

PARISH OF GODALMING

AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD IN THE GODALMING CHAMBER

ON THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00 PM

* The Town Mayor (Councillor A Bott)
* The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor Hunter)

* Councillor P Martin	* Councillor RA Gordon-Smith
* Councillor Poulter	* Councillor Cosser
* Councillor Wheatley	* Councillor T Martin
* Councillor Reynolds	* Councillor S Bott
* Councillor Noyce	* Councillor Thornton
# Councillor Welland	* Councillor Williams
* Councillor Pinches	* Councillor Bolton
* Councillor Gray	* Councillor Walden
0 Councillor Young	

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

The meeting was preceded by prayer with the Revd Mervyn Roberts officiating.

366. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 November 2015 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

367. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

368. 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.

369. 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.

370. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

There were none.

371. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mayoralty Committee

Upon the recommendation of the Mayoralty Committee an increase the Mayor's Allowance, to a level sufficient to allow the Mayor to fulfil the duties required of and expected of the Town Mayor; was agreed. This increase was reflected in the revised estimates for 2015/16 and the budget for 2016/17.

Planning & Environment Committee

Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

The Planning & Environment reported that, in accordance with Standing Order 132 it had appointed an ad hoc advisory committee to lead the Neighbourhood Plan process with the following membership:

Cllr Bolton
Cllr A Bott
Ms K Horne
Cllr Hunter
Mr J Murray
Mr A Palmer
Cllr Poulter
Mr P Stevenson
Mr J Talbot
Mrs P Talbot
Cllr Walden
Cllr Williams

The Planning & Environment Committee also agreed formally to dissolve the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

Policy & Management Committee

Wilfrid Noyce Centre Refurbishment Project

The Policy & Management Committee reported that in recognition of a generous donation of £38,000 from the trustees of the Caudle Memorial Trust to fund the desirable items to complete the refurbishment of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre, it would move a formal vote of thanks to the Caudle Memorial Trust at this meeting (see Minute 374-15 below).

Members received an oral update on the project so far from the Facilities Manager and noted a budget monitoring report.

Revised Estimates 2015/16 and Budget 2016/17

Upon the recommendation of the Policy & Management Committee the revised estimates for 2015/16 and the 2016/17 budget were agreed. Members RESOLVED to set a precept of £514,242 for the financial year 2016/17 (budget papers attached to the record minutes).

Schedule of Meetings 2016/17

Upon the recommendation of the Policy & Management Committee a schedule of meetings for the civic year 2016/17 was AGREED.

372. The minutes of the undermentioned Committees were RECEIVED:

	Meetings Dated
Planning & Environment Committee	26 November 2015 17 December 2015

373. 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.

374. THE CAUDLE MEMORIAL TRUST

Members recorded their sincere thanks to the trustees of The Caudle Memorial Trust for the generous donation of £38,000 to fund the tiered seating and steam oven for the refurbished Wilfrid Noyce Centre. The donation was given in memory of the late Peter John Caudle LDS, RCS, Eng, born 2 November 1923 died 1 November 2014.

Mr Caudle left a bequest to be spent specifically to benefit the people of Godalming and the trustees of the Caudle Memorial Trust felt that the Wilfrid Noyce Centre refurbishment project was a suitable beneficiary. In acknowledgement, the large hall at the centre will in future be known as the Caudle Hall. The trustees wished the Council to note the following paragraphs about Peter Caudle.

“Peter was born in Deanery House, Church Street on 2 November 1923. The only son of Harold, a dentist (practicing at Deanery House from 1922), and Lily Caudle (nee Keen - of Keens the Bakers, Upper High Street, Godalming).

Educated at Cranleigh School, Peter studied dentistry at Kings College in London and completed his National Service in the West Country. Peter joined his father’s Dental Practice at Deanery House in 1948; working alongside him until his father retired.

Godalming, and especially historic Church Street, owes a huge debt to Peter and his father. As custodians they have preserved this special town and much of its picturesque appeal is hugely due to the love, care and attention lavished on it by the Caudle family.

Peter was a very modest, unassuming man; always fair in business and willing to help where he could. He lived a quiet, good and long life, living and working in Church Street.

Peter slipped peacefully away, in the beloved home in which he was born, just a few hours before his 91st birthday.”

375. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 31 March 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

376. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brought forward by permission of the Chairman. Requests to be submitted prior to commencement of the meeting.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IE. STAFFING MATTERS.

377. REPORT OF THE MAYORALTY COMMITTEE

Members RECEIVED a confidential oral report from the Chairman of the Mayoralty Committee. The Mayoralty Committee made two recommendations to Full Council. Firstly that Councillor Hunter be nominated as Mayor Elect for the civic year 2016/17 and that Councillor Thornton be nominated as Deputy Mayor Elect for the same year. Council was pleased to AGREE both nominations.