Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on 22 March 2018

PRESENT -

Councillor David Reeve (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair); Councillor Clive Smitheram (Vice-Chairman); Councillors David Reeve, Michael Arthur, John Beckett, Lucie Dallen, Neil Dallen, Jan Mason, Tina Mountain, Peter O'Donovan, Martin Olney, Vince Romagnuolo and David Wood

Absent: Councillor Humphrey Reynolds

<u>Officers present:</u> Mark Berry (Head of Place Development), Viv Evans (Interim Head of Planning), Damian Roberts (Chief Operating Officer), Claire Beesly (Assistant Solicitor), John Robinson (Planning Officer) and Sandra Dessent (Democratic Services Officer)

62 VICE CHAIRMAN

With the consent of the Committee, Councillor Clive Smitheram stood in for the Vice Chairman, chairing the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In the interests of openness and transparency, the following declarations were made:

Declarations of Interest

Councillor John Beckett, Other Interest: Member of Epsom Civic Society, but did not engage with any Civic Society evaluations in relation to items on this agenda.

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Councillor Michael Arthur MBE, Other Interest: Member of Epsom Civic Society, but did not engage with any Civic Society evaluations in relation to items on this agenda.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Neil Dallen, Other Interest: Member of Epsom Civic Society, but did not engage with any Civic Society evaluations in relation to items on this agenda.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tina Mountain, Other Interest: Member of Epsom Civic Society, but did not engage with any Civic Society evaluations in relation to items on this agenda.

Planning Application 17/01426/FUL - The Royal Automobile Club (RAC), Woodcote Park, Wilmerhatch Lane, Epsom KT18 7EW Councillor David Wood FCA, Other Interest: Member of RAC Club. Did not take

part in the deliberations or vote.

Planning Application 17/01426/FUL - The Royal Automobile Club (RAC), Woodcote Park, Wilmerhatch Lane, Epsom KT18 7EW

Councillor Tina Mountain, Other Interest: Owns a private property that backs onto the boundary of the Royal Automobile Club. However due to the location of the building referred to in the application within the site, it was not considered that it could be regarded as sufficiently close an association as to affect the consideration of this item.

64 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 February were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

65 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/01378/FUL - HORTON CHAPEL, HAVEN WAY, EPSOM KT19 7HA

Description

Refurbishment and conversion of existing Chapel (Use Class D1) to an Arts and Performance Centre (Use Class D1 and D2), including performance zone, creative learning, exhibition and cafe zone, new entrance glazed canopy, new 57 space car park parking access road; associated external works including soft and hard landscaping.

Decision

Planning permission is granted subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

(1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

<u>Reason</u>: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 (1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

(2) No development shall take place until full details, of both hard and soft landscape proposals, including a schedule of landscape maintenance for a minimum period of 5 years, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The approved landscape scheme (with the exception of planting, seeding and turfing) shall be implemented within one year of the occupation of the development hereby approved and thereafter retained.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure the provision, establishment and maintenance of an appropriate landscape scheme in the interests of the visual

amenities of the locality in accordance with Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM5 and DM9 of the Development Management Policies 2015.

(3) Prior to the commencement of any development works, including ground preparation, details of the tree protection measures to accord with British Standard 5837 shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the approved measures shall be implemented/erected and shall remain in place for the duration of the construction works. The protection barriers shall only be removed on the completion of all construction activity and with the written agreement of the Local Planning Authority. All works shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details.

<u>Reason</u>: To protect the trees on site which are to be retained in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy 2007 and Policies DM5 and DM9 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015

(4) No part of the building shall be occupied until space has been laid out within the site in accordance with the approved plans for a maximum of 57 cars and a minimum of 20 bicycles to be parked and for vehicles to turn so that they may enter and leave the site in forward gear. The parking area shall be used and retained exclusively for its designated use.

