

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 2 FEBRUARY 2017**

* Councillor Bolton – Chairman
0 Councillor Poulter – Vice Chairman

0	Councillor P Martin	*	Councillor R Gordon-Smith
*	Councillor Cosser	*	Councillor Wheatley
*	Councillor T Martin	*	Councillor A Bott
*	Councillor Reynolds	*	Councillor S Bott
0	Councillor Noyce	*	Councillor Thornton
L	Councillor Welland	*	Councillor Williams
0	Councillor Pinches	0	Councillor Gray
*	Councillor Walden	0	Councillor Young
*	Councillor Purkiss		

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology for Absence L Late

483. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

484. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

485. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Tim Ostle President of the Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce had requested permission under Standing Order 4 to make a statement regarding Agenda Item 6. Mr Ostle was qualified to speak by virtue of representing a business (The Charterhouse Club) with a business premises in the town. The Chairman determined to hear Mr Ostle's statement at the relevant point of the agenda and reordered the agenda so that item would be considered immediately after the declarations of interest.

486. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Bolton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 on the grounds that he is a member of Waverley Borough Council's executive which is proposing to increase parking charges in the 2017/18 budget. Councillor Bolton ceded the Chair for that item but remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor T Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 on the grounds that he is Deputy Leader of Waverley Borough Council and as such it would be inappropriate to make comments regarding a Waverley proposal. Councillor Martin left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated. Having already given notice of his intention to leave the meeting at 19.45 Councillor Martin did not return to the Chamber at the conclusion of Agenda Item 6 and so was not present for Agenda Item 5 either.

Councillor Reynolds declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 on the grounds that he is on the management committee of the Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Reynolds remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

The comments and observations from the following Waverley Borough Councillors were preliminary ones prior to consideration at Borough Council level and were based on the evidence and representations to the Town Council.

Cllr RA Gordon-Smith	Cllr Reynolds
Cllr Welland	Cllr Wheatley
Cllr Thornton	Cllr Williams
Cllr Bolton	Cllr Hunter

487. INCREASE IN CAR PARKING CHARGES

The Chairman indicated that he would vacate the Chair for this agenda item and the meeting elected Councillor Reynolds as Chairman for this item only.

A statement from Mr Ostle was heard (statement attached to the record minutes) and Members took the opportunity to ask Mr Ostle questions. Mr Ostle was thanked for his contribution to the meeting.

Members considered proposals from Waverley Borough Council to increase car parking charges across the Borough and in particular the impact of those increases on car park charges in Godalming.

Members instructed the Town Clerk to make to make representations to Waverley Borough Council about the increases proposed in the following terms:

“The Town Council’s Planning & Environment Committee met on 2 February 2017. Representatives of the Town Council were also present at an informal meeting with representatives of Haslemere and Farnham Town Councils held on 31 January 2017 and the concerns raised at that meeting were discussed by Godalming Town Councillors on 2 February. On the latter date, Godalming Councillors also heard representations from the President of the Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce.

Godalming Town Councillors recognised the severe financial position in which Waverley Borough Council finds itself and the fact that car parking income is a significant strand of Waverley’s financial strategy.

However, Town Councillors regretted the lack of prior consultation with Towns and Parishes and Chambers of Commerce. It was noted that the usual joint meeting between Waverley Borough Council (WBC) and Town and Parish Councils to discuss pressures on the WBC budget was not held this budget cycle and that the matter was not mentioned at a meeting with the Chambers of Commerce held just a week before the proposals were made public. Town Councillors observed that it is not too late to postpone the proposals and undertake proper community engagement.

Godalming Town Councillors were concerned that parking charges were only raised last year, and a substantial increase this year sends a negative message to residents and businesses alike. Indeed the fact that most of the proposed increases specifically target short-term parking to the detriment of the town’s retailers was of very great concern. In 2015/16 the charge for the first hour’s car parking at Crown Court car park was 60p, this rose to 70p for 2016/17 and current proposals will take it to 90p. That’s a 50% increase over two years in Godalming’s most used shoppers’ car park. Town Councillors noted that some 19.5% of Waverley’s chargeable car parking spaces are in Godalming but that it is planned to take some 32.5% of the increase in income from those spaces meaning that Godalming’s residents and businesses are impacted disproportionately.

