7.35 (35p per KW, no connection fee)

This shows that our tariff (Geniepoint) becomes a far more cost effective way of charging a user. As battery sizes increase and charges become longer, this cost gap will only increase in favour of our customers. The machines also have tri-headed rapid chargers (AC & DC connections) unlike some of the companies mentioned above. This ensures ANYONE, hybrid or EV, can take a charge from our chargers.

In terms of contactless payment, this is something the company are currently looking into and they are planning to roll this out across our network in the spring/summer of 2020.”

- 42.2 Cllr Gray responded to make a point of personal explanation, and thanked Cllr Williams for his detailed response and hoped there would be further dialogue. He continued to say that with GeniePoint, there was a £9 charge for an RFID card to use the service. And, according to the Zap-Map comparison site the Ecotricity charge was 30p/kW, not 39p; and Shell Recharge was 25p/kW, not 39p. The charge for GeniePoint came to the same rate as Instavolt when the £1 connection fee was added, which showed that great care was needed in making comparisons of charges.

CNL43. MOTIONS ON NOTICE (Agenda item 8.)

- 43.1 Cllr Jerry Hyman proposed the following motion, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12:

“That the Council instructs Officers to

- (i) reinstate the moratorium on the granting of consents to new housing within the visitor catchment zones of the Thames Basin and Wealden Heath SPAs (which was implemented temporarily from May last year), with immediate effect, and to
- (ii) suspend the Waverley Avoidance Strategy, (and to advise relevant developers and other interested parties as appropriate), until such time as the requisite evidence and appropriate assessments have been produced in accordance with all relevant legislation;

and in order to enable limited development to be lawfully consented through the ‘exceptions tests’ of ‘Habitats’ Art.6(4) and Reg.64, that the Council further instructs Officers to write to Natural England requesting that they provide the information necessary for Waverley to conduct complete appropriate assessments of the Local Plan, Avoidance Strategy and relevant planning applications, to specifically include all currently available and relevant information evidence in respect of

- (iii) the robustness of the current (2009) TBHSPA Delivery Framework strategy and SANG Standards,
- (iv) population data and dynamics (historic to date, and trends) for the 3 relevant bird species, for the Thames Basin and Wealden Heath SPAs,
- (v) the current Conservation Status, and the necessary specific Favourable Status Conservation Objectives for the habitats and species of those SPAs,

- (vi) the measured effectiveness of On-site, Local and Strategic SANGs in displacing visitor pressure and disturbance from the SPAs to SANGs,
- (vii) the extent to which SANG provision and promotion encourages dog ownership in the area over time, and
- (viii) the measured effectiveness of the SAMM Strategy,

and if any of that requested information is not currently available, that Officers request that Natural England advises when that information is likely to become available.”

The Leader had confirmed that the motion would be dealt with at the Council meeting.

- 43.2 The Mayor invited Cllr Hyman to explain the purpose of his Motion. Cllr Hyman explained that the purpose was a simple, process matter that would show how the council’s responsibilities to endangered species could be met. It followed on from his questions to the Executive and Council in October, and the Climate Emergency motion passed by the Council in September. The Officer report on the Climate Emergency had referred to the Intergovernmental Science – Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services report highlighting nature’s dangerous decline and unprecedented rates of species extinction. The Council had accepted its responsibility in respect of endangered species, and the purpose of the Motion was to show that it was serious about that. National Planning Policy Guidance on Appropriate Assessments was issued in the summer, and the Council had accepted that it had to carry out Appropriate Assessments of mitigation measures in respect of endangered habitats. The Motion was simply a matter of whether the Council had an Appropriate Assessment: if it didn’t, councillors would be expected to vote in favour of the Motion; if it did have an Appropriate Assessment that was complete, councillors would all vote against.
- 43.3 Cllr Hyman explained that he had written to the Chief Executive earlier in the day asking for a statement on whether the Council had an Appropriate Assessment, because there would be no need for a seconder or a debate if that was the case. He had found the responses to his questions to the Executive and Council in October to be contradictory on this point, and he had asked for clarification from the Chief Executive. Cllr Hyman confirmed that he had not sought a seconder to his motion, as he was seeking the clarification requested from the Chief Executive so as to know whether his motion was required.
- 43.4 The Mayor noted that Cllr Hyman did not have a seconder, and suggested that he follow the matter up off-line. The email to the Chief Executive had come

too late in the day to allow time for it to be considered fully. However, the Mayor invited the Borough Solicitor, Daniel Bainbridge to comment.