<u>Reason</u>: In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and to accord with the provisions of Policy CS16 of the Core Strategy 2007

- (5) No development shall commence until a Construction Transport Management Plan, to include details of:
 - a) parking for vehicles of site personnel, operatives and visitors
 - b) loading and unloading of plant and materials
 - c) storage of plant and materials
 - d) provision of boundary hoarding behind any visibility zones
 - e) HGV deliveries and hours of operation
 - f) vehicle routing
 - g) measures to prevent the deposit of materials on the highway:
 - i) before and after construction condition surveys of the highway and a commitment to fund the repair of any damage caused has been submitted to and approved in

writing by the Local Planning Authority. Only the approved details shall be implemented during the construction of the development

ii) no HGV movements to or from the site shall take place between the hours of 8.00 and 9.15 am and 3.15 and 4.00 pm nor shall the contractor permit any HGVs associated with the development at the site to be laid up, waiting, in the vicinity during these times.

<u>Reason</u>: In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and to accord with the provisions of Policy CS16 of the Core Strategy 2007

(6) The proposed parking spaces shall be constructed using the materials stated in the application. Before work on their construction commences details of the means of delineation of the individual spaces on the ground (integral to the surface) shall be provided to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the work shall be carried out in accordance with those approved details.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure a satisfactory appearance that is compatible with the setting of a listed building and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. To accord with Policy DM8 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015.

(7) All underground services (including cabling for lighting bollards) shall be carried-out in accordance with the NJUG Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees – Issue 2.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure that the existing tree roots are protected from damage in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM5 and DM9 of the Development Management Policies 2015.

Before the commencement of the development an Ecological (8) Implementation Plan, setting out how and when the recommendations contained in the applicant's Ecological Impact Assessment produced by New Leaf Ecology and dated September 2017 will be implemented, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any works shall thereafter only be undertaken in accordance with the approved Implementation Plan.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure that the recommendations in the Ecology Report are implemented in the interests of protecting the identified species on the site including bats, to secure the enhancements to biodiversity proposed and to comply with Policy CS3 of the Core Strategy 2007 and Policy DM4 of the Development Management Policies 2015.

(9) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans:

1778-EX-01	Site Location	
1778-EX-02	Existing plan and roof plan	
1778-EX-03	Existing Elevations	
1778-EX-04	Existing Sections	
1778-SK-20-K	Proposed Ground Floor plan	
1778-SK-21-J	Proposed Sections	
1778-SK-22-C	Proposed Roof Plan	
1778-SK-23-J	Proposed Site Plan	
1778-SK-25-C	Proposed SW & NE Elevations	
1778-SK-26-C	Proposed NW & SE Elevations	
1778-SK-27-A	Mobile teaching pods	
1778-SK-28	Internal Elevations Office Screen	
1778-SK-29	Proposed Entrance screen	
1778-SK-30-B	Internal Elevations Servery Bar	
1778-SK-31-A	Services Entries and Excavations	
1778-SK-32	Internal elevations secondary glazing	
1778-SK-33	Roof level - rooflights and vent grills	
1778-SK-34-B	Car Park Lighting	
1778-SK-35	External Bin Stores	

<u>Reason</u>: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning as required by Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy 2007

Informatives:

(1) The Council confirms that in assessing this planning application it has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive way, in line with the requirements of paragraph 186-187 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012

- (2) Please note that this planning permission does not convey approval for new signs that require separate consent under the Advertisement Regulations 2007. Such would need to be the subject of a separate application for Advertisement Consent.
- (3) Any works to the roof (including the installation of the proposed new roof lights is likely to involve potential disturbance of bats, which are a protected species. It is important to note that such disturbance would potentially involve committing a criminal offence unless it is done strictly under the terms of a license from Natural England. The applicant is therefore advised to contact Natural England at the earliest opportunity before works commence in order to secure the relevant licence and associated monitoring.
- (4) You are advised that no construction work should be carried out in such a manner as to be audible at the site boundary before 07.30 hours on Monday to Friday or after 18.30 hours on Monday to Friday; no construction work should be audible at the site boundary before 08.00 and after 13.00 hours on Saturdays and no construction work of any nature shall be carried out on Sundays or Bank Holidays or Public Holidays.

The Committee noted a verbal representation from the applicant. Letters of representation (if any) had been published on the Council's website and were available to the public and members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

66 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/01379/LBA - HORTON CHAPEL, HAVEN WAY, EPSOM KT19 7HA

Description

Refurbishment and conversion of existing Grade 2 Listed Chapel to an Arts and Performance Centre, including new entrance canopy, external repairs to the building fabric, internal alterations to building.

