

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 5 SEPTEMBER 2013**

\* Councillor Reynolds – Chairman  
\* Councillor Thornton – Vice Chairman

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| * Councillor P Martin       | * Councillor R Gordon-Smith |
| * Councillor Poulter        | * Councillor Thomson        |
| 0 Councillor Cosser         | * Councillor Wheatley       |
| * Councillor C Gordon-Smith | * Councillor Lister         |
| * Councillor Wilson         | * Councillor Woodham        |
| * Councillor A Bott         | * Councillor S Bott         |
| * Councillor Hunter         | * Councillor Noyce          |
| * Councillor Robinson       | 0 Councillor Welland        |
| * Councillor Williams       |                             |

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

141. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 August 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Mrs Penny Rivers of Station Road, Farncombe had asked to raise a questions in accordance with Standing Order No 4. The Chairman elected to hear Mrs Rivers' question at this point.

Mrs Rivers' question was:

Helping local authorities help cyclists

"The government has already made it easier for local authorities in England to help cyclists. Measures include removing bureaucracy to introduce 20 miles per hour (mph) speed restrictions, which make streets safer for all road users. This sentence comes from the Government press release titled, "Government shifts cycling up a gear", issued on August 12th.

Given that Government policy encourages Local authorities to implement 20mph speed limits - not just on residential roads but also on busier roads where the number of pedestrians and cyclists are or could be significant and, the increase in the number of Councils adopting 20mph over town-wide areas with the resulting health and community benefits (now a responsibility of Local Authorities). How does Godalming Town Council intend to encourage Surrey County Council in adopting Government policy to implement 20mph speed limits (using signs and road markings and not speed humps) for the benefit of its residents?"

The Chairman gave the following reply:

"Many thanks for your question. The Government is also very keen that local representatives should take decisions at a local level. Godalming Town Councillors have listened to the views of the 20s Plenty campaign in the past, most recently at their meeting dated 17 May 2012, and I see no reason to change the decision taken by councillors at that meeting."

143. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor P Martin declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 Schedule No's 3, 4, 5 & 6 (WA/2013/1262, 1275, 1276 & 1277) on the grounds that he is a trustee of Llanaway Homes which owns the property next door to the application site. Councillor Martin left the Chamber when those agenda items were debated.

Councillor R Gordon-Smith declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 Schedule No 8 (WA/2013/1295) on the grounds that the proposed car park would be opposite his house. Councillor Gordon-Smith left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Poulter declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 Schedule No 18 (TM/2013/0112) on the grounds that the applicant was known to her. Councillor Poulter remained the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor C Gordon-Smith declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 Schedule No 8 (WA/2013/1295) on the grounds that the proposed entrance would be opposite her property. Councillor Gordon-Smith left the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Robinson declared non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 Schedule No 8 (WA/2013/1295) on the grounds that he is a former employee of Charterhouse. Councillor Robinson remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 Schedule No 7 (WA/2013/1292) on the grounds that the property is a neighbour in Town End Street. Councillor Williams remained 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.

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| Cllr P Martin | Cllr RA Gordon-Smith |
| Cllr Reynolds | Cllr Thomson         |
| Cllr Thornton | Cllr Wheatley        |
| Cllr Wilson   | Cllr Williams        |

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the applications listed on the attached schedule and commented on them as shown in the third column. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of State (copied to our MP) making the Town Council's representations on the fact that certain changes of use of buildings are permitted development and this deprives local representatives of the ability to debate whether or not such a change of use is what the community wants or needs.

145. WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL - PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the contents of a list of Godalming applications considered by Waverley Borough Council (either by delegated authority or by Development Management Committees) where decisions were significantly different to the observations submitted by the Town Council (copy attached to record minutes).

146. UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members received an update from Councillor Jane Thomson, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

147. ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS

There were no items tabled for the information of Members.

148. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 26 September 2013 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

149. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Williams announced that he had had a meeting with Graham Hodgson (Minute 45-13 refers).