43.5 Mr Bainbridge summarised the advice the Council had received over the last 12 months from Counsel – Wayne Beglan, Cornerstone Chambers – and more recently in the presentation to all Members from Stephen Whale. The headline points from Wayne Beglan’s advice were:

- The provision of adequate SANGs or SAMMs has become an orthodox response to forms of development which would otherwise cause an adverse effect on a European site such as the Thames Basin Heaths SPA.
- The Council does have convincing objective evidence that the Farnham Park SANG and SAMM strategy are effective and the Council’s adopted policy approach is legally compliant with the requirements of the Habitats Regulations.

The headline points from Stephen Whale’s presentation on 6 November 2019, were:

- The government regards SANGs as being mitigation measures in that “their primary purpose is to draw recreational pressure away from sites and so prevent an adverse effect from occurring”.
- The efficacy of SANG is not up for debate by Waverley in the determination of planning applications because our local plan, which itself has been found sound, includes policies endorsing the provision of SANG. The efficacy of SANG may only be up for debate in an academic sense, but that is an entirely separate point.

43.6 Mr Bainbridge concluded that the Council has received advice on this a number of times; Members had received presentations on this; the Appropriate Assessment in the Local Plan has been found sound, and the Local Plan itself had been found sound and was beyond challenge.

43.7 In the light of what had been said, and that he had not had a response to his question, Cllr Hyman asked Members if there was a seconder of his Motion. There was not a seconder. The Mayor thanked Cllr Hyman, and closed the matter.

CNL44. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Agenda item 9.)

44.1 It was moved by the Leader of the Council, Cllr John Ward, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Cllr Paul Follows, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 5 November and 26 November 2019 be received and noted.

There were two Part 1 items for Council's consideration.

CNL45. EXE 35/19 COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019-2023
(Agenda item 9.1)

- 45.1 Cllr Paul Follows, as Portfolio Holder for Communications and Engagement, introduced the proposed Communications and Engagement Strategy 2019-2023, which would replace the previous Communications and Public Relations Strategy 2015-2019. The Strategy elaborated on the communications themes of the Corporate Strategy, and sought to improve and modernise the communications function with a more ethical and scientific approach, and bringing engagement explicitly into the strategy. Cllr Follows commended the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2019-2023 to Council for approval.
- 45.2 Councillors had a number of comments on the proposed Strategy:
- Cllr Goodridge was broadly content with the proposed approach and pleased to see that traditional communication channels were still seen as important. He asked that communications between councillors be open and transparent and that questions asked of the Leadership receive a prompt response. He also asked about the financial implications of implementing the new approach. Cllr Deanus and Cllr Cosser also emphasised the need to prioritise communications between the Executive Members and back-bench Members.
 - Cllr Cockburn made a number of points about the potential for harm to be caused by what she felt had been uncontrolled communications from some Members in relation to the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan review. She was broadly supportive of the Strategy, although personally questioned whether communication was not more of an art and skill rather than a science; and reiterated comments that communication needed to be two-way, and not just broadcast information.
 - Cllr Hyman and Cllr Gray also expressed support. Cllr Hyman asked that performance be evaluated against the Strategy via Overview and Scrutiny and the Executive.
- 45.3 Cllr Follows responded to the points raised by Members in their comments and explained that the Strategy would be implemented with existing resources, and the aim was to make the production of Your Waverley cost-neutral by selling space for appropriate advertisements. He committed to working to make communications with councillors as high a priority as communication with residents.
- 45.4 The Leader summed up and responded to specific comments made regarding the review of Local Plan Part 1, and the change of date of the Council meeting, and commended the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2019-2023 to Council for approval.
- 45.5 The Mayor moved the recommendation that the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2019-2023 be approved. As previously agreed, a recorded vote was taken using the electronic voting:

For: 46

Cllrs Brian Adams, Christine Baker, David Beaman, Roger Blishen, Peter Clark, Carole Cockburn, Richard Cole, Steve Cosser, Martin D'Arcy, Jerome Davidson, Kevin Deanus, Simon Dear, Brian Edmonds, Patricia Ellis, David Else, Jenny Else, Paul Follows, Michael Goodridge, John Gray, Joan Heagin, Val Henry, Chris Howard, Dan Hunt, Jerry Hyman, Peter Isherwood, Jacquie Keen, Robert Knowles, Anna James, Andy MacLeod, Peter Marriott, Peter Martin, Mark Merryweather, Stephen Mulliner, John Neale, Peter Nicholson, Julia Potts, Ruth Reed, Paul Rivers, Penny Rivers, John Robini, Anne-Marie Rosoman, Trevor Sadler, Richard Seaborne, John Ward, Steve Williams, George Wilson.

Against: None

Abstentions: 2

Cllrs Mary Foryszewski and Penny Marriott.

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2019-2023 be approved.