Decision

Listed building consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

(1) The works hereby granted shall be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of this consent.

<u>Reason</u>: To comply with Section 18 (1) (a) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by Section 52(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

(2) Detailed drawings of the proposed ramps and steps up to chancel, at a scale of not less than 1:20, shall be submitted to and approved in

writing by the Local Planning Authority before the building is brought into use and the ramps and steps so approved shall be constructed and installed in accordance with those details.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure that the designated heritage asset is protected and to accord with Policy DM8 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015

(3) Full details of how the memorial plaques are to be removed from their original locations and reset in the new must be provided to the Local Planning Authority before any relocation work is commenced and those works must only be carried out in accordance with such details as are approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

<u>Reason</u>: To protect these important features of the listed building and to accord with Policy DM8 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015

(4) The works hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans and the applicant's email dated 19 March 2018 regarding retention of existing floor finishes:

1778-SK-20-K	Proposed Ground Floor plan	
1778-SK-21-J	Proposed Sections	
1778-SK-22-C	Proposed Roof Plan	
1778-SK-23-J	Proposed Site Plan	
1778-SK-25-C	Proposed SW & NE Elevations	
1778-SK-26-C	Proposed NW & SE Elevations	
1778-SK-27-A	Mobile teaching pods	
1778-SK-28	Internal Elevations Office Screen	
1778-SK-29	Proposed Entrance screen	
1778-SK-30-B	Internal Elevations Servery Bar	
1778-SK-31-A	Services Entries and Excavations	
1778-SK-32	Internal elevations secondary glazing	
1778-SK-33	Roof level - rooflights and vent grills	

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure that the designated heritage asset is protected and to accord with Policy DM8 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015

Informative:

- (1) The Council confirms that in assessing this planning application it has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive way, in line with the requirements of paragraph 186-187 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012
- 67 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/01426/FUL THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB (RAC), WOODCOTE PARK, WILMERHATCH LANE, EPSOM KT18 7EW

<u>Note</u>: Councillor David Wood left the Chamber during consideration of this item and took no part in the debate upon it.

Description

Extension to existing sports club, reconfiguration to existing tennis courts, demolition of existing plant room and associated landscaping, engineering works and operations.

Decision

Refer to the Secretary of State with a **recommendation to grant** planning permission subject to relevant conditions as follows:-

Conditions:

(1) The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

<u>Reason</u>: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 (1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

(2) Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground works and access construction), details and samples of the materials to be used for the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure a satisfactory external appearance of the building in accordance with Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policy DM10 of the Development Management Policies Document – 2015

- (3) No development shall commence until a Construction Transport Management Plan, to include details of :
 - a) parking for vehicles of site personnel, operatives and visitors
 - b) loading and unloading of plant and materials

- c) storage of plant and materials
- d) programme of works (including measures for traffic management)
- e) provision of boundary hoarding behind any visibility zones
- f) HGV deliveries and hours of operation
- g) vehicle routing
- h) measures to prevent the deposit of materials on the highway
- i) before and after construction condition surveys of the highway and a commitment to fund the repair of any damage caused
- j) details of all temporary accommodation works including temporary roads, car park, offices
- k) Details of waste minimisation strategy- arisings

have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Only the approved details shall be implemented during the construction of the development.

Reason: In order that the development should not prejudice highway safety nor cause inconvenience to other highway users and to accord with the provisions of policy CS16 of the Core Strategy 2007.

(4) Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved, a revised Travel Plan shall be submitted for the written approval of the local planning authority in accordance with the sustainable development aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework, Surrey County Council's "Travel Plans Good Practice Guide", and in general accordance with the 'Heads of Travel Plan' document. The approved Travel Plan shall be implemented on first occupation of the new development and for each and every subsequent occupation of the development, and the Travel Plan should thereafter maintained and developed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority.

Reason: To promote sustainable means of travel and ensure that the development does not prejudice the free flow of traffic and conditions of safety on the highway or cause inconvenience to other highway users as required by Policy CS16 of the Core Strategy 2007.

