

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023**

* Councillor Crooks – Chair
0 Councillor Heagin – Vice Chair

* Councillor Adam	0 Councillor Ashworth
* Councillor Boyle	* Councillor Cosser
* Councillor Duce	* Councillor Follows
* Councillor Hullah	0 Councillor Neill
* Councillor Martin	0 Councillor PS Rivers
* Councillor PMA Rivers	* Councillor Stubbs
* Councillor Steel	L Councillor Williams
* Councillor Weightman	

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

526. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 February 2023 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

527. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

528. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Councillors Cosser and Martin declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 9 WA/2023/00190 on the grounds that a close friend is a resident in Netherwood Court and stayed in the Chamber when that item was debated.

Councillor Hullah declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 9 WA/2023/00312 on the grounds that she is a member of the Farncombe Community Garden Project Group and stayed in the Chamber when that 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 Williams

529. 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.

530. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

531. B-LINES – BUGLIFE – PRESENTATION

Members received a presentation from Mr Louis Harrington-Edmans from Surrey Wildlife Trust on the B-Lines – Buglife project.

England's bees, butterflies and hoverflies have suffered badly over the last fifty or so years, due to changes in land use as a result of modern farming methods, urban spread, and new transport links. Over 97% of all flower-rich grasslands have been lost in England since the 1930s, (and this is mirrored in other parts of Britain) reducing pollen and nectar sources and leading to a serious decline in the wildlife depending on wildflower-rich habitat.

B-Lines are an imaginative and beautiful solution to the problem of the loss of flowers and pollinators. The B-Lines are a series of 'insect pathways' running through our countryside and towns, alongside the restoring and creating of a series of wildflower-rich habitat stepping-stones. They link existing wildlife areas together, creating a network, like a railway, that will weave across the British landscape. This will provide large areas of brand-new habitat benefiting bees and butterflies – but also a host of other wildlife.

Town Clerk to ask Mr Louis Harrington-Edmans to survey the 10 hectares that Godalming Town Council owns and manages to determine what the Council could do to aid the development and/or maintenance of habitats for bugs.

532. APPLICATIONS FOR CARBON REDUCTION & BIODIVERSITY FUNDING

Members considered the following application for grant aid:

Wey River Trust

£7,850 was granted to facilitate the provision of water quality information, linking live outflow information with citizen science tools to develop and support community engagement. Establishing a Water Quality Hub in Godalming, which will assist community groups to better understand the implications of pollution on water quality and allow residents to support monitoring of local waterways.

533. POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE REAR OF THE SQUARE

On 9 June 2022, Godalming Town Council informed the head leaseholder that without prejudice to any final decision of the Council, Members agreed that, subject to planning permission and agreement of financial terms between the head leaseholder and the Council, they do not, in principle, object to a Class E development of the type indicated in drawings GD/01 – dated 10/05/22, GD/02 – dated 11/05/22 & GD/03 – dated 29/05/22 (original drawings can be viewed on the [planning portal](#)).

Subsequent to this decision, further engagement with the conservation area officer has resulted in clarification to the original plans, including external materials to address points raised.

Members confirmed their original statement that subject to planning approval and agreement of financial terms with the Council, they do not, in principle, object to a Class E development of the type indicated in the revised drawings GD/01 (A), GD/02 (A), GD/03 (A) and revised External Material Schedule.

534. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

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

535. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified the matters, discussed at the meeting, that are to be publicised, as follows:

- Social Media and Press Release regarding grant

536. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 23 March 2023 at 6.30pm.

537. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING - SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 30 JANUARY TO 13 FEBRUARY 2023

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 23/05				
PRA/2023/00165	Godalming Central and Ockford	Erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.80 m for which the height would be 3.50 m and for which the height of the eaves would be 2 m.	31 Victoria Road Godalming GU7 1JR	No observation
WA/2023/00190	Godalming Charterhouse	Erection of an additional floor to create 2 flats together with alterations to existing building.	Netherwood Court Filmer Grove Godalming GU7 3AF	Object – GTC considers this application to be an overdevelopment of the site and objects on the grounds of bulk and mass.
WA/2023/00164	Godalming Charterhouse	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for alterations to roof to include hip to gable and dormer extensions and installation of rooflights to provide habitable accommodation.	8 Ormonde Road Godalming GU7 2EU	No observation
WA/2023/00157	Godalming Charterhouse	Erection of extensions and alterations (revision of WA/2022/02464 and WA/2022/00394).	Timberscombe Priorsfield Road Godalming GU7 2RG	No observation
WA/2023/00185	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for hip to gable extension to provide habitable accommodation in roof space together with alterations to entrance porch and fenestrations.	84 George Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3LX	No observation
WA/2023/00156	Godalming Holloway	Erection of extensions and alterations.	30 Park Road Godalming GU7 1SH	No observation
NMA/2023/00179	Godalming Central and Ockford	Amendment to WA/2022/00048 to external materials to plots 154/155 to Arden Weatered Grey to match adjacent properties (plots 152/153)	Land between New Way and Aarons Hill, Godalming	No observation

