

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 24 JUNE 2021**

* Councillor Crooks – Chair
* Councillor Heagin – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	0	Councillor Ashworth
0 Councillor Boyle	*	Councillor Cosser
* Councillor Duce	*	Councillor Faraday
* Councillor Follows	*	Councillor Hullah
0 Councillor Martin	0	Councillor Neill
0 Councillor Purvis	*	Councillor PMA Rivers
* Councillor PS Rivers	0	Councillor Rosoman
* Councillor Williams	*	Councillor Stubbs

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

85. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 June 2021 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

87. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Follows declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, Farncombe Skateboard Park, on the grounds that he is a member of the Waverley Borough Council Executive, Cllr Follows remained in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6, Farncombe Skateboard Park, on the grounds that he is a member of the Waverley Borough Council Executive, Cllr Williams remained in 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 Martin
Councillor PMA Rivers
Councillor PS Rivers
Councillor Rosoman
Councillor Williams

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

The following petition was received in accordance with Standing Order No 4:

PETITION – Farncombe Skateboard Park

Zac Shovelton, accompanied by Mrs Amanda Shovelton (an elector of the Parish), gave a presentation to Members regarding an ongoing petition seeking the provision of a Skateboard Park in Farncombe.

The Committee Chair thanked Zac for a superb presentation and for bringing his vision to the Council.

89. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

90. FARNCOMBE SKATEBOARD PARK

Members noted that the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan (GoFarNP), which was developed by residents and accepted by a referendum vote of local electors, supports the provision of a skateboard park in Farncombe.

GoFarNP para 9.25 states:

“Godalming has two skateboard parks – a large skateboard park in Aaron’s Hill and the smaller facility by the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in central Godalming. Generally, there is strong support for centrally-located youth facilities such as a new skateboard park located within the Farncombe locality.”

Additionally, Members also noted that Chapter 10 of the GoFarNP provides a table of issues and potential actions identified as important to the community, in relation to a Skateboard Park in Farncombe the following potential action is identified:

“Explore with Waverley Borough Council the opportunities for skateboard park provision within the Farncombe area”

Whilst Members acknowledged that Godalming Town Council does not have appropriate land assets within Farncombe to be able to develop a skateboard park they wished to acknowledge their support to such provision. As such, **Members requested that the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Council, formally writes to the Chief Executive of Waverley Borough Council to express Godalming Town Council’s support for a skateboard park in Farncombe and its willingness to work with Waverley Borough Council to explore opportunities to deliver on the aspirations set out in the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan.**

91. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Members indicated their thanks to Surrey Community Action and Falcon Communities for providing the Council with the report of their recent housing needs survey relating to the demand for affordable home ownership products from those living or working in Godalming, who were first time buyers and/or ‘essential’ workers.

Members noted that the findings of the survey were in-line with the West Surrey Strategic Housing Market Assessment and requested that **the Town Clerk write to Falcon Communities and Surrey Community to inform them the Committee looks forward to reviewing any future planning application that meets the needs as expressed in these reports.**

92. GODALMING & FARNCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (GOFARNP)

Members received a summary document setting out the GoFarNP Policies and thanked the Support Services Executive for its production. Members requested that for ease of access that this document be made available in the Policy & Procedures section of the Town Council's website.

93. GTC CARBON AUDIT & REDUCTION PLAN

Members received the GTC Carbon Audit for the period 1 April 2020-31 March 2021. In noting the 36.8% overall reduction in KgCO₂e since 31 March 2019, Members wished to express their appreciation for the work undertaken by Council staff in achieving the reduction over such a short time span.

In acknowledging the current success in reducing the Council's carbon footprint, Members expressed the following points:

- the reductions thus far had been achieved at little or no additional cost to the Council;
- the Council should work to inform the community on how others could achieve similar reductions; and
- that future reductions will become more challenging and that a strategic plan is required to identify future options for carbon reduction within the Town Council's property portfolio, setting out potential financial cost against KGCO₂e reduction.

Additionally, Members agreed that the Town Clerk is to provide information boards on the practical steps that have been taken to reduce the Council's carbon footprint, such boards being made available for use at public events.

94. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

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

95. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified the carbon reduction and its support for a Skateboard Park in Farncombe for further publicity.

96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 15 July 2021 at 6.30pm.

97. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IE. COMMERCIAL-IN-CONFIDENCE

98. PILOT SCHEME

Members received a presentation and accompanying report relating to a proposal for Godalming Town Council to support a Pilot Scheme which could promote the aims of the Council's programme 2019–2023, specifically to:

- a. seek ways to facilitate and encourage our community to reduce direct and indirect CO² emissions, to conserve and enhance biodiversity and to become resilient to changes caused by the changing climate. Take active steps where possible to encourage increased use of sustainable transport; and
- b. work with community groups and statutory bodies to improve cycling environment, safety, infrastructure and facilities.

In doing so, Members resolved to agree Heads of Terms to be offered. Members further agreed to recommend to the Policy & Management Committee that the cost of installation for the required infrastructure, up to a maximum of £5,000 is taken from the Emerging Projects Fund.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING - SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 25 MAY 2021-14 JUNE 2021**

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 21/20				
WA/2021/01250	Godalming Binscombe	Erection of extension following demolition of existing and associated hard landscaping.	16 Farncombe Hill, Godalming GU7 2AY	Godalming Town Council understands a decision was made on this application before it was able to make any observations and requests that this not occur again.
WA/2021/01202	Godalming Binscombe Ward	Erection of extensions and alterations to elevations.	33 Loseley Road, Farncombe GU7 3RE	Godalming Town Council commented on this application as indicated on week 19 list.
WA/2021/01265	Godalming Binscombe Ward	Erection of extension and alterations to elevations following demolition of garage.	3 More Road, Farncombe GU7 3PT	No objection
WA/2021/01258	Godalming Central and Ockford	Replacement of existing ground floor flat windows to match first floor flat windows.	1 Cobblestones Harts Yard, Godalming GU7 1AS	No objection
WA/2021/01253	Godalming Central and Ockford Ward	Erection of extensions and alterations to elevations.	2 Quarry Hill, Godalming GU7 2NW	No objection
NMA/2021/01231	Godalming Central and Ockford Ward	WA/2017/0120 see accompanying cover letter - Facilitate extended working hours on the site	141 Site Of Ockford Ridge Godalming	No objection
TM/2021/01210	Godalming Charterhouse Ward	APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 12/19	Holm Court, Twycross Road Godalming GU7 2QT	No objection
WA/2021/01252	Godalming Charterhouse Ward	Erection of extension following demolition of existing, alterations to elevations.	17 Hurtmore Chase, Godalming GU7 2RT	No objection
TM/2021/01222	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 27/02	The Landings Blackburn Way Godalming GU7 1JY	No objection
TM/2021/01244	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 05/03	The Fosse Summerhouse Road Godalming GU7 1QA	No objection

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WBC Weekly List 21/21				
WA/2021/01274	Godalming Binscombe Ward	Erection of detached two storey garage and store following demolition of existing garage and garden chalet/summerhouse.	32 Birch Road, Farncombe GU7 3NT	GTC requests that a condition is applied to any permission that the garage is to remain ancillary to the dwelling and not able to be sold off or utilized as a separate dwelling
PRA/2021/01315	Godalming Central and Ockford	Prior Notification Application G.P.D.O. Schedule 2, Part 3, Class O - Change of use from Use Class B1a (office) to Use Class C3 (residential) use to provide 2 dwellings.	Pound House, Pound Lane, Godalming GU7 1BX	Godalming Town Council wishes to re-iterate its concern regarding the loss of employment and commercial space through Permitted Development Rights of change of use to residential.
WA/2021/01277	Godalming Charterhouse	Listed Building consent for replacement of the existing organ and refurbishment/extension of the existing casework.	Memorial Chapel Charterhouse Hurtmore Road Godalming	No objection
WBC Weekly List 21/22				
WA/2021/01324	Godalming Central and Ockford	Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs following removal of existing signs.	The Old Church Bridge Street Godalming GU7 1HY	No objection
WA/2021/01340	Godalming Charterhouse	Erection of extensions, alterations to elevations and associated external works.	30A Chalk Road Godalming GU7 2AD	No objection
NMA/2021/01325	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall Ward	Amendment to condition 12 in order that it may be discharged in two stages and enable development to commence asap.	Woodside Park, Catteshall Lane, Godalming	No objection
WA/2021/01333	Godalming Holloway	Erection of extension and alterations.	Midsummer House 9 Minster Road Godalming GU7 1SP	No objection
WA/2021/01332	Godalming Holloway	Erection of extensions, alterations to elevations, erection of bin store, raised timber decking area, pergola and associated works.	Woodfell, Ramsden Road, Godalming GU7 1QE	No objection