

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 1 FEBRUARY 2024**

* Councillor Kiehl – Chair
0 Councillor Clayton – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	* Councillor PS Rivers
* Councillor Crooks	* Councillor PMA Rivers
* Councillor Crowe	* Councillor Steel
0 Councillor S Downey	0 Councillor C Downey
* Councillor Follows	0 Councillor Thomson
* Councillor Heagin	* Councillor Weightman
* Councillor Holliday	* Councillor Williams
* Councillor Martin	

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

468. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2023 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

469. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

470. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

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 Crowe, Councillor Martin, Councillor PMA Rivers

471. 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.

472. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

473. REVIEW OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Members noted the review of Surrey County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and agreed that the Town Clerk should complete the review survey on behalf of the Town Council, following receipt of any additional feedback from Members, any such feedback to be provided by 15 February 2024

In completing the survey Members requested that the Town Clerk looks to emphasis the Councils positive support for active travel and opposition to bridleways being open to all traffic.

The survey will be presented to Members on 22 February for final comment before submission.

474. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSULATATION

Members identified no specific applications for review.

475. NOTIFICATION FROM WAVERLEY PLANNING COMMITTEE

On the nomination of Cllr Follows and seconded by Cllr Weighman, Members agreed to nominate Cllr Heagin as the representative to speak to this application at WBC's Planning Committee on 7 February 2024.

Reference: WA/2023/01714

Proposal: Erection of 27 dwellings (affordable houses) and associated works including a vehicular, cycle and pedestrian accesses, open space and landscaping.

Location: LAND CENTRED COORDINATES 496830 146100 SOUTH EAST OF BINSCOMBE GODALMING

Members noted that when this committee considered this application on 31 August 2023 it stated to the Planning Authority that:

"As the Town Council for the area where the proposed development is located, Godalming Town Council supports this application as the 100% affordable housing nature of the development will be a significant benefit to the local community. However, Godalming Town Council wishes to caveat its support on the basis that a safe vehicle entry and egress to the site is created via Binscombe and not Copse Side and would wish to see a 20mph limit on Binscombe between New Pond Road and Binscombe Lane. Additionally, Godalming Town Council would wish to see any development conditional on the SUD proposal being fully compliant and following best environmental practice".

In reviewing this application, Members were concerned that the Heritage Assessment and Traffic assessment associated with this application still appear not to have been uploaded to the Waverley planning portal.

476. RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION AND USEAGE – ITEM TO NOTE

Members noted the renewable energy generation and usage during the first full month (1/1/24 – 31/1/24) of the new solar PV installation at Broadwater Park Youth & Community Centre, and requested the information presented to be circulated in PDF form to Members and for Members to receive a quarterly update on the system.

Having noted the apparent success of the system, Members enquired as to the next location being considered for a PV installation. The Town Clerk indicated that subject to initial checks that the workshops at Eashing would likely be the next appropriate location.

Members were additionally updated on issues relating to the next phase of decarbonisation of Broadwater Park Youth & Community Centre. Members noted that whilst GTC had been granted planning permission for Air Source Heat Pumps and had fulfilled the planning condition associated with the permission, an unforeseen issue relating to the power capacity of the centres electrical system to run the heat pumps whilst meeting all other power requirements of the centre does mean that further work is required to determine whether the

site capacity can be increased and if so how and at what cost. The Town Clerk agreed to keep Members informed of progress.

477. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members to identify no items discussed at this meeting for additional publicity.

478. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 22 February 2024 at 6.30pm.

479. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair informed Members that they should have received notification of the 19 February session on the Guildford to Godalming cycle/greenway. If Members have not received the notification, they are asked to contact the GTC offices.

Members were also made aware of the letter received from DEFRA (previously distributed to Members by email) regarding the November water outage.