Specific concern was expressed about the proposal to double the all-day charge for Meadow car park on the grounds that it is a commuter car park. Godalming Town Councillors felt that this singularly failed to recognise the history of the charging regime at this car park and the fact that the car park is used by many people who work in local businesses (and don't commute to London). The doubling of charges here is a further penalty to local businesses.

Finally, Town Councillors felt that making changes to car park charging in Waverley is premature given that the findings of the pay on exit pilot scheme in Cranleigh have not yet been received. This pilot scheme may have a particular impact on Crown Court car park in Godalming."

488. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the applications listed on the attached schedule and commented on them as shown in the third column.

489. UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members received an update from the Town Clerk who informed the meeting that at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Group the group would be asked to determine whether or not the Neighbourhood Plan should allocate sites. It seems likely that there will be only one site to allocate (that being the Town Council's own land at More Circle allotments) and the Town Clerk outlined the suggestion that it might be possible to suggest to Waverley Borough Council that it allocates the site as part of Local Plan Part 2.

490. ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS

Members noted the items, which were tabled for their information.

491. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 23 February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber

492. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

SCHEDULE OF PLANS SUBMITTED FOR
COMMENTS OF GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>APPLICATION</u>	<u>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT & NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
1. WA/2016/2474	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for erection of extensions and alterations including dormer window to provide additional habitable accommodation. 27 George Road, Farncombe A Walsh	Application noted
2. WA/2016/2485	Erection of extensions and alterations. 1A Park Road, Godalming Mr & Mrs Roberts	No objection
3. WA/2016/2496	Application under Section 73 to remove Condition 15 of WA/2014/0932 (code for sustainable homes). Land at Ockford Ridge, Godalming I Seriogina – Waverley Borough Council	Object on the grounds that removal of the condition would only maintain the Energy aspect of the Code for Sustainable Homes, and not the other important aspects. As a key community asset this development should meet the standards set out when the permission was granted.
4. WA/2016/2506	Erection of an attached dwelling following demolition of existing garage and utility building. 11 Rush Croft, Godalming Mr Cooper – CDN Homes Renovations Ltd	No objection
5. WA/2017/0008	Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflights. 40 Park Road, Godalming D Allen	No objection
6. WA/2017/0011	Erection of single storey extensions (revision of WA/2016/1489). 21 Long Gore, Farncombe S Snelling	No objection
7. WA/2017/0041	Erection of extensions. 101 Aarons Hill, Godalming Mr & Mrs Davis	No objection

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<u>APPLICATION</u>	<u>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT & NAME OF APPLICANT</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS</u>
8. WA/2017/0053	Erection of single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. 10 Charterhouse Road, Godalming Mr & Mrs Waddington	No objection
9. WA/2017/0054	Erection of single storey rear extension. 90 George Road, Farncombe J Shephard	No objection
10. TM/2017/0008	Application for works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order 42/99. 29 The Paddock, Godalming Mrs Juliet Loudon	No objection
11. TM/2017/0010	Application for works to and removal of a tree subject of Tree Preservation Order 21/07. Oaks, Crownpits Lane, Godalming Mrs Linda Warren	No objection
CA/2017/0006	Munstead Godalming Conservation Area. Work on Trees. 3 Old Rectory Gardens, Godalming Mr John Drake	In the absence of any paperwork the Town Council is unable to comment.
TC/2017/0001	GPDO Schedule 2, Part 16; installation of 12.5m Phase 5 monopole and an 800 RFC cabinet measuring 600 x 480 x 700mm located at ground level and associated works. Removal of existing 12m tower. Telecommunications mast 71258, Portsmouth Road, Godalming H3G UK Limited & EE Limited	No objection