

FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER, 2006, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SOUTH STREET, FARNHAM

- * Cllr S Farrow (Chairman)
- o Cllr S A G Lang (Vice-Chairman)
- o Cllr D J Attfield (Town Mayor)
- o Cllr P G Burden OBE
- * Cllr R D Frost
- * Cllr C G Genziani (Deputy Mayor)
- o Cllr J M Harris
- o Cllr J E Maines
- * Cllr (Mrs) A E Mansell MBE (Chairman of Public Services Committee) *ex officio*
substitute for Cllr Lang
- * Cllr C H Mansell
- o Cllr P G Marriott
- * Cllr M W Norris (Chairman Policy and Resources Committee) *ex officio*
substitute Cllr D attfield
- * Cllr V K Scrivens

- * Present
- o Apologies for Absence

ES APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

131/06

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S A G Lang, D J Attfield, P G Burden, J M Harris and J E Maines.

ES MINUTES

132/06

The minutes of the Environmental Services Committee of 8th June, 2006, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ES DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

134/06

<u>Name of Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Type of Interest</u>	<u>Reason</u>
R D Frost	5	WBC Local Development Framework – Housing in Waverley	Personal	Waverley Borough Councillor
R D Frost	6	WBC Local Development Framework – Core Strategy	Personal	Waverley Borough Councillor
R D Frost	7	Farnham Sustainable Town Initiative Study	Personal	Waverley Borough Councillor
R D Frost	9	Farnham Hospital HOPPA	Personal	Wife is Surrey County Councillor involved with scheme.

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ES STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
135/06

There were no members of the public present to make a statement.

Part 1 – ITEMS FOR DECISION

ES WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – HOUSING
136/06 IN WAVERLEY DEVELOPMENT PLANNING DOCUMENT – ISSUES AND OPTIONS
CONSULTATION

Members received a report setting out the responses made by the Councils officers in liaison with the Chairman of the Committee to the Waverley Borough Council Local Development Framework – Housing – Issues and Options.

Members requested clarification on the numbered comments on the standard response form and it was requested that these be clarified at a later meeting.

Members discussed in detail the responses and requested that the following additional comments should be submitted.

Question 1

Reference should also be made to South Shropshire Council and its standard of £60k towards affordable housing.

Question 4

It should be recommended to the Borough Council that they should approach South Shropshire Council to establish what protocol they have in place for a financial contribution for small plots.

With regard to a local perspective the Town Council would recommend a financial contribution from single plot development and for developments of over two houses the contribution should be affordable housing in kind.

Question 5

That the response be amended to include; that the local authority should retain an element of ownership.

Recommend that South Shropshire and Dorset Councils should be looked at as an example of a local authority retaining part of the property.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the above amendments that the comments submitted be noted and ratified.

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137/06 WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION ON CORE STRATEGY INCLUDING THE DRAFT MINI-MITIGATION PLAN FOR THAMES BASIN HEATHS SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA AND AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

Members received a copy of the comments of the Local development Framework Task Group with regard to the consultation.

RESOLVED:

That comments of the Task group be noted and ratified.

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138/06 FARNHAM SUSTAINABLE TOWN INITIATIVE STUDY

Members received a report on the development of a Vision for Farnham which had been a key recommendation of the Urban Safety Management Study.

Members noted that this was an opportunity to work closely in partnership with the Borough Council who are required to develop a Farnham Area Action Plan.

The Councils Officers have been working with the Borough Council to deliver the outcomes of the Study undertaken by TRL.

In order to develop the Vision an independent consultant – Local Futures has been identified to deliver four work shops to develop the Vision.

The cost of the consultation is £20K of which Waverley Borough Council has agreed to finance up to £15K.

RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL

That a series of workshops to develop a fuller vision for Farnham in 2025 be progressed in partnership with Waverley Borough Council.

That Local Futures, who provide research and advisory services to government and local authorities including Waverley Borough Council be commissioned to undertake a series of workshops to develop a fuller vision for Farnham in the next 20 years.

That the contribution of £15K towards the maximum overall cost of £20K for Farnham Visioning workshops to assist Farnham Town Council to progress the Urban Safety Management Study be acknowledged.

That Farnham Town Council approve the release of up to £5K as Farnham Town Councils contribution towards the overall cost of the workshops.

ES DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2007/2008

139/06

Members received a report outlining a draft budget of £13,825 for 2007/08 (2006/07 £13,500).

The draft budget had increased by 2.4% as a result of provision for cost of living increases.

Members noted the capital budget for 2007/08 which would be prioritised on the basis of allocated funding once the precept for 2007/08 had been agreed.

Members requested that the use of drop kerbs should be reviewed and replaced by a package of traffic calming measures including raised road and tables. These would slow traffic down and make wheelchair and buggy access easier.

ES FARNHAM HOSPITAL HOPPA SERVICE

140/06

Members noted the launch of the Farnham Hospital Hoppa Pilot Service on 18th September 2006 to provide a door to door service between Farnham and the surrounding villages to Frimley Park Hospital.

The service had been made possible by the financial support of the Town Council and the three local Surrey County Council members.

The continuing operation of the service would depend on Hoppas success in obtaining revenue funding and an indication has been made that an approach would be made to the Town Council.

Members noted that the service was promoted by targeting potential users by a wide distribution of letters and publicity.

Members stated that they would look forward to receiving the report on the achievements of the pilot scheme which was a long established aim of the Council under the promotion of Community Transport.

RESOLVED:

That Farnham Town Council strongly endorses the benefit of the introduction of the Farnham Hospital Hoppa Service.

That the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to support any future grant request from HOPPA for continuation of the Farnham Hospital HOPPA Service.

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141/06 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007

Members received a report on the release of earmarked funds for agreed capital projects.

Members particularly expressed their support for the footpath serving Hatch Hill which would be of benefit to the local residents and for the walking bus.

Members were requested to authorise the release funds for the following agreed projects:

Footpath serving Hatch Hill - £3K

Painting pedestrian barriers - £1K

Walking Bus Scheme – St Andrews School - £1K

RESOLVED:

That the offices be authorised to release funds to undertake the nominated schemes.

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142/06 SOUTH EAST PLAN – EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

Members noted that the examination in public of the draft South East Plan had started and that the Town Council had not been invited to speak.

Members considered if they wished to follow up their previous request to speak. After careful consideration members noted that there were only specific sections of the plan they would wish to speak on and in particular Policy TC2 the Strategic Network of Town Centres.

Members requested officers to monitor the consultation for the relevant issues.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr S Farrow be requested to speak at the consultation as when an issue arose.

Part 2 – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

ES SANDY HILL TRAFFIC CALMING

143/06

Members noted that the Councils officers together with representatives of the local community were developing a gateway design which would be acceptable to the local community.

Members noted that arrangements were being made to arrange for Surrey County Council to provide coloured road surfaces adjacent to the gateway entrances.

ES SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL BRIDLEWAY 247 – CONFIRMATION OF DEFINITIVE
144/06 MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2005

Members noted the modifications to the definitive map for footpath 36 between Burt Hill Road via Gorse Lane and Ford Lane.

ES ITEMS TABLED

145/06

None

ES PUBLICITY

146/06

Members decided to issues press releases on the following items:

Waverley borough Council Local Development Framework – Consultation on Core Strategy Including the Draft Mini-mitigation Plan for Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and Appropriate Assessment Document; Strategic Gap.

Part 3 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman

Date