

MINUTES of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in
the Council Chamber, Council
Offices, The Burys, Godalming
on 17 May 2022 at 7.00 pm

- * Cllr John Robini (Mayor)
- * Cllr John Ward (Deputy Mayor)

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

*Present

Apologies

Cllr Steve Cosser, Cllr Simon Dear, Cllr Brian Edmonds, Cllr Jan Floyd-Douglass, Cllr John Gray, Cllr Val Henry, Cllr Peter Martin, Cllr Stephen Mulliner and Cllr Anne-Marie Rosoman

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by
Reverend Sandy Clarke.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Steve Cosser, Simon Dear, Brian Edmonds, Jan Floyd-Douglass, John Gray, Val Henry, Peter Martin, Stephen Mulliner and Anne-Marie Rosoman.

CNL2/22 ELECTION OF MAYOR (Agenda item 2.)

The retiring Mayor, Councillor John Robini welcomed Councillors and guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council, and invited nominations for the election of Mayor of Waverley for the Council year 2022/23.

Councillor Paul Follows proposed that Councillor John Ward be elected for the Council year 2022/23, and this was seconded by Councillor Michael Goodridge.

Councillors Clark, Palmer, Williams, Potts and Townsend also spoke on the nomination.

There being no other nominations, it was RESOLVED that Councillor John Ward be elected Mayor of Waverley for the Council year 2022/23.

CNL3/22 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE MAYOR (Agenda item 3.)

Having been invested with the Mayoral Robes and Chain of Office, Councillor John Ward made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair for the remainder of the Council meeting.

The Mayor made a Speech of Acceptance, thanking those who had spoken for their kind words and Councillors for electing him.

CNL4/22 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR (Agenda item 4.)

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for the Council year 2022/23.

Councillor Steve Williams proposed Councillor Penny Rivers as Deputy Mayor, and the proposal was seconded by Councillor Liz Townsend.

Councillor Paul Follows and Nick Palmer also spoke on the nomination.

There being no other nominations, it was RESOLVED that Councillor Penny Rivers be elected Deputy Mayor of Waverley for the Council year 2022/23.

The Mayor invested the new Deputy Mayor with the Badge of Office, and presented the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor's Consort, the Past Mayor and Past Mayoress with the appropriate Badges of Office.

CNL5/22 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR (Agenda item 5.)

Councillor Penny Rivers made the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked Councillors for electing her as Deputy Mayor.

CNL6/22 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR (Agenda item 6.)

Councillor Mark Merryweather proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor John Robini, which was seconded by Councillor Nicholson.

Councillor Carole Cockburn also spoke on the vote of thanks.

Councillor John Robini responded thanking those who had spoken and reflected on his Mayoral year. He thanked all those who had supported him and his charities; and presented gifts to the Mayoral support team and his Mayoress, Councillor Jacqui Keen.

CNL7/22 MINUTES (Agenda item 7.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26 April 2022 were confirmed and signed.

CNL8/22 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 8.)

The Mayor advised Councillors that his Civic Service would be held on Sunday 26 June 2022 in St Thomas on the Bourne Church in Farnham. He would be inviting volunteers from across the borough and he encouraged all Councillors to attend to give thanks to those volunteers.

The Mayor would not be appointing a Chaplain in order to be as inclusive as possible and would be inviting ministers from across the borough to say prayers at Council meetings.

The Mayor had chosen two causes as the focus for his Mayoral year. The first was Creative Response Arts in Farnham and the second was Jigsaw Trust School in Dunsfold.

The Mayor concluded by thanking his Mayoress for her support and Councillors for electing him. He also welcomed Councillor David Munro to the Council following his re-election on 12 May.

CNL9/22 REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY OF THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (Agenda item 9.)

The Mayor advised that the report showing the political proportionality of the Council had been tabled, along with a schedule showing the Group Leader's nominations for appointments to committees. There were two changes to the report, to correct a typographical error in paragraph 4.4 to read 31.58, rather than 21.58; and to list Councillor D'Arcy under the membership of the Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded and duly RESOLVED that:

- i. the political balance of the Council, as set out in paragraph 4.4 as amended be noted.
- ii. the constitution of committees, the allocation of seats, the appointment of members to those seats in accordance with Group's nominations,

- and the nomination of chairman and vice-chairman positions, as set out in Annexes 1 and 2, be approved.
- iii. the allocation of seats and appointments to the Surrey County Council Local Committee be approved.

The meeting concluded at 8.19 pm

Mayor