



# FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes Council

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### **Time and date**

7.00 pm on Thursday 25th May, 2023

### **Place**

Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall

### **Councillors**

Councillor Alan Earwaker (Mayor)  
Councillor David Beaman  
Councillor Mat Brown  
Councillor Sally Dickson  
Councillor Tony Fairclough  
Councillor George Hesse  
Councillor Chris Jackman  
Councillor Andrew Laughton  
Councillor Michaela Martin  
Councillor Brodie Mauluka  
Councillor Mark Merryweather  
Councillor Kika Mirylees  
Councillor George Murray  
Councillor John Ward  
Councillor Graham White

### **Apologies for absence**

Councillor Tim Woodhouse

### **Officers Present**

Iain Lynch (Town Clerk)  
Jenny de Quervain (Civic and Planning Administrator)

There were 8 members of the public in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, prayers were led by Revd Sandy Clarke Vicar of the Bourne.

### **C15/23 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Woodhouse.

C16/23 **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

C17/23 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> May were agreed.

C18/23 **Questions and Statements by the Public**

There were no questions or statements.

C19/23 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor welcome everyone to the first business meeting of the new administration. He advised that former councillor Pat Evans was still in hospital and had appreciated everyone's good wishes.

The Mayor advised that the South East Water works in West Street were approaching their final phase and that officers were working with Cllr Martin and business representatives to secure funding from South East Water to promote Farnham welcoming back customers.

The Mayor announced that the Green Flag judges had assessed Gostrey Meadow West Street Cemetery and Badshot Lea Cemetery and that he had attended the Waverley Mayor Making meeting, which saw Penny rivers elected as Mayor and John Ward moving into the role of Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor advised that the Civic Service was taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> July in St Andrew's Church and he hoped all councillors would be able to attend.

C20/23 **Questions by Members**

There were no Questions by Members.

C21/23 **Appointment to Working Groups 2023/24**

A report on the election of Working Groups, Task Groups and Panels for 2023/24 at Appendix C was introduced by the Town Clerk. Council noted that Councillors had identified preferences for the Working Group for 2023/24 in accordance with Standing Order 15. The appointments were made as set out below.

The Mayor proposed and it was agreed *nem con*, that Council be adjourned in order that each Working Group appoint its Lead Member to confirm the composition of Strategy & Resources Working Group.

Meetings of each Working Group were held in turn.

- i) Community Working Group  
It was agreed that Cllr Mirylees be appointed as Lead Member.
- ii) Environment Working Group  
It was agreed that Cllr Brown be appointed as Lead Member.

The Leader of Council and Lead Member of Strategy & Resources (Cllr White) was appointed at the Annual Meeting of Council.

It was noted the Planning & Licensing Consultative Group and Panels and Task Groups would appoint their Lead Members at the first meeting.

The appointments to each Group were agreed as follows:

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Membership 2023/24</b>
<p><b>Strategy &amp; Resources Working Group</b></p> <p><b>(5 members plus Lead Members from working groups not already appointed to this Working Group)</b></p> <p>(It was agreed at Council 26 May 2023 to have 6 members plus Lead Members)</p>	<p>Cllr David Beaman Cllr Tony Fairclough Cllr George Hesse Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Michaela Martin <b>Cllr Graham White (Lead Member)</b></p> <p>Additional lead Member Cllr Kika Mirylees (Community Lead Member) Cllr Mat Brown (Environment Lead Member)</p>
<p><b>Community Working Group</b> <b>(5 members)</b></p>	<p>Cllr Sally Dickson Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Brodie Mauluka <b>Cllr Kika Mirylees (Lead Member)</b> Cllr Andrew Laughton</p>
<p><b>Environment Working Group</b> <b>(5 members)</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Mat Brown (Lead Member)</b> Cllr George Hesse Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Tim Woodhouse</p>
<p><b>Planning &amp; Licensing Consultative Group</b> (8 members – to include one from each ward)</p>	<p>Cllr Tony Fairclough (<i>Hale &amp; Heath End</i>) Cllr George Hesse (<i>Castle</i>) <b>Cllr Andrew Laughton (Weybourne) (Lead)</b> Cllr Brodie Mauluka (<i>Shortheath &amp; Firgrove</i>) Cllr Mark Merryweather (<i>Badshot Lea &amp; Moor Park</i>) Cllr George Murray (<i>Bourne</i>) Cllr Graham White (<i>North West</i>) Cllr Tim Woodhouse (<i>Wrecclesham &amp; Rowledge</i>)</p>