(5) Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground works and access construction), a landscaping scheme shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority,

details to include the planting of trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and areas to be grassed. The landscaping scheme shall include the schedule of species, sizes, and planting densities along with the specification for aftercare maintenance. The landscaping shall take place in strict accordance with a phased programme to be agreed as part of the approved details and the planting in each phase shall be maintained for a period of five years, such maintenance to include the replacement of any plants that die.

Reason: To ensure the provisions and maintenance of soft landscaping, in the interest of visual amenity as required by Policies CS1, CS2, CS5 of the Core Strategy 2007) and Policy DM5 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015

Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground (6) works and access construction, a Tree Protection Method Statement and a Tree Protection Plan in accordance with British Standard 5837:2012 (or later revision) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The methodologies should expand on the approved arboricultural protection documents and include more specific details on tree protection from earthworks, hardscape construction, underground service installation and construction traffic encroachment within the root protection zones of retained trees on site, most notably the Cedar tree no.847. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed details and no equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought onto the site for the purposes of the development until fencing has been erected in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan. Within any area fenced in accordance with this condition, nothing shall be stored, placed or disposed of above or below ground, the ground level shall not be altered, no excavations shall be made, nor shall any fires be lit, without the prior written consent of the local planning authority. The fencing shall be maintained in accordance with the approved details, until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been moved from the site.

Reason: To protect the trees on site which are to be retained in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy (2007) and Policies DM5 and DM9 of the Development Management Policies 2015.

(7) The development shall be constructed in accordance with the measures outlined in Stage '3' Design Report for the Mechanical and Electrical Building Services Installations, dated December 2017.

Reason: To ensure that the development is sustainable and makes efficient use of energy, water and materials in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Core Strategy 2007.

(8) The developers shall give at least two weeks' notice to Surrey County Council's Principal Archaeologist of their intention to start work on the site, and shall afford access at all reasonable times to any qualified person nominated by the Local Planning Authority, so that they shall have the opportunity to observe any works involving disturbance of the ground, and record any items of archaeological interest.

Reason: It is possible that minor items or features of archaeological interest will be disturbed in the course of the development, and these should be rescued or recorded before they are lost, as required Policy DM8 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015.

(9) No development shall take place until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the required archaeological work is secured satisfactorily in accordance with Policy DM8 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015

(10) If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority) shall be carried out until the developer has submitted, and obtained written approval from the local planning authority for, a remediation strategy detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development can be carried out safely without unacceptable risks to workers, neighbours and other offsite receptors in accordance with Policy DM17 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015.

(11) Piling or any other foundation designs using penetrative methods shall not be permitted other than with the express written consent of the local planning authority, which may be given for those parts of the site where it has been demonstrated that there is no resultant unacceptable risk to groundwater. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure the development does not impact on local underground infrastructure or harm the future occupants of the site in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Core Strategy 2007 and Policy DM17 of the Development Management Policies Document 2015. (12) The development permitted by this planning permission shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved FRA produced by Atkins dated November 2014 reference no. 5127703_200/072/DG/007 and Drainage Statement produced by MLM dated 12/12/17 reference BF/668456/AN

Reason: To ensure suitable drainage of the development to reduce risk of flooding in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Epsom and Ewell Core Strategy 2007.

(13) Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground works and access construction) the applicant shall submit detailed hydraulic calculations of the final drainage calculation to include the following:

a) Evidence that the proposed solution will effectively manage the 1 in 30 & 1 in 100 (+Climate change allowance) for storm events. Detailed hydraulic calculation of each SUDs feature shall be included.

b) Detailed drawings to include: a finalised drainage layout detailing the location of SUDs elements, pipe diameters, levels, details of how SuDS elements will be protected from root damage and long and cross sections of each SuDS element and including details of any flow restrictions.

c) Half drain time of 24 hours shall be achieved for at least the 1:30 year storm

Reason: To ensure suitable drainage of the development to reduce risk of flooding in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Epsom and Ewell Core Strategy 2007.

(14) Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground works and access construction) the applicant shall submit details of how the Sustainable Drainage System will cater for system failure or exceedance events, both on and offsite.

Reason: To ensure suitable drainage of the development to reduce risk of flooding in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Epsom and Ewell Core Strategy 2007.