CNL46. EXE 36/19 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) - DOG CONTROL
(Agenda item 9.2)

46.1 The Leader introduced the proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in relation to dog control. He reminded Members that the Council had already made a PSPO in relation to dog-fouling. Following extensive consultation, the Executive was now recommending that a second PSPO be made in relation to dog controls including dogs on lead by direction, dogs on leads, and dog exclusion zones.

46.2 In order to future-proof the PSPO and address an issue already identified relating to an area in Alfold that was not included in the Schedule to the Order, the Leader proposed the following additional recommendation:

“That Council delegates authority to the Head of Environmental & Regulatory Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and relevant Ward Members to vary, extend or delete the specific areas affected by the PSPO as listed within the Schedule of Land. Any such amendments will be subject to consultation and publicity/notification requirements (in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State).

46.3 The addition of the recommendation was seconded by Cllr Follows. Cllr Deanus thanked the Leader for the additional recommendation, which he felt was a sensible approach, and would address a specific need in Alfold. There were no other speakers on the amendment, which the Mayor put to the vote:

For: 46

Cllrs Brian Adams, Christine Baker, David Beaman, Roger Blishen, Peter Clark, Carole Cockburn, Richard Cole, Steve Cosser, Martin D'Arcy, Jerome Davidson, Kevin Deanus, Simon Dear, Brian Edmonds, Patricia Ellis, David

Else, Jenny Else, Paul Follows, Michael Goodridge, John Gray, Joan Heagin, Val Henry, Chris Howard, Dan Hunt, Jerry Hyman, Peter Isherwood, Jacquie Keen, Robert Knowles, Anna James, Andy MacLeod, Peter Marriott, Peter Martin, Mark Merryweather, Stephen Mulliner, John Neale, Peter Nicholson, Julia Potts, Ruth Reed, Paul Rivers, Penny Rivers, John Robini, Anne-Marie Rosoman, Trevor Sadler, Richard Seaborne, John Ward, Steve Williams, George Wilson.

Against: None

Abstentions: 2

Cllrs Mary Forszewska and Penny Marriott.

The amendment was carried.

46.4 Turning to the PSPO itself Members were broadly supportive, although a number had specific queries regarding the impact within their own wards. Councillor Wilson asked if professional dog-walkers could be required to have public liability insurance. The Leader agreed that professional dog-walkers could be a problem, but insurance matters were not within Waverley's control.

46.5 The Mayor put the recommendation, that the PSPO be approved, including the delegation to enable amendments to the Schedule.

For: 46

Cllrs Brian Adams, Christine Baker, David Beaman, Roger Blishen, Peter Clark, Carole Cockburn, Richard Cole, Steve Cosser, Martin D'Arcy, Jerome Davidson, Kevin Deanus, Simon Dear, Brian Edmonds, Patricia Ellis, David Else, Jenny Else, Paul Follows, Michael Goodridge, John Gray, Joan Heagin, Val Henry, Chris Howard, Dan Hunt, Jerry Hyman, Peter Isherwood, Jacquie Keen, Robert Knowles, Anna James, Andy MacLeod, Peter Marriott, Peter Martin, Mark Merryweather, Stephen Mulliner, John Neale, Peter Nicholson, Julia Potts, Ruth Reed, Paul Rivers, Penny Rivers, John Robini, Anne-Marie Rosoman, Trevor Sadler, Richard Seaborne, John Ward, Steve Williams, George Wilson.

Against: None

Abstentions: 2

Cllrs Mary Forszewska and Penny Marriott.

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED that a PSPO in relation to dog control is made, and delegated authority is given to the Head of Environmental & Regulatory Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and relevant Ward Members to vary, extend or delete the specific areas affected by the PSPO as listed within the Schedule of Land. Any such amendments will be subject to consultation and publicity/notification requirements (in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State).

CNL47. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Agenda item 10.)

47.1 It was moved by Cllr Peter Marriott, Chairman of the Audit Committee, duly seconded by the Cllr Jerome Davidson, Vice-Chairman, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 26 November 2019 be received and noted.

There was one Part 1 item for Council's consideration.

CNL48. AUD 33/19 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATE (Agenda item 10.1)

48.1 Cllr Peter Marriott outlined the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations, which were shown as tracked changes in the document attached to the agenda. The Audit Committee had reviewed the proposed changes robustly and were satisfied they struck an appropriate balance between control and improved efficiency. The Audit Committee recommended that Council approved the revised Financial Regulations.

48.2 There were no speakers on the revised Financial Regulations, and the Mayor put the recommendation that Council approve the revised Financial Regulations.