<b>Standing Panels</b>	<b>Membership 2023/24</b>
<p><b>HR Panel</b></p> <p><b>(Task Group of Strategy and Resources with some matters direct to Council)</b> <b>(6 Members)</b></p> <p>The preference is that the Panel remain as consistent as possible for the term of the Council</p>	<p>Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Kika Mirylees Cllr John Ward Cllr Graham White Cllr Tim Woodhouse</p>

<p><b>Services to Farnham Awards Panel</b></p> <p><b>(Task Group of Council)</b> <b>(Normally 5 members)</b></p> <p><i>Meets twice a year or as required</i></p>	<p>Mayor Deputy Mayor Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Tim Woodhouse Mr Colin Channon (Tindle Newspapers) Community Representative (tbc)</p>
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<b>Task Groups</b>	<b>Membership 2023/24</b>
<p><b>Assets Task Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>Meets as required (5 members)</p>	<p>Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Sally Dickson Cllr Tony Fairclough Cllr Graham White Cllr Tim Woodhouse</p>
<p><b>Community Infrastructure Levy/ Section 106 Task Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>Meets as required (5 members)</p>	<p>Cllr Sally Dickson Cllr Tony Fairclough Cllr George Hesse Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr Graham White</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure Planning Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>(5 members)</p>	<p>Cllr David Beaman Cllr George Hesse Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr George Murray</p> <p>Cllr Sally Dickson (FNP)</p>
<p><b>Allotment Liaison Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>(6 members)</p>	<p>Cllr Mat Brown (Farnborough Road/Weybourne Road) Cllr Chris Jackman (Shepherd &amp; Flock/Six Bells) Cllr Brodie Mauluka (Alderley Farm/West Street) Cllr Tim Woodhouse (Morley Road/Wrecclesham)</p>
<p><b>Business Advisory Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>(5 members)</p>	<p>Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Michaela Martin Cllr George Murray Cllr Tim Woodhouse</p>
<p><b>Conservation Areas Advisory Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>In addition involved Community and Planning</p> <p>Meets as required</p>	<p>Cllr George Hesse (Town Centre CA) Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Michaela Martin (Great Austins CA and Old Church Lane CA) Cllr Mark Merryweather (Shepherd &amp; Flock CA and Waverley Abbey) Cllr Tim Woodhouse (Wrecclesham CA)</p>
<p><b>Craft Advisory Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)</p> <p>(3 members)</p>	<p>Cllr George Hesse Cllr Kika Mirylees Cllr Tim Woodhouse</p>

<b>Farnham In Bloom Community Group</b> (Environment Working Group) (2 members)	Cllr George Hesse Cllr Brodie Mauluka
<b>Literary Festival Advisory Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)  (3 members)	Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Mark Merryweather Cllr Kika Mirylees
<b>Wellbeing Task Group</b> (Community Working Group) (5 members)	Wellbeing matters would be addressed by the Community Working Group initially with a Task Group to be considered for appointment later in the year.
<b>Younger People Task Group</b> (Task Group of Strategy and Resources)  (5 members)	Cllr Mat Brown Cllr Chris Jackman Cllr Andrew Laughton Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Graham White

Cllr White made a statement to Council underlining his vision for the new administration and his aim to always listen and to work with consensus. He gave thanks to his co-Leader David Beaman for being willing to continue with the taking the lead on Farnham Infrastructure Programme matters.

Cllr White identified the step change that had taken place in the previous administration in working with Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council. He hoped to build on this with proactive stewardship of assets and by adding value to the wider community. There were a number of matters that needed focus including the Brightwells Yard scheme; finding a solution for Gostrey Meadow and help train young people to work in the hospitality sector; the Neighbourhood Plan review and the issue of a five year land supply; inviting more engagement with developers to improve build-out rates; supporting retail and business, particularly after the recent disruption. In addition, Cllr White highlighted the desire for more engagement with 18-25 year olds and the need to consolidate service delivery across Farnham Town Council activities.

