

PARISH OF GODALMING

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD

ON THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2025

- * Town Mayor (Cllr PS Rivers)
- 0 Deputy Town Mayor (Cllr Clayton)

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| * Councillor Adam | * Councillor Holliday |
| L Councillor Crooks | * Councillor Kiehl |
| * Councillor Crowe | * Councillor Martin |
| 0 Councillor C Downey | * Councillor PMA Rivers |
| 0 Councillor S Downey | * Councillor Steel |
| * Councillor Duce | * Councillor Thomson |
| * Councillor Follows | * Councillor Weightman |
| * Councillor Heagin | * Councillor Williams |

Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Jeffery

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

467. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 December 2024 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

468. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

469. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillor Paul Rivers declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 9, St John's PCC Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy grant application on the grounds that he is a Member of St John's Farncombe and left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Penny Rivers declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 9, St John's PCC Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy grant application on the grounds that she is a Member of St John's Farncombe and left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Heagin declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 10, SLA Monitoring Information on the grounds that she is a Volunteer at Citizens' Advice and remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was noted.

470. **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 5.

471. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

472. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

Members received a letter from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government dated 3 February 2025 relating to the English Devolution White Paper and Surrey County Council proposals (copy of letter attached to record minutes).

473. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the following Committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED

Audit Committee – Cllr Thomson

On the recommendation of the Audit Committee, Full Council resolved to agree to adopt the revised Business Continuity Plan (copy of plan attached to record minutes).

Environment & Planning Committee – Cllr Kiehl

There were no recommendations from the Environment & Planning Committee

Policy & Management Committee – Cllr Follows

There were no recommendations from the Policy & Management Committee

Staffing Committee – Cllr Heagin

There were no recommendations from the Staffing Committee

474. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The reports of the following committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED:

	Meetings Dated
Environment & Planning	28 November 2024 19 December 2024 9 January 2025
Policy & Management Committee	28 November 2024 9 January 2025

Following this item, The Mayor sought nominations from members to Chair the next item as he had declared an other registerable interest.

On the proposal of Cllr Weighman, seconded by Cllr Heagin, Cllr Follows was elected to Chair this item. The Mayor, Cllr Paul Rivers and Cllr Penny Rivers left the Chamber.

475. NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL FUNDING APPLICATION FROM ST JOHN'S FARNCOMBE

Full Council resolved to agree to approve a Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Grant of £26,836 to St Johns Parish Church, Farncombe for the installation of an Emergency & Escape Lighting System to the St John's Farncombe Church buildings.

In approving the award of Neighbourhood CIL, Members noted that development within the Farncombe area has seen the loss of the St John's Street Hall, as well as the Function Rooms of the Freeholders Public House into residential properties. Additionally, members noted the Lower Manor Road Chapel has been developed into a Nursery School, the Broadwater Community Centre has been reassigned for sole weekday use by the Youth Centre and the current limitations of the Baden Hall have all contributed to the loss of assembly/meeting rooms and community halls. Members considered that the loss of these facilities has increased the importance of St John's facilities as one of the few places left in the Farncombe area that is still able to address existing and potential future community needs.

On completion of this item, the Mayor, Cllr Paul Rivers and Cllr Penny Rivers returned to the Chamber. The Mayor resumed the Chair of the meeting.

476. SLA MONITORING INFORMATION

Citizens' Advice – Members received the engagement figures for Q3 2024/25.

477. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS, ETC.

The following resolution was passed nem con.

THAT THE TOWN CLERK, MR ANDREW JEFFERY, BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SEALED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ANY ORDERS, DEEDS OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO ANY OF THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS RECEIVED AT THIS MEETING OR IN ANY RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

478. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 8 May 2025 at 6.30pm.

479. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S.1(2), THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM(S) 14 BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED I.E STAFFING MATTERS

480. STAFFING MATTERS

There were no staffing matters raised by the Chair of Staffing.