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

| <u>APPLICATION</u> | <u>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT<br/>&amp; NAME OF APPLICANT</u>   | <u>OBSERVATIONS</u>   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| 1. NMA/2013/0093   | Amendment to WA/2012/1862 to provide alteration to pedestrian and vehicle routes.<br>Chetwynd Hall, North Way, Godalming<br>Charterhouse School | No objection  |
| 2. WA/2013/1268    | Erection of extensions.<br>20 Mary Vale, Godalming<br>Mr & Mrs Turpin   | No objection  |
| 3. WA/2013/1262    | Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs.<br>The Wey Inn, 1 Meadow, Godalming<br>Tesco Stores Ltd                                       | No objection  |
| 4. WA/2013/1275    | Installation of air conditioning units and condenser unit.<br>The Wey Inn, 1 Meadow, Godalming<br>Tesco Stores Ltd                              | Town Councillors were concerned about the proximity of these units to residential properties and the fact that the application was silent as to the noise level of the proposed units (which Town Councillors felt should be silent) and whether they would operate at night.                           |
| 5. WA/2013/1276    | Installation of canopy and associated works.<br>The Wey Inn, 1 Meadow, Godalming<br>Tesco Stores Ltd  | No objection  |
| 6. WA/2013/1277    | Installation of shop front and ramp.<br>The Wey Inn, 1 Meadow, Godalming<br>Tesco Stores Ltd  | No objection, however, in respect of this application and the others considered above relating to the same site. Town Councillors resolved to make representations to the Secretary of State about the fact that legislation deprives them of the opportunity to debate the change of use of this site. |
| 7. WA/2013/1292    | Erection of a single storey extension.<br>8 Town End Street, Godalming<br>T De Chazal   | No objection  |

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|--------------------|---|---|
| 8. WA/2013/1295    | Construction of car park with access from Hurtmore Road.<br>Charterhouse, Hurtmore Road,<br>Godalming<br>The Governing Body of Charterhouse   | No objection to the car park but object to access from Hurtmore Road on grounds of public safety. |
| 9. NMA/2013/0094   | Amendment to WA/2013/0790 to provide rooflights.<br>6 Shackstead Lane, Godalming<br>K Gionis  | No objection  |
| 10.NMA/2013/0095   | Amendment to WA/2012/1736 for alterations to windows.<br>Primrose Place, Portsmouth Road,<br>Godalming<br>C Blamey – Russell Giles Partnership Ltd  | No objection  |
| 11.NMA/2013/0100   | Amendment to WA/2013/0990 for alterations to windows and addition of skylight.<br>4 Willow Road, Godalming<br>J Murray  | No objection  |
| 12.WA/2013/1306    | Erection of two storey extension and formation of new vehicular access and associated works.<br>Still Brae, 100 Brighton Road,<br>Godalming<br>H Meacham                                  | No objection  |
| 13.WA/2013/1307    | Erection of a single storey extension following demolition of existing lean-to.<br>48 Wolseley Road, Godalming<br>Mr & Mrs G Thompson   | No objection  |
| 14.WA/2013/1333    | Erection of single storey extension.<br>Bramelton, 30 Wolseley Road,<br>Godalming<br>Mr Golding and Miss Da Costa   | No objection  |
| 15. WA/2013/1344   | Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory.<br>135 Peperharow Road, Godalming<br>Mr & Mrs K Drewek | No objection  |
| 16. WA/2013/1355   | Erection of a porch.<br>9 Ormonde Road, Godalming<br>J Morley   | No objection  |

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| 17. TM/2013/0108   | Application for works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 16/01.<br>14 Tuesley Corner, Godalming<br>H Williamson  | No objection   |
| 18. TM/2013/0112   | Application for works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order 7/03.<br>The Gunyah, Ramsden Road,<br>Godalming<br>Mr P Evans MBE   | No objection   |
| 19. TM/2013/0118   | Application for works to trees subject of Tree Preservation Order 16/01.<br>14 Tuesley Corner, Godalming<br>H Williamson  | No objection   |
| 20. CA/2013/0080   | Munstead Godalming Conservation Area<br>1 x Birch – fell<br>Busbridge Church of England Junior School, Brighton Road, Godalming<br>Mr Julian Abrham – Babcock 4S Ltd                                | No objection   |
| 21. CA/2013/0082   | Binscombe Godalming Conservation Area.<br>Works to one Eucalyptus tree.<br>141 Binscombe, Godalming<br>G & C Harrison   | No objection   |
| 22. CR/2013/0019   | Prior Notification Application – Change of use from Class B1a (office) to Class C3 (residential) use.<br>Panda House, Weyside Park,<br>Catteshall Lane, Godalming<br>S Curwen – Stonegate Homes Ltd | Town Councillors expressed concern that this sort of application deprived local representatives of the opportunity to debate the issue of a significant change of use and whether it was what the community wanted or needed. The Town Clerk was instructed to make representations to the Secretary of State. |
| 23. CR/2013/0021   | Prior Notification Application – Change of use from Class B1a (office) to Class C3 (residential) use.<br>Sandford House, Catteshall Lane,<br>Godalming<br>Crestfield Properties Ltd                 | Town Councillors expressed concern that this sort of application deprived local representatives of the opportunity to debate the issue of a significant change of use and whether it was what the community wanted or needed. The Town Clerk was instructed to make representations to the Secretary of State. |