Cllr White pledged to work tirelessly in delivering the collective will of Council.

## C22/23 **Appointment of Representatives to External Bodies 2023/24**

A report on the Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies at Annex I to Appendix C was introduced by the Town Clerk.

Councillors had identified preferences for being the Council's representative to External Bodies 2023/24 and the following appointments were agreed:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>
40 Degreez	Lead - Cllr Graham White Reserve - Cllr Mat Brown
Badshot Lea Recreation Ground	Cllr Chris Jackman

<b>Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Blackwater Valley Recreation and Countryside Management Committee	Lead - Cllr Sally Dickson Reserve - John Ward
Bourne Recreation Ground	Lead – Cllr George Murray Reserve – Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Brightwells Gostrey Centre	Mayor, Cllr Alan Earwaker
Brightwells Yard CLG	Lead – Cllr Graham White Reserve – Cllr George Hesse
Creative Response	Cllr John Ward
Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee	Cllr George Hesse
Farnham Biodiversity Partnership	Lead - Cllr Tim Woodhouse Reserve - Cllr Chris Jackman
Farnham Maltings Association Council of Management	Lead – Cllr John Ward Reserve – Cllr Sally Dickson
Farnham Public Art Trust	Lead – Cllr Sally Dickson Reserve – Cllr John Ward
Farnham Rivers Management Committee (led by FTC) (Wey Landscape Partnership and the South East Rivers Trust)	Lead - Cllr Tim Woodhouse Reserve - Cllr Mat Brown
Farnham Sports Council	Lead – Cllr Brodie Mauluka Reserve – Cllr John Ward
Farnham Visitors Forum	Lead – Cllr John Ward Reserve – Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Farnham Andernach Friendship Association	Lead - Cllr Brodie Mauluka Cllr Sally Dickson Cllr Tim Woodhouse
Hale Community Centre	Lead - Cllr Tony Fairclough Reserve - Cllr Brodie Mauluka
Hale Recreation Ground	Cllr Tony Fairclough
New Ashgate Gallery	Cllr Sally Dickson
North East Hants & Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group	Cllr John Ward
Plastic Free Farnham	Cllr George Murray
Runfold Quarry Community Liaison Group (Suez/Sita)	Cllr Andrew Laughton
SHIP (Sandy Hill Inclusive Partnership)	Cllr Tony Fairclough
Surrey Association of Local Councils (2 representatives)	Mayor, Cllr Alan Earwaker/ Joint Leader, Cllr Graham White
Surrey CC Farnham Infrastructure Programme Board	Cllr David Beaman/Town Clerk
Waverley Borough Council Farnham Air Quality Working Group	Cllr Andrew Laughton
Waverley Towns and Parishes Meetings	Mayor, Cllr Alan Earwaker/ Joint Leader, Graham White

<b>Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Wey Valley Community Rail Partnership	Cllr David Beaman
Wrecclesham Community Centre	Cllr John Ward
Wrecclesham Recreation Ground Committee	Lead – Cllr Tim Woodhouse Reserve – Cllr John Ward

**C23/23 Planning and Licensing Applications**

Cllr Hesse introduced the notes of planning applications considered under the scheme of delegation pending the appointment of new members to the Consultative Group.

He advised that two appeals had been dismissed on the basis of being in conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan, and asked that thanks be recorded to councillors, residents' association members and local people who gave evidence. The site at Green Lane & Lower Weybourne would have seen 271 houses built, with the former part of the Strategic Gap and the latter would have undermined the credibility of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Hesse hoped the same approach would be taken at the appeal at Waverley Lane.

**C24/23 Actions taken under the Scheme of Delegation**

No additional actions under the scheme of delegation were reported.

**C25/23 Reports from Other Councils**

There were no reports from other Councils.

**C26/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

There were no updates from Outside Bodies.

**C27/23 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as being 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.  
Council noted that the ethics and Standards training was set for 30<sup>th</sup> May, and the date for the Planning training with Steve Tilbury was agreed for 26<sup>th</sup> June.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.24 pm

Chairman

Date