

PARISH OF GODALMING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD IN THE GODALMING CHAMBER

ON THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017 AT 7.30 PM

*	The Town Mayor (Councillor D Hunter)		
*	The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor Thornton)		
*	Councillor P Martin	*	Councillor RA Gordon-Smith
*	Councillor Poulter	*	Councillor Cosser
*	Councillor Wheatley	*	Councillor T Martin
*	Councillor A Bott	*	Councillor Reynolds
0	Councillor S Bott	*	Councillor Noyce
0	Councillor Welland	*	Councillor Williams
*	Councillor Pinches	*	Councillor Bolton
*	Councillor Gray	*	Councillor Walden
0	Councillor Purkiss		

* Present # Absent without apology 0 Apology for Absence L Late

671. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30 March 2017 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

672. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

673. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 4.

674. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

675. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

There were none.

676. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the following Committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED

Planning & Environment Committee

There were no recommendations.

Policy & Management Committee

Wilfrid Noyce Refurbishment Project

Members of the Policy & Management Committee RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council to authorise the Acting RFO to borrow the funds from the PWLB. This item was dealt with at agenda item 9.

Staffing Sub Committee – Standing Committee

Full Council RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Policy & Management Committee that the Staffing Sub Committee be re-constituted as a substantive Standing Committee. The required changes to Standing Orders were considered at agenda item 8.

Planning & Environment Committee

Full Council RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Policy & Management Committee the Planning & Environment Committee be dissolved and to adopt the required changes to Standing Orders to support the decision.

In considering the proposal Members agreed that residents will be better served by the change in process due to:

- Ward Members having a more detailed knowledge of the character and needs of specific localities within the town and the concerns of their constituents;
- Ward Members being able to 'call-in' planning applications to Waverley Borough Council (the decision-making body) for a final decision by members of Waverley's Central Planning Committee, where at least one Godalming town councillor per ward is currently a member and can speak to the application;
- Members being able to refer a specific planning application to the Policy & Management Committee for consideration by Godalming Town Council as a body so that it may make its representation to Waverley Borough Council.

Members further RESOLVED that in order to facilitate the consideration of a planning issue by the Policy & Management Committee, a standing agenda item 'Planning Matters' would be placed on all future Policy & Management Committee agendas.

The required changes to Standing Orders were considered at agenda item 8.

677. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The reports of the following committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED:

	Meetings Dated
Planning & Environment Committee	6 April 2017 27 April 2017

678. STANDING ORDERS

Members RESOLVED to amend and adopt Standing Orders, including amendments from Members post agenda distribution, (copy of amended document attached to the record minutes) – the amendments being those required to facilitate the re-constitution of the Staffing Sub-Committee to a substantive committee and to dissolve the Planning & Environment Committee, transferring the functions of that committee to the Policy & Management Committee.

Corrections:

Page 3 – Section One: Meetings, after Line 2 ‘mandatory for committee meetings’ insert new line to say ‘References to committees shall apply equally to sub-committees’

Page 31 – Substitution for Mayoralty Committee – delete ‘SO111’, insert ‘SO108’

Page 32 – SO117 – delete ‘SO119’, insert ‘SO116’

Page 32 – SO119 delete ‘sub-committee’

Page 33 – SO123 – 6th line – delete ‘councillor’, add ‘councillors’

679. AUTHORISATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER TO BORROW FUNDS FOR PHASE 2 OF THE WILFRID NOYCE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Members RESOLVED to authorise the Responsible Finance Officer to borrow the funds required to finance the works for Phase 2 of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre up to the sum of £300,000 as agreed by the Council on 17 November 2016 (Min No 352-16 refers) and authorised by the Secretary of State in the borrowing approval dated 3 April 2017 (attached to record minutes). The funds to be borrowed for a 29.5 year period on an annuity loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

680. REVISED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017/18

Members agreed the revised schedule of meetings for the Local Government year 2017/18 (copy attached to the record minutes).

681. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS, ETC.

The following resolution was passed nem con.

THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SEALED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ANY ORDERS, DEEDS OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO ANY OF THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS RECEIVED AT THIS MEETING OR IN ANY RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

682. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 11 May 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

683. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.