

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 11 January 2006

Attendance:

Councillor Baxter (The Mayor in the Chair) (P)

Councillors:

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| Allgood (P) | Jeffs (P) |
| Anthony (P) | Johnston (P) |
| Beckett (P) | Knasel |
| Bennetts (P) | Learney (P) |
| Berry (P) | Lipscomb (P) |
| Beveridge (P) | Love (P) |
| Bidgood (P) | Macmillan (P) |
| Busher (P) | Mather (P) |
| Campbell (P) | Maynard (P) |
| Chamberlain | Merritt (P) |
| Chapman (P) | Mitchell (P) |
| Clohosey (P) | Nelmes (P) |
| Coates (P) | Nunn (P) |
| Collin (P) | Pearce (P) |
| Cook (P) | Pearson (P) |
| Cooper (P) | Pines (P) |
| Davies (P) | Quar (P) |
| de Peyer (P) | Read (P) |
| Evans (P) | Rees (P) |
| Godfrey (P) | Saunders (P) |
| Goodall (P) | Spender (P) |
| Hammerton (P) | Stallard (P) |
| Higgins (P) | Steel (P) |
| Hiscock (P) | Sutton (P) |
| Hoare (P) | Tait (P) |
| Hollingbery (P) | Verney (P) |
| Hutton | Wagner (P) |
| Jackson (P) | Wright (P) |

644. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 November 2005 be approved and adopted.

645. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported that he had sent congratulations on behalf of the Council to the following residents of the district, who had received awards in the Queen's New Year's Honours List:-

Mr Dennis Lowes, MBE – for services to the Office for National Statistics

Mrs Penelope Humphris, CBE – for services to the National Health Service

Mr David Walker, OBE – for services to agriculture

Mrs Anne Vince, MBE – for services to higher education

The Mayor also reported that Sally Taylor, presenter of the BBC 'South Today' programme, had recently been awarded the MBE for services to regional broadcasting.

646. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14(2)(b)**

646.1 Derelict Sites with Planning Permission

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Beveridge, answered a question from Councillor Sutton.

646.2 Silver Hill Redevelopment – Traffic Projections regarding Parchment Street, Winchester

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Campbell (on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport, who was absent) answered a question from Councillor Beckett.

646.3 Clamping of Vehicles on the Public Highway

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Campbell (on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport, who was absent), answered a question from Councillor Steel.

646.4 Winchester District Local Plan – Various Issues

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Beveridge, answered a question from Councillor Bidgood.

647. **PETITIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 15**

The Mayor informed the Council that there were two petitions to be presented.

Mr B Schofield presented a petition submitted by local residents which sought the removal of Little Frenchies Field, Denmead from the list of Local Reserve Sites in the Proposed Modifications to the Winchester District Local Plan, which had been recommended by the Winchester District Local Plan Inspector.

Mr G Blackman presented a petition submitted by the Save Barton Farm Group, which sought the deletion of the Barton Farm site as a reserve Major Development Area from the Proposed Modifications to the Winchester District Local Plan.

Both petitioners spoke in support of their respective requests, following which the Mayor thanked them for their submissions and explained that their

comments would be taken into account during consideration of Recommended Minutes 588, 589, 590 and 591, later in the meeting.

648. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

648.1 Cabinet – 14 December 2005

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2006/07 (Recommended Minute 587)

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Hiscock, moved that Recommended Minute 587 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 587 be approved and adopted.

648.2 Cabinet – 14 December 2005

Winchester District Local Plan Inspectors Report - 'Local Reserve' Sites (Recommended Minute 588)

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Beveridge, moved that in the interests of clarity and in an attempt to ensure that items were as comprehensible as possible to Members and the public, the wording in the Recommendation to Minute 588 be deleted and replaced with the following:

“RECOMMENDED

1. That the Council recognises that through the well established, well publicised and well exercised process of the Public Inquiry into objections to the Winchester District Local Plan, consideration was given to all sites proposed for development by landowners and developers.
2. That the Council understands the Inspectors' precautionary principle of identifying four sites as being appropriate for designation as reserve sites for development, should this be required to meet the Council's housing delivery obligations, subject to all the usual planning considerations.
3. That Council welcomes the ability to decide for itself, in consultation with local people, how to manage development by taking full account of the nature of windfall and other sites when determining the appropriate density of housing development, knowing that it has a reserve of suitable land to draw upon to meet its overall obligations.
4. That the Council will adopt a rigorous programme of 'plan, monitor, manage' of our housing delivery to accord with the targets set by Regional Planning Guidance, releasing any of the local reserve sites only when we consider their release is necessary to meet those targets.
5. That the Council therefore welcomes the ability to protect Pitt Manor; Francis Gardens/ Worthy Road, Winchester; Spring Gardens, Alresford and Little Frenchies Field, Denmead, from immediate development by their proposed designation as local reserve sites in the Winchester District Local

Plan, and welcomes the confirmation that nearly 200 other sites promoted by developers should not be allocated for development.”