For: 46

Cllrs Brian Adams, Christine Baker, David Beaman, Roger Blishen, Peter Clark, Carole Cockburn, Richard Cole, Steve Cosser, Martin D'Arcy, Jerome Davidson, Kevin Deanus, Simon Dear, Brian Edmonds, Patricia Ellis, David Else, Jenny Else, Paul Follows, Michael Goodridge, John Gray, Joan Heagin, Val Henry, Chris Howard, Dan Hunt, Jerry Hyman, Peter Isherwood, Jacquie Keen, Robert Knowles, Anna James, Andy MacLeod, Peter Marriott, Peter Martin, Mark Merryweather, Stephen Mulliner, John Neale, Peter Nicholson, Julia Potts, Ruth Reed, Paul Rivers, Penny Rivers, John Robini, Anne-Marie Rosoman, Trevor Sadler, Richard Seaborne, John Ward, Steve Williams, George Wilson.

Against: None

Abstentions: 2

Cllrs Mary Foryszewski and Penny Marriott.

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED that the revised Financial Regulations be approved.

CNL49. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES - PART II MATTERS OF REPORT (Agenda item)

49.1 Cllr Richard Seaborne and Cllr Simon Dear both commented on the discussion that had taken place at the Audit Committee on the revisions to the Contract Procurement Rules with regard to the role of procurement in encouraging contractors to consider the carbon impact of their services, and helping Waverley to reduce its own carbon footprint. The Audit Committee had asked officers to consult with the Climate Change Advisory Group to

ensure that the Contract Procurement Rules supported fully the Council's climate emergency action plan.

CNL50. COMPULSORY POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW (Agenda item 11.)

- 50.1 Tom Horwood, Chief Executive and Electoral Returning Officer, introduced the report on the Compulsory Polling District and Polling Place Review. This was the outcome of the compulsory five-yearly review, which followed a formal process including publication of notices of the review, which took place in August 2019, and consideration of representations received. No changes were proposed to Waverley's Polling Districts. Mr Horwood emphasised that none of the proposed changes to Polling Places would be implemented before the General Election on Thursday 12 December.
- 50.2 Mr Horwood thanked Waverley Councillors, Town and Parish councillors, and others for their engagement with the review, and confirmed that further changes to Polling Places could be made in between the compulsory five-yearly reviews.
- 50.3 The Leader moved the recommendation, which was seconded by the Deputy Leader, that the Council note the conclusion of the compulsory review of Polling Districts and Polling Places, and approve the list of future Polling Places as detailed in Appendix B of the report. Cllr Cosser spoke to thank Charterhouse School and officers for identifying an alternative Polling Place to the Scout Hut for the Charterhouse ward. Charterhouse School was the obvious location for a Polling Place and this was a very welcome improvement to polling arrangements.
- 50.4 The Mayor put the recommendation to the vote:

For: 45

Cllrs Brian Adams, Christine Baker, David Beaman, Roger Blishen, Peter Clark, Carole Cockburn, Richard Cole, Steve Cosser, Martin D'Arcy, Jerome Davidson, Kevin Deanus, Simon Dear, Brian Edmonds, Patricia Ellis, David Else, Jenny Else, Paul Follows, Michael Goodridge, John Gray, Joan Heagin, Val Henry, Chris Howard, Dan Hunt, Jerry Hyman, Peter Isherwood, Jacquie Keen, Robert Knowles, Anna James, Andy MacLeod, Peter Marriott, Peter Martin, Mark Merryweather, Stephen Mulliner, John Neale, Peter Nicholson, Julia Potts, Paul Rivers, Penny Rivers, John Robini, Anne-Marie Rosoman, Trevor Sadler, Richard Seaborne, John Ward, Steve Williams, George Wilson.

Against: None

Abstentions: 3

Cllrs Mary Foryszewski, Penny Marriott and Ruth Reed.

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED that Council noted the conclusion of the compulsory review of Polling Districts and Polling Places, and approved the list of future Polling Places as detailed in Appendix B of the report.

CNL51. PROPORTIONALITY ON COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS (Agenda item 12.)

51.1 The Mayor introduced the reporting setting out the revised proportionality of seats on committees and allocation of committee seats following Cllr Jack Lee's death and the resignation of Cllr Townsend from the Conservative Group to become an Independent councillor. The details were set out in the report, including adjustments to the committee memberships which had been agreed with the relevant Group Leaders, which the Mayor invited Council to note.

51.2 **Council RESOLVED *nem con* to note:**

- 1. the proportional allocation of seats on the Principal Committees, Area Planning Committees and SCC Local Committee in accordance with the political proportionality of the Council; and,**
- 2. the Group Leaders' nominations to the Principal Committees, as detailed in Annexe 1 of the report.**

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

Mayor