

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

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I HEREBY SUMMON YOU to attend the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Bridge Street, Godalming on THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2013 at 6.30 pm.

Louise P Goodfellow
Town Clerk

Committee Members: Councillor Reynolds – Chairman
Councillor Thornton – Vice Chairman

Councillor P Martin
Councillor Poulter
Councillor Cosser
Councillor C Gordon-Smith
Councillor Wilson
Councillor A Bott
Councillor Hunter
Councillor Robinson
Councillor Williams

Councillor R Gordon-Smith
Councillor Thomson
Councillor Wheatley
Councillor Lister
Councillor Woodham
Councillor S Bott
Councillor Noyce
Councillor Welland

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 28 November 2013, a copy of which has been circulated previously.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

The Chairman to allow members of the public to ask the Council questions, make a statement or present a petition. This forum to be conducted in accordance with Standing Order 4.

4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive from Members any declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for this meeting 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 are preliminary ones prior to consideration at Borough Council level and are based on the evidence and representations to the Town Council.

Members of the Public have the right to attend all meetings of the Town Council and its Committees and are welcome.

Cllr P Martin
Cllr Reynolds
Cllr Thornton
Cllr Wheatley
Cllr Williams

Cllr RA Gordon-Smith
Cllr Thomson
Cllr Welland
Cllr Wilson

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - CONSULTATION

To consider a schedule of planning application attached at Appendix A.

6. WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL - PLANNING DECISIONS

A list of Godalming applications considered by Waverley Borough Council (either by delegated authority or by the Area Planning Committee (Central)) where decisions were significantly different to the observations submitted by the Town Council is attached for the information of members.

7. THE NEW WAVERLEY LOCAL PLAN – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Members to consider a Briefing Note for Town and Parish Councils distributed by Waverley Borough Council at its meeting with town and parish councils on 2 December 2013. The briefing note is attached for the information of Members.

As part of that briefing note Waverley sets out the support that it is seeking from town and parish councils. We are asked to identify land that Waverley should be considering as having potential for housing or for other uses that may be needed in the future. Town and parish councils are asked to identify sites, mark the site location on a map and tell Waverley the use considered appropriate for the site; issues/constraints that will need to be considered when investigating the site and any other relevant information about the site such as land ownership. The information is requested by 10 January 2014.

Members are asked to consider how they wish to respond to this request for information. In considering their response Members are asked to take account of the following advice from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk is in no doubt that collaborative working between Waverley Borough Council and Godalming Town Council is the way to deliver the best results for the residents of Godalming. However, it would be impossible for Godalming Town Council to supply Waverley Borough Council with the information that it requests without pre-empting (and, arguably, invalidating) the Neighbourhood Planning process. As Members are aware the launch event for Godalming's Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 23 January 2014. At that meeting interested residents and others will be told that the Neighbourhood Plan is their opportunity to shape the future growth of Godalming. The identification of sites for housing and other uses should emerge from that community-led process.

It is for Members to decide the appropriate response to make to Waverley Borough Council, but a suggested draft is attached for the information of Members.

8. UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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

9. ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS

Members are asked to note the items tabled for their information, which includes:

Letter from Porchester Planning Consultancy re Land at Furze Lane,

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 10 January 2014 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brought forward by permission of the Chairman. Requests to be submitted prior to commencement of the meeting.

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Disclosure by a Member¹ of a disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a meeting (S.31 (4) Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct).

As required by the Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct, **I HEREBY DISCLOSE**, for the information of the authority that I have [a disclosable pecuniary interest]² [a non-pecuniary interest]³ in the following matter:-

COMMITTEE:

DATE:

NAME OF COUNCILLOR: _____

Please use the form below to state in which agenda items you have an interest.

Agenda No.	Subject	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Non-Pecuniary Interest	Reason

Signed _____

Dated _____

¹ "Member" includes co-opted member, member of a committee, joint committee or sub-committee

² A disclosable pecuniary interest is defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) regulations 2013/1464 and relate to employment, office, trade, profession or vocation, sponsorship, contracts, beneficial interests in land, licences to occupy land, corporate tenancies and securities

³ A non-pecuniary interest is defined by Section 5 (4) of the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.