

MINUTES of the WAVERLEY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in  
the Council Chamber, Council  
Offices, The Burys, Godalming  
on 5 December 2017 at 7.00  
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- \* Cllr Simon Inchbald (Mayor)
- \* Cllr Denise Le Gal (Deputy Mayor)

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

\*Present

### **Apologies**

Cllr David Else, Cllr Jenny Else, Cllr John Fraser, Cllr Pat Frost, Cllr Val Henry, Cllr Mike Hodge, Cllr Nicholas Holder, Cllr Peter Martin, Cllr Libby Piper, Cllr John Ward, Cllr Ross Welland and Cllr John Williamson

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the Reverend Jane Vlach.

35/16 MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 17 October and of the Extraordinary meeting held on 6 November 2017 were confirmed and signed.

36/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David and Jenny Else, John Fraser, Pat Frost, Val Henry, Mike Hodge, Nicholas Holder, Peter Martin, Libby Piper, John Ward, Ross Welland and John Williamson.

37/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

The Interim Managing Director, Tom Horwood, and the Strategic Director for Finance and Resources, Graeme Clark, declared interests in Minute No.75 of the Executive meeting held on 28 November 2017. Both left the Chamber during consideration of the item.

38/16 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 4.)

The Mayor thanked Damian Roberts, Strategic Director for Frontline Services, for his hard work and service to the Council, and wished him well in his new position at Epsom and Ewell Council.

39/16 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 5.)

The following question was submitted to the Leader of the Council by Mr David Wyld of Farnham in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

“It has been widely reported in the press that Marks and Spencer is slowing down its previously announced plan to expand its Simply Food sites by 200 and that only the most promising sites will make the cut. Byron Burgers and ASK have both announced site closures and Carluccios a dip in pre-tax profits. In view of the “strong headwinds facing the industry”, to quote the Chief Executive of Carluccios, and the previous withdrawals from the development by Vue and Odeon, can the Council Leader confirm that the announced pre-let tenants are still committed to the Brightwells development?”

The response from the Leader of the Council was as follows:-

“I am pleased to confirm that 40% of the pre-lets are agreed. Given the commercial sensitivity of the scheme at this time, I am unable to go into any further details”.

40/16 QUESTION TIME (Agenda item 6.)

The following urgent question was submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.2 by Cllr Robert Knowles of Haslemere:-

“NatWest Bank, announced on 1 December, that the Haslemere Branch will be closed. This follows the closure of Barclays and HSBC in Haslemere, and NatWest and Lloyds in Grayshott, leaving only a Lloyds Bank in Haslemere

town centre and a Santander in Shottermill. In detail, what representations has the portfolio holder for Economic Development made to these banks, as this will leave a town with a population in three counties, of some 18,000 people and a much larger number in surrounding villages, with one Bank in the town centre, and the likelihood of the closure of the town post office, which is totally unacceptable?”

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5, the following answer was given by the Executive Portfolio Holder for Economic Development:-

“Thank you Cllr Knowles for asking the question. Waverley Borough Council shares your concerns. Banks do not generally warn the Council when they are going to close branches.

Waverley has regular meetings with the local Chambers of Commerce, our next meeting is next Tuesday. I have already notified the chambers that we wish to add the suggested closure to our agenda. I understand other towns and villages in Waverley may be affected. We have also notified Jeremy Hunt’s office and will keep members informed of the outcome of our discussions.”

41/16 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Agenda item 8.)

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on 28 November 2017 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

42/16 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Agenda item 9.)

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 20 November 2017 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.26 p.m.

Mayor

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