

MINUTES of the WAVERLEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL held in
the Council Chamber, Council
Offices, The Burys, Godalming
on 16 February 2016 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 Jill Hargreaves, Cllr Martin Lear, Cllr Peter Martin, Cllr Simon Thornton, Cllr Bob Upton
and Cllr John Williamson

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers were led by the
Reverend Sally Davies.

39/14 MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 December 2015 were
confirmed and signed.

40/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jill Hargreaves, Martin Lear, Peter Martin, Simon Thornton, Bob Upton and John Williamson.

41/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

Cllr Mike Hodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in Executive Minute No. 117 from its meeting on 5 January 2016, as Secretary of the Hale Recreation Ground Management Committee. There being no discussion on the item, Cllr Hodge remained in the meeting.

42/14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda item 4.)

The Mayor reported on the engagements he had carried out since the last Council meeting which had included presenting congratulations to a local lady on her 105th birthday. He also congratulated the Council's team of four officers who had won the 2016 Pancake race against Guildford Borough Council in Guildford High Street.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that his charity concert before Christmas had successfully raised over £33,000 and invited councillors to contact the Mayor's Secretary if they wished to buy tickets for his next charity concert at St Catherine's School on 19 March 2016, in aid of Dan's Fund for Burns.

43/14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 5.)

Three questions were received from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 10. With regard to the first question from Mr H Alexander of Hambledon, at the commencement of this agenda item, the Mayor informed the questioner that he would not be invited to read out his question. He explained that it was not possible to deal with the question because the case referred to was being progressed by the Police and the Council's legal advice was that no comment could be made at that time because it may prejudice any future proceedings.

The Mayor moved on to receive the following two questions:

i. from Mr David Beaman of Farnham

"The NPPF is quite clear in requiring all new residential developments to be sustainable including the provision of adequate transport facilities. Badshot Lea, where significant residential development is proposed, is currently served by an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime bus service that operates between Aldershot and Farnham then onto Godalming and Guildford. Under proposals issued by Surrey County Council that are currently open for consultation the section of route between Aldershot and Badshot Lea will be withdrawn completely whilst the number of journeys operated between Badshot Lea and Farnham is likely to be reduced from 10 to 6 or 7 journeys per day with the possibility of no service being provided at all on Saturdays. This reduction in bus service will inevitably affect the sustainability of any further residential development in Badshot Lea and would WBC confirm that when considering planning applications for any new residential development its transport sustainability will take account of any known future changes in bus service".

Cllr Brian Adams, Portfolio Holder for Planning, replied as follows:-

“Planning applications for significant housing schemes are accompanied by a Transport Assessment. We rely on the expert advice of Officers at Surrey County Council to consider these - they typically cover a range of issues including impact on the highway network, the availability of public transport, walking and cycling routes. The assessment will also assess the opportunities that development may offer in terms of improvement to transport infrastructure. The planning assessment will also take into account the wider social and economic benefits that new housing can bring such as meeting unmet local housing need.

Where changes to bus services are planned then that would be a matter for the Officers at the County Council to consider in their response as one of many factors affecting the sustainability of a development. This might include the positive impact new development will have on the viability of an existing bus service by increasing demand generated from additional residents.

Also, thanks to Waverley’s generous grants, Hoppa operates a Dial-a-ride scheme which offers free membership and everyone can take advantage of this for specific trips.”

- ii. from Charles Orange on behalf of Alfold, Busbridge, Chiddingfold, Dunsfold, Hambledon, Hascombe, Shalford and Wonersh Parish Councils

“Our question relates to our concerns on the viability of the consultation process in progress on Planning Application WA/2015/2395 submitted by Dunsfold Park on 4th December 2015, currently expiring on 5th February 2016.

We refer you to the following: In summer 2015 the Council published a Special Edition of “Making Waves” seeking opinions from the wider community on the specific question of their preferences for the location of housing in the borough with 4 x Scenario Areas proposed by the applicant, to assist the Council in the preparation of their Spatial Strategy. Only some 3% of the population responded, with an inevitable emphasis from those in the borough who feel threatened by development in their own neighbourhood of a preference for Scenario 4. We still await the publication of essential reports for meaningful consultations to take place, i.e.