(15) Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground works and access construction) the applicant shall submit details of details of how surface water and any associated pollution risk will be dealt with during the construction of the development and how any Sustainable Drainage System will be protected and maintained. The development shall thereafter be carried out in strict accordance with those approved details unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority Reason: To ensure suitable drainage of the development to reduce risk of flooding in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Epsom and Ewell Core Strategy 2007.

(16) Prior to the commencement of the development (other than ground works and access construction) details of maintenance regimes and responsibilities of the drainage and suds elements during the operation and lifetime of the systems shall be submitted. The scheme shall be implemented and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure suitable drainage of the development to reduce risk of flooding in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Epsom and Ewell Core Strategy 2007.

(17) Prior to the first occupation of the development, a verification report carried out by a qualified drainage engineer must be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority to demonstrate that the Sustainable Urban Drainage System has been constructed as per the agreed scheme.

Reason: To ensure suitable drainage of the development to reduce risk of flooding in accordance with Policy CS6 of the Epsom and Ewell Core Strategy 2007.

(18) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

(03)-E-001	REV A	East Elevation
(03)-E-002	REVA	North Elevation
(03)-E-003	REV A	West Elevation
(03)-E-004	REV A	South Elevation
(03)-P-0B0	REV B	Basement
(03)-P-0G0	REVB	Ground Floor
(03)-P-0LG	REV B	Lower ground Floor
(03)-P-0R0	REV C	Roof
(03)-P-S000	REV A	Site Plan
(03)-X-001	REV B	Section A-A
(03)-X-002	REV B	Section B-B

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans to comply with Policy CS5 of the Core Strategy (2007).

Informative:

- (1) The Council confirms that in assessing this planning application it has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive way, in line with the requirements of paragraph 186-187 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.
- (2) (Informative added 19.03.18): You are advised that noisy works related to the construction of the development hereby permitted, including works of demolition or preparation prior to building operations shall not take place other than between the hours of 08.00 to 18.00 hours Mondays to Fridays; 08.00 to 13.00 hours Saturdays; with no work on Saturday afternoons (after 13.00 hours), Sundays, Bank Holidays or Public Holidays.

The Committee noted the addition of the second informative and a verbal representation from the Director of the Royal Automobile Club Ltd. Letters of representation (if any) had been published on the Council's website and were available to the public and members of the Committee in advance of the meeting.

68 SITE VISITS

<u>Note</u>: Councillor David Wood returned to the Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

The Committee was reminded that the revised Model Code of Practice for Members in respect of planning matters was now in force.

Site visits were to be requested by Members prior to an application being reported to Committee. The decision to hold a site visit prior to the Committee meeting was to be made by the Head of Planning (formerly known as the Head of Place Development) in consultation with the Chairman.

It was still open for the Committee to request a site visit in respect to an application before it. However, a visit would only be agreed if particular factors to be seen on site were significant in terms of the weight to be afforded to them in determining the application and because, following discussion in Committee, members had reduced confidence that such factors could be fairly considered in the absence of a site visit to assess such details. In proposing a site visit, the member who wished the Committee to have additional opportunity to do so should specify the factors to be noted which would warrant a site visit.

It was noted that site visits had been agreed to be held at the appropriate time in connection with the following applications:

- 346 Chessington Road, West Ewell, KT19 9EG 17/01274/FUL
- Langley Vale Memorial Woodland Site, Headley Road, Langley Vale, Epsom 17/01450/FUL
- Former Police Station, Church Street, Epsom, KIT17 4PS 17/01586/FUL

The following site visit was requested at the meeting subject to approval by the Chairman and interim Head of Planning:

• 22 The Headway, Ewell – 17/01680/FLH

69 REPORT ON RECENT PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS

The Committee received a summary of the appeal in relation to 2a Derek Avenue, West Ewell, KT19 9HT - 17/00301/FLH. It was noted that the appeal had been upheld.

70 VOTE OF THANKS

The Committee passed a vote of thanks and gratitude to the Head of Place Development, Mark Berry, who was leaving the Council after 13 years' service.

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 8.20 pm

COUNCILLOR DAVID REEVE (VICE-CHAIRMAN, IN THE CHAIR)