

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 9 JUNE 2022**

- \* Councillor Crooks – Chair
- \* Councillor Heagin – Vice Chair

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| * Councillor Adam      | 0 | Councillor Ashworth   |
| * Councillor Boyle     | * | Councillor Cosser     |
| * Councillor Duce      | * | Councillor Follows    |
| * Councillor Hullah    | 0 | Councillor Martin     |
| * Councillor Neill     | 0 | Councillor PMA Rivers |
| 0 Councillor PS Rivers | * | Councillor Steel      |
| * Councillor Stubbs    | * | Councillor Weightman  |
| * Councillor Williams  | * | Councillor (Vacancy)  |

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

79. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 May 2022 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

81. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Councillor Steel declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 10 due to living in proximity of the proposed location for the Crown Court telecoms mast and stayed in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Follows declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 10 due to living in proximity of the Chalk Road mast and left 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.

Councillor Cosser  
Councillor Follows  
Councillor Heagin  
Councillor Williams

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

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 4.

83. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions from Councillors were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6.

84. BRIEFING ON THE GREENWAY PROJECT

Due to purdah requirements, the briefing on the Greenway Project, by Thomas Lankester, Sustainable Transport Projects Officer of Waverley Borough Council was deferred, alternative dates post Ockford & Central by-election have been provided and a briefing date will be confirmed in due course. Outcomes of the Surrey County Council public consultation on the Greenway Project had been shared with Members prior to the meeting.

85. GTC CARBON AUDIT & REDUCTION PLAN

Two recommendations were submitted for Members' consideration:

- A. Members to note the GTC Carbon Audit Report for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
- B. Members to resolve to agree to recommend to Full Council that:
- Godalming Town Council should aim to meet its climate emergency objective of being carbon neutral in Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2025 and that provision should be made within the 2023/24 and 2024/25 budgets to undertake the swap out of gas heating and hot water boilers at The Pepperpot, Wilfrid Noyce Centre and Broadwater Youth Centre to site appropriate alternative electric systems (electric boilers or heat pumps).
  - Budget provision for the swap out of gas heating and hot water boilers at the Council's community buildings should be funded from existing revenue budgets and reserves.

Members noted recommendation A and received the GTC Carbon Audit Report for the period 1 April 2021-31 March 2022 noting the 33.5% reduction in GTC Scope 1 & 2 emissions against the 31 March 2019 datum, which was slightly less than the 36.8% achieved in 2021.

Members further considered recommendation B relating to GTC's ability to meet its declared target of becoming carbon neutral in Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2025.

Councillor Heagin proposed, and Councillor Stubbs seconded an amendment to recommendation B. Members unanimously resolved to support the amendment. Members therefore considered recommendation B as amended:

- B. Godalming Town Council reaffirms its commitment for the reduction of Scope 1 & 2 emissions and Members resolved to recommend to Full Council that:**
- **Godalming Town Council recognises that, unless there is provision within the 2023/24 and 2024/5 budgets to replace the gas heating and hot water boilers in its community buildings with suitable alternatives, the objective of being carbon neutral in Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 2025 will not be met.**
  - **Officers should therefore present fully costed proposals for meeting this important objective as soon as practicable and no later than part of the 2023 budget setting process, to show the impact on both revenue budgets and reserves.**

Members resolved to agree to recommend the amended recommendation B to Full Council.

86. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Members considered Performance Indicators associated with the Environment & Planning Committee and proposed a number of amendments (attached to record minutes).

For PI 8 relating to the provision of grant aid to meet the aims of the Carbon Reduction & Biodiversity Fund, Cllr Williams to propose bring forward proposals for measuring this PI.

Cllr Adam to put forward a proposal on measuring GTC's improvement to nature and biodiversity on its land.

Amended and updated PI to be brought back to committee following first round of consideration by all other committees and the correct placement of PIs within the committee structure.

87. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

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

88. PLANNING CONSULTATION – TELECOMS MAST

Having Received separate notification from Waverley Borough Council regarding application TC/2022/01493, Members considered the planning application and resolved to object on the grounds of loss of visual amenity.

Having Received separate notification from Waverley Borough Council regarding application TC/2022/01494, Members considered the planning application and resolved not to object. Members observed that it would be desirable if the mast could be moved to the end of the Jewson's building if possible.

89. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified that the carbon reduction achieved by the Council be publicised.

90. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 30 June 2022 at 6.30pm.

91. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

**GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING - SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 17 MAY TO 31 MAY 2022**

| <u>Ref</u>                   | <u>Ward</u>                              | <u>Proposal</u>   | <u>Site Address</u>                                    | <u>GTC Observations</u>   |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>WBC Weekly List 22/21</b> |  |   |  |   |
| WA/2022/01369                | Godalming<br>Binscombe                   | Erection of extension together with alterations to attached garage to provide additional habitable accommodation and store.                                       | 40 Cornfields<br>Farncombe<br>Godalming GU7 3PH        | No observations   |
| WA/2022/01413                | Godalming<br>Charterhouse                | Erection of extension and alteration to elevation.  | 18 Tottenham Road<br>Godalming GU7 2HT                 | No observations   |
| WA/2022/01377                | Godalming<br>Farncombe and<br>Catteshall | Erection of 4 dwellings and associated works (revision of WA/2021/02274).   | Land At Weyside Park<br>Catteshall Lane<br>Godalming   | Object on the grounds of overdevelopment, loss of neighbour's privacy from overlooking, increased traffic and lack of bin storage facilities.   |
| <b>WBC Weekly List 22/22</b> |  |   |  |   |
| WA/2022/01437                | Godalming<br>Binscombe                   | Erection of two storey extension, alterations to elevations and associated landscaping following demolition of detached garage, covered walkway and conservatory. | 65 Binscombe Lane<br>Farncombe<br>Godalming GU7 3QG    | No observations   |
| WA/2022/01457                | Godalming<br>Binscombe                   | Erection of single storey extension and alterations.  | 23 Orchardfield Road<br>Farncombe<br>Godalming GU7 3PB | No observations   |
| NMA/2022/01449               | Godalming Central<br>and Ockford         | Amendment to WA/2021/01573 to bring forward the front elevation of the proposed extension in line with the existing elevation.                                    | 68 Croft Road<br>Godalming GU7 1DD                     | No observations   |
| TM/2022/01429                | Godalming<br>Charterhouse                | APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 07/07  | 17 Woodmancourt<br>Godalming GU7 2BT                   | Godalming Town Council does not object to the felling of the heavily leaning Field Maple, however, it would wish the felled tree remains within the woodland to provide a habitat.<br><br>Godalming Town Council objects to the proposals for full crown reduction unless such action is for the benefit of the health of the tree or to reduce danger to people or property. |

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| WA/2022/01454     | Godalming Charterhouse | Creation of new vehicular access onto Hurtmore Road and closure of existing vehicular access.   | The Rough<br>Hurtmore Road<br>Godalming GU7 2RB | No objection                   |
| WA/2022/01440     | Godalming Holloway     | Erection of extensions and alterations to elevations; erection of outbuilding for use incidental to the main dwelling with associated works following demolition of existing detached garage. | 24 Chestnut Way<br>Godalming GU7 1TS            | No objection                   |
| WA/2022/01458     | Godalming Holloway     | Erection of extensions and alterations.   | 33 Maplehatch Close<br>Godalming GU7 1TQ        | No observations                |
| WA/2022/01459     | Godalming Holloway     | Erection of single storey extension and alterations.  | 57 Maplehatch Close<br>Godalming GU7 1TH        | No observations                |