- WBC’s proposed Spatial Strategy – due in April
- Mott McDonald’s report on their current transport assessment
- SCC Infrastructure Plans and Proposals, with current financial implications for recent comprehensive budget cuts

Given that inadequate pre-application consultations, on any aspect of this multi-faceted application have taken place (orchestrated by WBC in accordance with their Statement of Community Involvement) between Dunsfold Park and all, or any, of the statutory consultees, or involving the wider community; and that the Council has acknowledged that it cannot meet the formal deadline for submission of this application to a Joint Planning Committee, our question is:-

“How do you propose to proceed now to ensure that following receipt of the reports above, meaningful consultations can take place across all aspects of this application, with all level of consultees – as in your Statement of Community Involvement, and in a negotiated time frame acceptable to all parties, and as you rightly refer are necessary to avoid HMG penalties?”

Cllr Adams, Portfolio Holder for Planning, gave the following reply:-

“The Council has consulted extensively on the planning application for 1800 houses and related infrastructure at Dunsfold Park.

Any impacts of the development and the means to mitigate them will be assessed in the normal way. This will include assessment by the Council’s professional officers of the submitted application and taking advice as necessary from statutory consultees such as the County Council and where necessary additional expert advice. You make reference to three reports:

Firstly the emerging spatial strategy in the Local Plan. The weight to be attached to this will be dependant on the stage it has reached when the application is decided. Secondly – the Mott MacDonald report – which will be published prior to a decision being made on the application. This report’s main purpose is to inform progress on the Local Plan rather than individual planning applications. The developer has submitted a transport assessment of the scheme which is currently being considered by the County Council and which will inform the outcome of the planning application.

Thirdly - the Surrey Infrastructure Study is a high level document produced by the County Council of limited relevance to this planning application. Any infrastructure impacts of the proposed new settlement are clearly very important and will be assessed in the normal way taking into account the views of the relevant infrastructure providers

You make reference to lack of pre application discussions – I’m afraid this is incorrect as the developer did receive advice from Officers prior to the submission of the planning application and also discussions with councillors in that area. I am confident that the Council has at its disposal access to the appropriate advice to ensure that its assessment of the planning application is undertaken in a timely manner, together with a detailed and thorough assessment of the relevant planning considerations. If third parties have yet to submit their comments on the planning application, I would encourage them to do so as soon as possible so that they can be properly considered by the Council.”

44/14 BUDGET 2016/2017 (Agenda item 8.)

The Chairman of the Executive presented the reports at Agenda Item 8a-8d, 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 Budget 2016/17 (Agenda Item 8a)

An updated Annexe 2 was tabled. The Chairman of the Executive then went on to clarify that the wording of recommendation 1 should be revised to read as follows:-

1. an increase for Waverley's element of council tax for 2016/2017 be agreed as £5 for the Band D equivalent charge;

It was then moved by the Chairman of the Executive and seconded that recommendation 2 be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of the existing recommendation:

- "2. with the exception of the proposed saving of £10,000 identified from cancelling the LGA subscription, with the impact of this change on the draft budget being met from the Government's transitional grant."

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

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Agenda Item 8a. be approved and recommendations 1-10, as amended, contained therein be adopted.

General Fund Capital Programme 2016/17 (Agenda Item 8b)

It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Farnham Residents' Group and seconded that the following words be added to the end of the existing recommendation 2 that

- "2.with the exception that the £800,000 allocated to the Frensham Visitor Centre be reviewed with a view to using a lesser amount for a substantial refurbishment."

Upon being put to the vote, this amendment was LOST.

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Agenda Item 8b be approved and recommendations 1-4 contained therein adopted.

Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2016/17 (Agenda Item 8c)

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

RESOLVED that the report of the Executive at Agenda Item 8c be approved and recommendations 1-13 contained therein be adopted.

Council Tax Setting 2016/17

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

RESOLVED that

- 28.1 the following amounts have been calculated for the Council for 2016/2017 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) £74,616,830 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) £62,900,308 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) £11,716,522 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) £218.41 being the amount at (c) divided by 53,645.9, 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) £2,762,522 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act;
- (f) £166.91 being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by 53,645.9 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	215.89	being the amounts given by adding
Bramley	189.81	to the amount at (f) above the
Busbridge	192.45	special item or items relating to
Chiddingfold	253.40	dwellings in those parts of the
Churt	216.84	Council's area mentioned above
Cranleigh	220.60	divided in each case by the amount
Dockenfield	189.32	calculated by the Council, in
Dunsfold	228.70	accordance with Section 34(3) of the
Elstead	196.89	Act, as the basic amounts of its
Ewhurst	224.14	Council Tax for the year for dwellings
Farnham	226.74	in those parts of its area to which one
Frensham	215.88	or more special items relate.

