

MINUTES of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in
the Council Chamber, Council
Offices, The Burys, Godalming
on 26 May 2015 at 7.00 pm

- * Cllr Mike Band (Mayor)
- * Cllr Chris Storey (Deputy Mayor)

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| * Cllr Brian Adams | * Cllr Carole King |
| * Cllr Paddy Blagden | * Cllr Robert Knowles |
| * Cllr Andrew Bolton | * Cllr Martin Lear |
| * Cllr Maurice Byham | * Cllr Denise Le Gal |
| * Cllr Carole Cockburn | * Cllr Denis Leigh |
| * Cllr Kevin Deanus | * Cllr Andy MacLeod |
| * Cllr Jim Edwards | * Cllr Peter Martin |
| * Cllr Brian Ellis | * Cllr Tom Martin |
| * Cllr Patricia Ellis | * Cllr Kika Mirylees |
| * Cllr David Else | * Cllr Stephen Mulliner |
| * Cllr Jenny Else | * Cllr David Munro |
| * Cllr Mary Forszewski | * Cllr Nabeel Nasir |
| * Cllr John Fraser | * Cllr Libby Piper |
| * Cllr Pat Frost | * Cllr Julia Potts |
| * Cllr Michael Goodridge | * Cllr Sam Pritchard |
| * Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith | * Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale |
| * Cllr John Gray | * Cllr Stefan Reynolds |
| * Cllr Ged Hall | * Cllr David Round |
| * Cllr Jill Hargreaves | * Cllr Richard Seaborne |
| * Cllr Val Henry | * Cllr Jeanette Stennett |
| * Cllr Christiaan Hesse | * Cllr Stewart Stennett |
| * Cllr Stephen Hill | * Cllr Simon Thornton |
| Cllr Mike Hodge | * Cllr Bob Upton |
| * Cllr Nicholas Holder | Cllr Ross Welland |
| * Cllr David Hunter | * Cllr Liz Wheatley |
| * Cllr Simon Inchbald | * Cllr Nick Williams |
| Cllr Peter Isherwood | * Cllr John Williamson |
| * Cllr Anna James | |

*Present

Apologies

Cllr Mike Hodge, Cllr Peter Isherwood and Cllr Ross Welland

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend
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1/14 ELECTION OF MAYOR (Agenda item 1.)

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Mayor for the Council year 2015/2016.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Goodridge and seconded by Councillor Carole King that Councillor Mike Band be elected Mayor for the ensuing year. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Mike Band be elected Mayor for the year 2015/2016.

2/14 MAYOR TO MAKE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE (Agenda item 2.)

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

The Mayor congratulated Cllr Liz Wheatley on her mayoral year and commented that his predecessors had set the bar high. He said that he was very proud to be part of a team of councillors and officers who ensured that Waverley was a well-run Borough. The Mayor advised the Council that he wanted to focus his mayoral year on being an ambassador for Waverley and making sure people understand what the Council does.

3/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 3.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mike Hodge, Peter Isherwood and Ross Welland.

4/14 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR (Agenda item 4.)

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the year 2015/2016.

It was proposed by Councillor David Munro and seconded by Councillor Denis Leigh that Councillor Chris Storey be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Storey be appointed Deputy Mayor for the year 2015/2016.

5/14 DEPUTY MAYOR TO MAKE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE (Agenda item 5.)

Councillor Chris Storey made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked those who had spoken in support of his appointment. He said that he was looking forward to the year ahead and working with the Mayor to assist him in his mayoral year.

6/14 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR (Agenda item 6.)

Cllr Pat Frost proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Cllr Liz Wheatley. She said that Cllr Wheatley had set an excellent example, having completed some

400 engagements with energy and enthusiasm, including her recent parachute jump. Cllr Maurice Byham commented that the Borough had benefited from Cllr Wheatley's attendance at numerous engagements and recognised that she had offered great support to the armed forces.

Cllr Liz Wheatley thanked Cllrs Frost and Byham for their kind words. She thanked the Council for the privilege of being Waverley's Mayor which had given her the opportunity to have some amazing experiences and meet wonderful people from all walks of life. She summarised the numerous events that she had attended with her husband Mike and informed the Council that almost £10,000 had been raised over the year towards her mayoral charity, Citizens' Advice Waverley. She wished the Mayor, Cllr Band, every success and happiness for their forthcoming mayoral year.

7/14 MINUTES (Agenda item 7.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 April 2015 were confirmed and signed.

8/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 8.)

The Mayor announced that his chaplain for his mayoral year would be the Reverend Sally Davis and she would be leading his Civic Service at 3pm on 4 July 2015 at Christchurch in Shamley Green. Following the service there would be tea at the vicarage.

The Mayor announced that he would be supporting the following charities throughout his mayoral year:

- Dan's Fund for Burns
- Surrey Hills Trust Fund.

He informed the Council that he would be organising a number of events to include a Christmas Ball at Charterhouse and a sponsored walk, more details of which would follow in due course. The Mayor had already represented Waverley at an event to celebrate the signing of the Magna Carta.

9/14 ELECTION OF LEADER (Agenda item 9.)

The Mayor called for nominations for Leader of the Council for the period 2015-2019. It was proposed by Councillor Stefan Reynolds and seconded by Councillor Simon Thornton that Councillor Robert Knowles be elected Leader of the Council. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED that Councillor Robert Knowles be elected Leader of the Council for the period 2015-2019.

10/14 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE AND DEPUTY LEADER (Agenda item 10.)

The Leader of the Council announced the members of the Executive for 2015/2016 and their portfolio holder responsibilities, along with the appointment of Cllr Julia Potts as Deputy Leader of the Council for the duration of the Leader's term of office, as follows:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Portfolio Holder Responsibilities</u>
Cllr Robert Knowles (Leader)	Corporate Strategy including Policy and Governance, Human Resources, Representing Waverley, Wider Issues
Cllr Julia Potts (Deputy Leader)	Major Projects and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Cllr Brian Adams	Planning
Cllr Kevin Deanus	Operational Services
Cllr Carole King	Housing
Cllr Tom Martin	Customer and Corporate Services
Cllr Stefan Reynolds	Communications and Grants
Cllr Stewart Stennett	Leisure and Culture
Cllr Simon Thornton	Environment
Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale	Finance

11/14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL GROUPS) REGULATIONS 1990 (Agenda item 11.)

The Leader of the Council moved the adoption of the recommendations in Annexe 1 relating to the appointments to Committees for the forthcoming Council year. The Leader confirmed that the Terms of Reference for Committees remained unchanged and clarified that the number of seats on Western Area Planning Committee that the Conservative Group was entitled to should be amended from 12 to be 10. 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 2015/2016 be constituted as set out in Annexe 1 to these minutes; and
2. 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].

12/14 WAVERLEY APPOINTMENTS 2015-2017 (Agenda item 12.)

The Council agreed to appoint the following councillors for the period 2015-2017:-

Historic Environment Champion – Cllr Nick Holder

Design Champion – Cllr David Else
Community Covenant Champion – Cllr Maurice Byham

13/14 NOMINATIONS TO SURREY LEADERS' GROUP OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda item 13.)

The Council agreed to nominate the following Councillors to represent Waverley on a number of Surrey Leaders' Group outside bodies:-

Surrey Pension Fund Board Cllr Andrew Bolton

Active Surrey Sports Partnership Board Cllr David Round

Surrey Civilian Military Partnership Board Cllr Maurice Byham

The meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

Mayor