The above wording was seconded by Councillor Campbell and became the revised Original Motion to be determined by Council.

Amendment (1) Councillor Davies (2) Councillor Rees

“Delete all words after ‘RECOMMENDED’ and insert:-

1. That the Council resolves to delete all references in the Proposed Modifications documents to the four ‘Local Reserve Sites’ and authorises the officers to make appropriate changes to the draft documents, to enable their publication to take place for public consultation according to the recommended timetable.

2. That the Council rejects the Inspectors’ recommendations on this aspect of their report, as they give no sound and clear reasons how releasing all or any of these sites would provide appropriate new housing to replace any delay or deficiency in the timetable for new housing already allocated in other parts of the District, particularly at the Waterlooville Major Development Area in the period up to 2011; and in the case of the Pitt Manor site, this Council believes that the Inspectors failed to give due weight to the planning history of the site; failed to take full account of the identification of the site as “principal open/green area within the City and its setting” in the document “Winchester City and its Setting”; confused policies for Park and Ride on the southern radial routes into the City; and ignored the evidence from the Hampshire County Council, as Highway Authority, that conditions in Romsey Road were a severe impediment to development, that road widening could not overcome capacity at nearby junctions and such development would seriously exacerbate the existing congestion.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 32(1), one quarter of the Members present and voting required that a recorded vote be taken in respect of the amendment.

Division List

The following Members voted in favour of the amendment:

Councillors Allgood, Anthony, Baxter, Beckett, Berry, Chapman, Coates, Cooper, Davies, de Peyer, Godfrey, Hollingbery, Jeffs, Lipscomb, Macmillan, Mather, Pearson, Pines, Quar, Read, Rees, Saunders, Stallard, Tait, Verney and Wright (26).

The following Members voted against the amendment:

Councillors Bennetts, Beveridge, Bidgood, Busher, Campbell, Chamberlain, Clohosey, Collin, Cook, Evans, Goodall, Hammerton, Higgins, Hiscock, Hoare, Jackson, Johnston, Learney, Love, Maynard, Merritt, Mitchell, Nelmes, Nunn, Pearce, Spender, Steel, Sutton and Wagner (29).

Amendment lost.

Amendment (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Hollingbery

“Delete all words after ‘RECOMMENDED’ and insert:-

That because it is considered that the City Council Annual Monitoring Report (CAB1163) demonstrates that the City Council is likely to meet the housing requirement set by the Hampshire County Structure Plan Review, it is not necessary to include a policy identifying Local Reserve Sites in the Local Plan.”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 32(1), one quarter of the Members present and voting required that a recorded vote be taken in respect of the amendment.

Division List

The following Members voted in favour of the amendment:

Councillors Allgood, Anthony, Baxter, Beckett, Berry, Chapman, Coates, Cooper, Godfrey, Hollingbery, Jeffs, Lipscomb, Macmillan, Mather, Pearson, Quar, Read, Saunders, Stallard, Tait, Verney and Wright (22).

The following Members voted against the amendment:

Councillors Bennetts, Beveridge, Bidgood, Busher, Campbell, Chamberlain, Clohosey, Collin, Cook, Evans, Goodall, Hammerton, Higgins, Hiscock, Hoare, Jackson, Johnston, Learney, Love, Maynard, Merritt, Mitchell, Nelmes, Nunn, Pearce, Spender, Steel, Sutton and Wagner (29).

The following Members abstained:-

Councillor Davies, de Peyer, Pines and Rees (4).

Amendment lost.

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| Amendment | (1) Councillor Allgood | (2) | Councillor |
| Read | | | |

“Delete paragraph 5 and insert:-

That no specific Local Reserve Sites be identified at this stage.”

Amendment lost.

Revised Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 588 (as amended by the revised Original Motion set out above) be approved and adopted.

648.3 Cabinet – 14 December 2005Draft Policies on Replacement Policy H3 and Local Reserve Housing Sites (Recommended Minute 589)Policy H5 and 'In Perpetuity' (Recommended Minute 590)Winchester District Local Plan Review – Proposed Modifications (Recommended Minute 591)

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Beveridge, moved that to assist Council when considering the above, Report CL33 had been circulated and the recommendations set out in that report superseded the recommendations set out in Recommended Minutes 589, 590 and 591.

The recommendations set out in Report CL33 were seconded by Councillor Campbell.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations set out in Report CL33 be approved and adopted.