Godalming	224.74
Hambledon	193.03
Hascombe	211.18
Haslemere	201.63
Peper Harow	171.27
Thursley	207.85
Tilford	235.81
Witley	224.33
Wonersh	188.67

(h)

Valuation Bands

<u>Part of the Council's Area</u>	<u>Band A</u>	<u>Band B</u>	<u>Band C</u>	<u>Band D</u>	<u>Band E</u>	<u>Band F</u>	<u>Band G</u>	<u>Band H</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Alfold	143.92	167.91	191.90	215.89	263.86	311.84	359.81	431.78
Bramley	126.54	147.62	168.72	189.81	231.99	274.17	316.35	379.62
Busbridge	128.30	149.67	171.06	192.45	235.22	277.98	320.75	384.90
Chiddingfold	168.93	197.08	225.24	253.40	309.71	366.02	422.33	506.80
Churt	144.56	168.64	192.74	216.84	265.03	313.21	361.40	433.68
Cranleigh	147.06	171.57	196.08	220.60	269.62	318.64	367.66	441.20
Dockenfield	126.21	147.24	168.28	189.32	231.39	273.46	315.53	378.64
Dunsfold	152.46	177.87	203.28	228.70	279.52	330.34	381.16	457.40
Elstead	131.26	153.13	175.01	196.89	240.64	284.39	328.15	393.78
Ewhurst	149.42	174.32	199.23	224.14	273.95	323.76	373.56	448.28
Farnham	151.16	176.34	201.54	226.74	277.13	327.51	377.90	453.48
Frensham	143.92	167.90	191.89	215.88	263.85	311.82	359.80	431.76
Godalming	149.82	174.79	199.76	224.74	274.68	324.62	374.56	449.48
Hambledon	128.68	150.13	171.58	193.03	235.92	278.82	321.71	386.06
Hascombe	140.78	164.24	187.71	211.18	258.11	305.04	351.96	422.36
Haslemere	134.42	156.81	179.22	201.63	246.44	291.24	336.05	403.26

Peper Harow	114.18	133.20	152.24	171.27	209.33	247.39	285.45	342.54
Thursley	138.56	161.65	184.75	207.85	254.04	300.23	346.41	415.70
Tilford	157.20	183.40	209.60	235.81	288.21	340.61	393.01	471.62
Witley	149.55	174.47	199.40	224.33	274.18	324.03	373.88	448.66
Wonersh	125.78	146.73	167.70	188.67	230.60	272.52	314.45	377.34

being the amounts given by multiplying the individual amounts contained within (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. Waverley and Parish/Town charges are calculated separately then added together;

- 28.2 that it be noted that for 2016/2017 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.

	<u>Valuation Bands</u>							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Surrey County Council	845.52	986.44	1,127.36	1,268.28	1,550.12	1,831.96	2,113.80	2,536.56
Surrey P.C.C	146.79	171.26	195.72	220.19	269.12	318.05	366.98	440.38

- 28.3 that, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 28.1 (h) and 28.2 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 2016 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	1,136.23	1,325.61	1,514.98	1,704.36	2,083.10	2,461.85	2,840.59	3,408.72
Bramley	1,118.85	1,305.32	1,491.80	1,678.28	2,051.23	2,424.18	2,797.13	3,356.56

