

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

- * Councillor Kiehl – Chair
- * Councillor Clayton – Vice Chair

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| * Councillor Adam | * Councillor PS Rivers |
| * Councillor Crooks | * Councillor PMA Rivers |
| * Councillor Crowe | * Councillor Steel |
| 0 Councillor Downey | * Councillor Taylor |
| * Councillor Follows | * Councillor Thomson |
| * Councillor Heagin | * Councillor Weightman |
| * Councillor Holliday | * Councillor Williams |
| * Councillor Martin | |

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

373. MINUTES

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

374. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

375. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is 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 were preliminary ones prior to consideration at Borough Council level and were based on the evidence and representations to the Town Council.

Councillor Crowe, Councillor Martin, Councillor PMA Rivers

376. 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.

377. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

378. PRESENTATION – MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Members received a presentation from representatives of Lifestory regarding considerations for the development of Mountain House, Godalming.

Members noted that as Mountain House lies within the Godalming Article 4 Direction Area, future development of this site will be via a full planning application.

Members also noted that, in the absence of a planning application submission, discussions at this stage are without prejudice to any future observations regarding this site.

379. MOTION ON NOTICE – HIGHWAY WORKS

Proposer: Cllr Paul Follows
Seconder: Cllr Paul Rivers

On a proposal to amend the original motion from Cllr Paul Rivers, and the proposer of the motion agreeing to the amendment, Members resolved to accept the following motion:

The Motion:

- a. Noting the increasing frequency, severity, and duration of utility and highway works undertaken in Godalming in the last few months.
- b. Noting the disruption that lengthy utility and highway works have caused and the increase in complaints and concerns of our residents.
- c. Noting the absence, since Surrey County Council abolished the Local Committee System, of a proper forum to discuss highways matters formally.
- d. Noting the motion passed at E&P on 12 October 2023, which requests in part “to request that Surrey County Council prioritise the establishment of a blanket 20mph speed limit in Godalming, tasking SCC Officers to work with this Council to draw up detailed plans on the scope, funding and implementation timetable of these schemes.

Godalming Town Council requests:

The Town Clerk writes to the cabinet member for highways (Cllr Matt Furniss), and the relevant Director at Surrey County Council (Katie Stewart), inviting either those named or appropriate highways officers to a formal session of Godalming Town Council to take questions from members and public on the highway works and utility works process including the establishment of a blanket 20mph speed limit in Godalming.

380. MOTION ON NOTICE – WATER SUPPLY

Proposer: Cllr Kiehl
Seconder: Cllr Follows

On a proposal to amend the original motion from Cllr Heagin, and the proposer and seconder of the motion agreeing to the amendment, Members resolved on a recorded vote to accept the following motion, the record of the vote is shown below:

For	Cllr Adam	Abstained	Cllr Martin
For	Cllr Clayton	For	Cllr RMA Rivers
For	Cllr Crooks	For	Cllr PS Rivers
For	Cllr Crowe	For	Cllr Steel
For	Cllr Follows	For	Cllr Thomson
For	Cllr Heagin	For	Cllr Weightman
For	Cllr Holliday	For	Cllr Williams
For	Cllr Kiehl		

The Motion:

