

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TANDRIDGE

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted on Thursday the 12th October 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. Black (Chairman), Ainsworth, Allen, Mrs. Blake-Thomas, Bond, Botten, Mrs. Bradbury, Childs, Compton, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Cooper, Cooper, Davies, Duck, Mrs. Dunbar, Elias, Fitzgerald, Fisher, Harwood, Jecks, Jones, Lee, Mrs. Lockwood, Manley, Morrow, Mrs. Parker, Perkins, Prew, Pursehouse, Stead, Mrs. Steeds, Mrs. Steer, Mrs. Thorn, Mrs. Vickers, Wates, Mrs. Webster, Weightman, Wren and Mrs. Young.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Cannon, Cooley and Warner.

The meeting was preceded with a prayer read by the Reverend Phaedra Pamphilon-Green.

117. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20th July 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

118. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) Civic Day – 27th September 2017

The Chairman thanked all those who had supported her Civic Day on the 27th September. It was well attended by Mayors of other Surrey Authorities who enjoyed visiting some of the most interesting and inspirational venues within the District.

(ii) Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 7th November

The Chairman encouraged all Members to attend the above meeting for the annual review of community safety. This would include presentations from the Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner, David Munro and District Inspector Dan Gutierrez. The public would also have the opportunity to put questions.

(iii) Christmas Afternoon Tea event – 15th December at Nutfield Lodge

Flyers were circulated in respect of this event, the proceeds from which would be donated to the Betchingley Skills Centre, the Chairman's chosen charity for the year.

(iv) Councillor Cooley

On behalf of all Members, the Chairman extended her best wishes to Councillor Cooley who had undergone an operation earlier in the day.

119. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED- that the reports of the following meetings be received and the recommendations therein adopted:

Resources Committee (24th July 2017)

Minute 71 – Johnsdale and Ellice Road Car Parks

The Resources Committee had recommended that, “*the Johnsdale car park be sold to St. William Homes LLP at a price which the Council’s property advisers agree represents the best consideration reasonably obtainable*”.

Councillor Jones moved an amendment for the Council to seek an agreement from St. William Homes to maintain as much access to the Johnsdale site as possible for current users until the development of the Ellice Road site has been completed. The debate on this amendment included views about the need to restrict access to Johnsdale for works purposes. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (25th May and 25th July 2017)

Planning Committee (27th July 2017)

Planning Committee (7th September 2017)

Housing Committee (14th September 2017)

Community Services Committee (19th September 2017)

Planning Policy Committee (21st September 2017)

Resources Committee (27th September 2017)

Note regarding Minute 108 (Whole Council Budget Monitoring 2017/18)
requested by Councillor Wren and with the concurrence of the Chairman

Under Resolution B of this minute, the Committee had agreed to the establishment of a separate financial reserve to fund the cost of preparing the Local Plan through to adoption. Councillors Davies, Mrs. Lockwood, Manley and Wren were opposed to this decision on the basis that they did not support the provision of between £350,000 and £500,000 for QC costs in connection with the Public Examination of the Local Plan (for advice both before and during the Examination).

Overview & Scrutiny Committee (28th September 2017)