Busbridge	1,120.61	1,307.37	1,494.14	1,680.92	2,054.46	2,427.99	2,801.53	3,361.84
Chiddingfold	1,161.24	1,354.78	1,548.32	1,741.87	2,128.95	2,516.03	2,903.11	3,483.74
Churt	1,136.87	1,326.34	1,515.82	1,705.31	2,084.27	2,463.22	2,842.18	3,410.62
Cranleigh	1,139.37	1,329.27	1,519.16	1,709.07	2,088.86	2,468.65	2,848.44	3,418.14
Dockenfield	1,118.52	1,304.94	1,491.36	1,677.79	2,050.63	2,423.47	2,796.31	3,355.58
Dunsfold	1,144.77	1,335.57	1,526.36	1,717.17	2,098.76	2,480.35	2,861.94	3,434.34
Elstead	1,123.57	1,310.83	1,498.09	1,685.36	2,059.88	2,434.40	2,808.93	3,370.72
Ewhurst	1,141.73	1,332.02	1,522.31	1,712.61	2,093.19	2,473.77	2,854.34	3,425.22
Farnham	1,143.47	1,334.04	1,524.62	1,715.21	2,096.37	2,477.52	2,858.68	3,430.42
Frensham	1,136.23	1,325.60	1,514.97	1,704.35	2,083.09	2,461.83	2,840.58	3,408.70
Godalming	1,142.13	1,332.49	1,522.84	1,713.21	2,093.92	2,474.63	2,855.34	3,426.42
Hambleton	1,120.99	1,307.83	1,494.66	1,681.50	2,055.16	2,428.83	2,802.49	3,363.00
Hascombe	1,133.09	1,321.94	1,510.79	1,699.65	2,077.35	2,455.05	2,832.74	3,399.30
Haslemere	1,126.73	1,314.51	1,502.30	1,690.10	2,065.68	2,441.25	2,816.83	3,380.20
Peper Harow	1,106.49	1,290.90	1,475.32	1,659.74	2,028.57	2,397.40	2,766.23	3,319.48
Thursley	1,130.87	1,319.35	1,507.83	1,696.32	2,073.28	2,450.24	2,827.19	3,392.64
Tilford	1,149.51	1,341.10	1,532.68	1,724.28	2,107.45	2,490.62	2,873.79	3,448.56
Witley	1,141.86	1,332.17	1,522.48	1,712.80	2,093.42	2,474.04	2,854.66	3,425.60
Wonersh	1,118.09	1,304.43	1,490.78	1,677.14	2,049.84	2,422.53	2,795.23	3,354.28

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 make it mandatory for Councils to conduct a recorded vote at budget-setting Council meetings. Recorded votes were therefore taken on Recommendations 1-27 and 28, with the voting for each as follows:-

Voting for (51)

Cllr Brian Adams, Cllr Mike Band, Cllr Patrick Blagden, Cllr Andrew Bolton, Cllr Maurice Byham, Cllr Carole Cockburn, Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Jim Edwards, Cllr Brian Ellis, Cllr Patricia Ellis, Cllr David Else, Cllr Jenny Else, Cllr Mary Forszewski, Cllr John Fraser, Cllr Pat Frost, Cllr Michael Goodridge, Cllr Tony Gordon-Smith, Cllr John Gray, Cllr Ged Hall, Cllr Val Henry, Cllr Christiaan Hesse, Cllr Stephen Hill, Cllr Mike Hodge, Cllr Nicholas Holder, Cllr David Hunter, Cllr

Simon Inchbald, Cllr Peter Isherwood, Cllr Anna James, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Robert Knowles, Cllr Denise Le Gal, Cllr Denis Leigh, Cllr Andy MacLeod, Cllr Tom Martin, Cllr Kika Mirylees, Cllr Stephen Mulliner, Cllr David Munro, Cllr Nabeel Nasir, Cllr Libby Piper, Cllr Julia Potts, Cllr Sam Pritchard, Cllr Wyatt Ramsdale, Cllr Stefan Reynolds, Cllr David Round, Cllr Richard Seaborne, Cllr Jeanette Stennett, Cllr Stewart Stennett, Cllr Chris Storey, Cllr Ross Welland, Cllr Liz Wheatley, Cllr Nick Williams.

Voting Against (None)

Abstentions (None)

45/14 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (Agenda item 9.)

46/14 MEETING OF 5 JANUARY 2016 (Agenda item 9.a)

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 5 January 2016 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

47/14 MEETING OF 2 FEBRUARY 2016 (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 2 February 2016 be approved and adopted.

(i) Corporate Plan 2016-2019 (Minute No. 127)

Councillors John Fraser, Christiaan Hesse, Andy Macleod and Kika Mirylees asked that their abstention from the vote be recorded.

(ii) Property Matter – Cranleigh (Minute No. 132)

Councillor Mary Foryszewski asked that her vote against the recommendation be recorded.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2016 be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

48/14 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (Agenda item 10.)

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

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 28 January 2016 be approved and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm

Mayor