Disruption to water supply

(1) Godalming Town Council -

- (a) notes the disruption to water supply across the Parish of Godalming and nearby surrounding areas that commenced on Saturday 4 November;
 - (b) welcomes all efforts from across the community to support people, and in particular those who are vulnerable, in accessing alternative supplies of water during the period of disruption;
 - (c) is concerned by elements of Thames Water's response to the disruption, in particular, but not limited to -
 - (i) poor communication with those impacted in the community, and
 - (ii) its limited actions to ensure the vulnerable or those unable to queue for water, were able to access alternative supplies.
 - (d) condemns the chronic underinvestment from the government towards the water industry which risks the possibility of future water shortages and notes the three lead executives at Thames Water during the previous financial year were estimated to have been paid a total of £1.52 million, exclusive of bonuses, benefits, pensions and other incentives.
- (2) Godalming Town Council asks the Town Clerk to write to the leadership of Thames Water, to request -
- (a) a detailed report of the cause of the disruption to supply and the steps taken to resolve the matter;
 - (b) assurances that residents and businesses will receive timely and full compensation for the disruption to water supply;
 - (c) an improved communications plan for informing the local Godalming community should a similar disruption to water supply occur again; and
 - (d) a reassessment of its processes, procedures, and criteria for ensuring the vulnerable or those unable to queue are able to access alternative supplies of water in the event of a disruption.
- (3) Godalming Town Council further asks the Town Clerk to write to Surrey County Council for an explanation as to why it did not determine the need to enter emergency response measures until the afternoon of Sunday, 5 November.
- (4) Godalming Town Council further asks the Town Clerk to write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to commission an investigation into the incident and agency response.
- (5) Godalming Town Council welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Waverley Borough Council public meeting being held on 8 December 2024.
- (6) Godalming Town Council to have a pitch at the Francombe Christmas Market on 2 December as a listening point for feedback from residents on recent water outage experiences, the stall to be staffed by a rota of councillors.

381. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the following application raised for discussion by committee members; the full schedule of planning applications received from the Local Planning Authority since the previous Environment & Planning Committee is attached to record minutes.

Planning Application PIP/2023/02346

SWEETAPPLE HOUSE CATTESHALL ROAD GODALMING GU7 3DJ

Technical details consent pursuant to permission in principle PIP/2023/00790 for use of first and second floor to provide 5 dwellings with associated parking cycle spaces refuse storage and solar panels on roof.

Godalming Town Council objects to this application in relation to concerns of highway safety created by use of off-road parking for two vehicles within the between the building and the public pavement accessing from Catteshall Road close to the junction of Catteshall Road and Meadow.

If permission is given for this development, Godalming Town Council requests that a planning condition is imposed that requires the developer provides heat recovery mechanical ventilation to each flat as described in Part 4 of the developers Design & Access Statement.

382. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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

Members identified the Listening Point at the Farncombe Christmas Market for further social media posting.

383. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 7.00pm or at the conclusion of the preceding Full Council meeting, whichever is later.

384. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded of the Christmas Market & Lights Switch on in Godalming on 25 November 2023..

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING - SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 24 OCTOBER-6 NOVEMBER 2023

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 23/44				
TM/2023/02341	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 33/06	Knoll Cottage Frith Hill Road Godalming GU7 2EH	No observation
TM/2023/02340	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 41/99	11 Twycross Road Godalming GU7 2HH	No observation
S52/2023/02328	Godalming Central and Ockford	Request to modify a Section 52 legal agreement (WA/2018/1239) to change self build properties to open market dwellings.	Land between New Way & Aarons Hill, Godalming	No observation
TM/2023/02306	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 14/01	Kingsdowne House 69 Meadrow Godalming GU7 3DN	No observation
NMA/2023/02329	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	WA/1991/0382 To change the existing metal halide floodlight luminaires to modern LED luminaires Better for the environment More modern equipment that is still supported as metal halide bulbs are no longer supported by manufacturers	Godalming Town Football Club Meadrow Godalming	No observation
PIP/2023/02346	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Technical Details consent pursuant to Permission in Principle PIP/2023/00790 for use of first and second floor to provide 5 dwellings with associated parking, cycle spaces, refuse storage and solar panels on roof.	Sweetapple House Catteshall Road Godalming GU7 3DJ	Godalming Town Council objects to this application in relation to concerns of highway safety created by use of off-road parking for two vehicles within the between the building and the public pavement accessing from Catteshall Road close to the junction of Catteshall Road and Meadrow. If permission if given for this development, Godalming Town Council

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WA/2023/02318	Godalming Holloway	Erection of boundary fence (revision of WA/2023/00228).	Chanter House Town End Street Godalming GU7 1BQ	No observation
WBC Weekly List 23/45				
TM/2023/02375	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER WA125	The Manor House Huxley Close Godalming GU7 2AS	No observation
WA/2023/02368	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of a single storey extension.	Entwood Knoll Road Godalming GU7 2ER	No observation