648.4 Cabinet – 14 December 2005The South Downs Management Plan – Delegation of Responsibility (Recommended Minute 592)

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Beveridge, moved that Recommended Minute 592 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this matter as a County Council representative on the South Downs Joint Committee.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 592 be approved and adopted.

648.5 Cabinet – 14 December 2005Council Tax Base 2006/07 (Recommended Minute 597)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 597 be approved and adopted, subject to correction of an error which placed the MOD establishment at Worthy Down in Sparsholt Parish, whereas it should have been placed in South Wonston Parish. Although individual adjustments would need to be made to the precepts of those two parishes, there was no overall effect on the Council Tax Base (the corrected table is attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes).

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the substitution of the table attached as Appendix 1 to the minutes, Recommended Minute 597 be approved and adopted.

649. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14(2)(a), the Vice-Chairman of Standards Committee, Councillor Nelmes, answered a question from Councillor Steel regarding the consequences of a person being censured by the Standards Sub-Committee for breach of the Code of Conduct.

Council received and noted the minutes of the following meetings:-

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 18 October 2005

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 19 October 2005

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 20 October 2005

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 24 October 2005

Winchester District Local Plan Committee – 27 October 2005

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 2 November 2005

Planning Development Control Committee – 9 and 10 November 2005

Winchester District Local Plan Committee – 15 November 2005

Cabinet – 16 November 2005

Standards Committee – 21 November 2005

Winchester Town Forum – 23 November 2005

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 28 November 2005

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 29 November 2005

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 30 November 2005

Planning Development Control Committee – 29 November and 1 December 2005

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 5 December 2005

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 7 December 2005

Winchester District Local Plan Committee – 9 December 2005

Cabinet – 14 December 2005

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 10.40 pm.

The Mayor

| COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH PARISH AND WINCHESTER TOWN | APPENDIX 1 | | |
|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>TAX BASE ALLOWING FOR COLLECTION RATE</u> | <u>+ MOD BAND D EQUIVALENT</u> | <u>= TAX BASE</u> |
| Badger Farm | 987.58 | | 987.58 |
| Beauworth | 57.44 | | 57.44 |
| Bighton | 165.16 | | 165.16 |
| Bishops Sutton | 215.42 | | 215.42 |
| Bishops Waltham | 2,624.49 | | 2,624.49 |
| Boarhunt | 234.61 | | 234.61 |
| Bramdean & Hinton Ampner | 214.08 | | 214.08 |
| Cheriton | 301.60 | | 301.60 |
| Chilcomb | 57.22 | | 57.22 |
| Colden Common | 1,524.63 | | 1,524.63 |
| Compton and Shawford | 732.35 | | 732.35 |
| Corhampton and Meonstoke | 357.00 | | 357.00 |
| Crawley | 208.53 | | 208.53 |
| Curdrige | 607.22 | | 607.22 |
| Denmead | 2,668.47 | | 2,668.47 |
| Droxford | 322.27 | | 322.27 |
| Durley | 439.41 | | 439.41 |
| Exton | 129.64 | | 129.64 |
| Hambledon | 487.27 | | 487.27 |
| Headbourne Worthy | 230.22 | | 230.22 |
| Hursley | 414.70 | | 414.70 |
| Itchen Stoke and Ovington | 124.64 | | 124.64 |
| Itchen Valley | 703.47 | | 703.47 |
| Kilmeston | 126.64 | | 126.64 |
| Kings Worthy | 1,703.61 | | 1,703.61 |
| Littleton and Harestock | 1,427.75 | 67.69 | 1,495.44 |
| Micheldever | 582.11 | | 582.11 |
| New Alresford | 2,221.47 | | 2,221.47 |
| Northington | 124.64 | | 124.64 |
| Old Alresford | 265.85 | | 265.85 |
| Olivers Battery | 749.65 | | 749.65 |
| Otterbourne | 697.00 | | 697.00 |
| Owslebury | 379.61 | | 379.61 |
| Shedfield | 1,594.70 | | 1,594.70 |
| Soberton | 802.90 | | 802.90 |
| South Wonston | 981.80 | 183.35 | 1,165.15 |
| Southwick and Widley | 205.20 | 78.91 | 284.11 |
| Sparsholt | 305.09 | | 305.09 |
| Swanmore | 1,275.32 | | 1,275.32 |
| Tichborne | 83.23 | | 83.23 |
| Twyford | 688.18 | | 688.18 |
| Upham | 316.68 | | 316.68 |
| Warnford | 109.44 | | 109.44 |
| West Meon | 378.83 | | 378.83 |
| Wickham | 1,613.38 | | 1,613.38 |
| Whiteley | 1,246.18 | | 1,246.18 |
| Winchester Town | 13,636.86 | | 13,636.86 |
| Wonston | 554.36 | | 554.36 |
| Totals | 45,877.90 | 329.95 | 46,207.85 |