

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council

Date: Wednesday, 5 April 2023

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

M J Ford, JP
(Mayor)

(Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: Ms C Bainbridge, I Bastable, Mrs S M Bayford, R Bird, Miss J Burton, Mrs L E Clubley, H P Davis, Mrs T L Ellis, D G Foot, N R Gregory, Miss T G Harper, Mrs P Hayre, Mrs C L A Hockley, S Ingram, S D Martin, Mrs J Needham, P Nother, Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs K K Trott, N J Walker, Mrs S M Walker and S D T Woodward



1. PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with a short service of prayers.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Birkett, Mrs P M Bryant, Mrs F L Burgess, M Daniels, S Dugan, D J Hamilton & Mrs K Mandry.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 February 2023.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the final Charity Tea Party will take place on Thursday 20 April with a talk by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Fred Birkett on the history of the Field Gun.

The Mayor also confirmed that tickets for the Mayors Charity Ball at HMS Collingwood on Saturday 22 April are now being distributed to those who have already purchased.

5. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Leader announcements.

6. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Executive Member announcements.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

8. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Members received an update by the Head of Democratic Services on the petition received on the 08 December 2017 which comprised 2,390 signatures and requested that the Council “stop the building of 1,500 new homes in Warsash, Locks Heath, Park Gate and Titchfield Common”.

At the Council meeting in February 2018, the Council was advised that ordinarily the petition would have triggered a debate at Council but because the petition had been raised in response to the Consultation on the draft Local Plan, it was not appropriate for the Petition to be debated until such time as the Local was received by Council for Adoption. This was to avoid any pre-determination issues brought about by Members being asked to debate the allocation of specific development sites before the Local Plan was formally presented.

The lead petitioner was made fully aware of the reasons for this approach and as an alternative measure, the petition was quoted and referenced in every report to the Planning Committee pertaining to one of the 10 sites quoted in the petition across Warsash, Locks Heath, Park Gate and Titchfield Common.

Members were reminded that Council was receiving the Local Plan at item 11 on the agenda with a recommendation to adopt and that this petition should be taken into account when debating the adoption of the Local Plan.

9. DEPUTATIONS

A deputation was received from local resident and lead petitioner (see minute 8), Mrs Hilary Megginson in respect of Item 11 on the agenda – Adoption of Fareham Local Plan 2037.

10. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

(1) Minutes of Meeting Monday, 03 April 2023 of the Executive

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 03 April 2023 were tabled at the meeting. for consideration.

RESOLVED that Council:

(a) notes the recommendations (a) to (c), as detailed at page 8 of the tabled minutes; and

(b) agrees that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on Monday, 03 April 2023 be received.

11. ADOPTION OF FAREHAM LOCAL PLAN 2037

The Council received a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration which presented the Fareham Local Plan 20237 for adoption.

The recommendations (a) to (c) of the Executive detailed at page 25 of the agenda pack were taken into account in considering this item.

The petition received on 08 December 2017 which comprised 2,390 signatures and requested that the Council “stop the building of 1,500 new homes in Warsash, Locks Heath, Park Gate and Titchfield Common” was taken into account during consideration of this item.

Having been duly proposed by Councillor I J Bastable and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Walker, the provisions of Standing Order 2.15 were suspended to allow the Executive Leader and the Executive Member for Planning and Development to present the report and to speak for longer than five minutes; and further that Standing Order 2.16 be suspended to allow all Members to speak more than once on the debate.

During the debate on this item, the Council placed on record its thanks to Gayle Wootton, Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development, and her team for the tremendous amount of work done to bring the Local Plan through consultation, examination and adoption.

RESOLVED that the Council resolves to adopt:

- (a) the Fareham Local Plan 2037, as attached at Annex A - Appendices 2 which incorporates:
 - i. the Inspector's main modifications to the Fareham Local Plan 2037 (Annex A -Appendix 1), and
 - ii. the minor modifications (Annex A - Appendix 3 Part 1) and subsequent minor changes (Annex A - Appendix 3 – Part 2) to the Fareham Local Plan 2037;
- (b) the Policies Map as set out in Annex A - Appendix 4;
- (c) that the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, be authorised to publish and circulate in accordance with the statutory requirements, an Adoption Notice, a Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (Annex A - Appendix 5) and the adopted version of the Fareham Local Plan 2037, as soon as reasonably practicable after adoption.

(The meeting started at 2.00 pm
and ended at 2.40 pm).