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NMA/2023/00178	Godalming Charterhouse	Amendment to WA/2021/02573 - changes to elevations	John Derry Technical Centre Charterhouse Hurtmore Road Godalming	No observation
CA/2023/00171		OCKFORD ROAD CONSERVATION AREA WORKS TO TREES	3 Firgrove House Ockford Road Godalming GU7 1QX	No observation
NMA/2023/00152	Godalming Charterhouse	Amendment to WA/2021/02106 to increase the depth of the approved single storey wc extension from 1.7m to 3.5m. Altering the design of the two-storey extension to omit the dormer window and bring the eaves level to the rear level with the existing eaves level. To increase usable headroom to the new master bedroom at 1st floor level and to provide a new utility area at ground floor level.	Hillcrest Upper Manor Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 2HZ	No observation
WBC Weekly List 23/06				
WA/2023/00295	Godalming Central and Ockford	Erection of a petrol filling station building following demolition of existing petrol filling station building; creation and alterations of parking areas; EV charging points and associated works.	Ockford Road Filling Station 32 Ockford Road Godalming GU7 1QY	Whilst GTC offers no objection to the redevelopment of the Ockford Road Filling Station it wishes the following conditions to be imposed on any granted permission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The filling station and shop are not to operate outside of the hours 06.00 – 23.00 daily 2. All lights and illumination except those required for security are to switch off outside of the operating hours stated above. 3. The EV Charger is to be isolated and not made available for use outside of the operating hours stated above. 4. Construction and contractors' vehicles to be prohibited from accessing/ parking in Valley View.
WA/2023/00229	Godalming Central and Ockford	Erection of extensions and alterations.	9 Seymour Road Godalming GU7 2LE	No observation

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WA/2023/00228	Godalming Central and Ockford	Erection of boundary fence.	Chanter House Town End Street Godalming GU7 1BQ	No observation
WA/2023/00285	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall	Erection of a single storey extension.	74 George Road Farncombe Godalming GU7 3LX	No observation
WA/2023/00286	Godalming Holloway	Erection of extension and alterations.	40 Park Road Godalming GU7 1SH	No observation
WBC Weekly List 23/07				
WA/2023/00306	Godalming Central and Ockford	Erection of extensions and alterations (revision of WA/2022/02621).	137 Ockford Ridge Godalming GU7 2NL	No objection
WA/2023/00342	Godalming Charterhouse	Listed Building consent for installation of replacement windows to the south elevation.	Verites, Charterhouse Hurtmore Road Godalming GU7 2DG	No observation
WA/2023/00318	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall	Erection of two storey extension.	9 Perry Close Godalming GU7 1UX	No observation
WA/2023/00312	Godalming Farncombe and Catteshall	Creation of a community garden and associated landscaping; erection of three outbuildings, polytunnels, boundary fence and access gates; formation of vehicular and pedestrian access with associated car and cycle park.	Land to the North of Broadwater School Summers Road Farncombe Godalming	No observation
WA/2023/00317	Godalming Holloway	Construction of a swimming pool with associated pool mechanical area; erection of a summer house.	Maryland, The Drive Godalming GU7 1PF	No observation
CA/2023/00298		RIVER WEY AND GODALMING NAVIGATIONS CONSERVATION AREA WORKS TO TREES	Bridge Road Godalming GU7 3DT	No observation
CA/2023/00297		GODALMING CONSERVATION AREA WORKS TO TREE	Allotment Gardens by Phillips Memorial Park Moss Lane Godalming GU7 1WH	No observation

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CA/2023/00327		MUNSTEAD CONSERVATION AREA WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES	Heath Lane House Heath Lane Godalming GU7 1UN	No observation