

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2024**

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

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

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

531. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 February 2024 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

532. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

533. 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

534. 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.

535. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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

536. RIGHTS OF WAY CONSULTATION

At the Environment & Planning Committee meeting of 1 February Members noted the review of Surrey County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) and agreed that the Town Clerk should complete the review survey on behalf of the Town Council, following receipt of any additional feedback from Members, any such feedback to be provided by 15 February 2024.

Members were requested to approve the responses and agree that the responses should be submitted on behalf of Godalming Town Council.

Members noted and agreed that the Town Clerk should indicate 'Yes' to the question "*Would your council be interested in exercising your powers as a Parish Council under Section 43 Highways Act 1980 to maintain public rights of way, or to increase your involvement in other ways?*"

In doing so, Members were minded the Council's ground staff already engage in reactive work on the Public Rights of Way within the parish and that Section 2.1 of the Council's Corporate Plan: "*Protect open/green spaces for the community and to maximise community benefit*".

Members requested that the Town Clerk add the proviso that any works done on footpaths should be compliant with Waverley Borough Council's pesticide policy.

Members stated that they would wish residents to be aware of work done by this Council in maintaining the public Rights of Way and that such work should be promoted on GTC's social media channels.

Members authorised the amended ROWIP survey be submitted on the Council's behalf.

537. WAVERLEY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received a verbal report of the proceedings at Waverley Borough Council Planning Committee of on 7 February 2024, in relation to planning application WA/2023/01714 on which Cllr Heagin represented on behalf of Godalming Town Council.

Cllr Heagin requested that the Council engage with the developers on the issue of speed restrictions as the developers were supportive of a 20-mph speed restriction. This will involve the support of the County Councillor, as such, Members agreed that the Town Clerk should also engage with relevant County Councillor.

538. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the following application(s) 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.

TM/2024/00157 - LAND BETWEEN ADMIRAL WAY AND ASHSTEAD LANE. GU7 1QN APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 08/12

Members objected to this application as they do not believe the application should have been validated. Of the 6 named trees mentioned in the application, only four are identified on the map submitted with the application. Using the provided information on the application, the trees mentioned in the application could not be identified during a site visit. As such there is uncertainty and doubt regarding which trees and the condition of the trees the application is referring to. Additionally, Godalming Town Council is concerned that there is no clearly identified plan for the replanting of the trees which the applicant wishes to have felled, nor is it apparent as to whether the application is submitted by an individual or on behalf of a group such as a resident's group or shared land owners.

WA/2024/00217 - CAR PARK (N.E. OF MAGNA RIVERSIDE) RIVERSIDE FLAMBARD WAY GODALMING. APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A BUILDING TO PROVIDE 3 RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITH ASSOCIATED UNDER CROFT PARKING, INCLUDING 20 PARKING SPACES FOR MAGNA RIVERSIDE; ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING BIN/BIKE STORE AND LANDSCAPING.

Godalming Town Council considers that the benefits of the provision of 3 additional flats would not outweigh the adverse impacts in relation to scale and mass of the development in proximity to the riverbank. The Council also has concerns regarding the outstanding issue surrounding the 2018 Public Rights of Way application for the designation of the path at this location. Godalming Town Council believes that the PROW issue should be determined before any further development is permitted on this site.

539. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified no items from this meeting to be publicised.

540. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee is scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 6.30pm.

541. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair informed Members that at the last WBC Full Council, the re-making of the Godalming Anti-Social Behaviour Public Spaces Protection Order was delegated to Officers, who will be carrying out a consultation on the order until 13 March 2024. Members are asked to provide the Town Clerk with any comments or feedback they may wish to be raised as part of the consultation.

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING - SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 23 JANUARY TO 12 FEBRUARY 2024

<u>Ref</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Site Address</u>	<u>GTC Observations</u>
WBC Weekly List 24/03				
WA/2024/00113	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of single storey extension and entrance gates, alterations to roof including raising roof and construction of dormer windows to provide habitable accommodation; demolition of garage.	Timberscombe Priorsfield Road Godalming GU7 2RG	No observation
WA/2024/00112	Godalming Central & Ockford	Listed building consent for installation of a public address system.	Godalming Railway Station Station Approach Godalming GU7 1EU	No observation
WA/2024/00126	Godalming Holloway	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 191 to establish lawful use of existing building and land as open Class E.	Ockford Mill Ockford Road Godalming GU7 1RH	No observation
WBC Weekly List 24/04				
WA/2024/00150	Godalming Holloway	Erection of single storey extensions and alterations following demolition of existing extension and attached garage (revision of WA/2023/02480).	36 Park Road Godalming GU7 1SH	No observation
PRA/2024/00152	Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall	Demolition notification: G.P.D.O. Schedule 2, Part 11, Class B: Demolition of Farncombe Signal Box.	Signal Box Farncombe West Farncombe Street Godalming	No observation
WA/2024/00165	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Certificate of lawfulness under Section 192 for erection of a single storey extension and alteration to elevation with part alteration to attached garage to provide habitable accommodation.	Greensleeves Priorsfield Road Godalming GU7 2RG	No observation
TM/2024/00137	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 07/03	14 Busbridge Lane Godalming GU7 1PU	No observation

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TM/2024/00157	Godalming Holloway	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 08/12	Land Between Admiral Way & Ashstead Lane GU7 1QN	Members objected to this application as they do not believe the application should have been validated. Of the 6 named trees mentioned in the application, only four are identified on the map submitted with the application. Using the provided information on the application, the trees mentioned in the application could not be identified during a site visit. As such there is uncertainty and doubt regarding which trees and the condition of the trees the application is referring to. Additionally, Godalming Town Council is concerned that there is no clearly identified plan for the replanting of the trees which the applicant wishes to have felled, nor is it apparent as to whether the application is submitted by an individual or on behalf of a group such as a resident's group or shared land owners.
WBC Weekly List 24/05				
WA/2024/00181	Godalming Central and Ockford	Application under Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act to modify the legal agreement relating to WA/2020/2123 to allow Part 8 - Managed Land 1.1 to be modified as the green wall has been omitted from the scheme under NMA/2023/02631.	Mole Country Stores, Brighton Road, Godalming GU7 1NS	No observation
PRA/2024/00188	Godalming Central & Ockford	General Permitted Development Order 2015, Schedule 2 Part 3 Class MA - Prior Notification application for change of use from commercial, business and service (Use Class E) to 3 dwellings.	First Floor 110 & First Floor & Second Floor 106/108 High Street Godalming GU7 1DW	No observation
WA/2024/00194	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of extensions and alterations with associated works.	54 Aarons Hill Godalming GU7 2LH	No observation

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WA/2024/00217	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of a building to provide 3 residential units with associated under croft parking, including 20 parking spaces for Magna Riverside; associated works including bin/bike store and landscaping.	Car Park (N.E. of Magna Riverside) Riverside Flambard Way Godalming	Godalming Town Council considers that the benefits of the provision of 3 additional flats would not outweigh the adverse impacts in relation to scale and mass of the development in proximity to the riverbank. The Council also has concerns regarding the outstanding issue surrounding the 2018 Public Rights of Way application for the designation of the path at this location. Godalming Town Council believes that the PROW issue should be determined before any further development is permitted on this site.
TM/2024/00174	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Tramontana 22a Hurtmore Chase Godalming GU7 2RT	No observation
TM/2024/00206	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 41/99	Frith Hill Open Space Godalming	No observation
WBC Weekly List 24/06				
WA/2024/00235	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of an extension.	43 Long Gore Farncombe Godalming GU7 3TF	No observation
WA/2024/00228	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	Erection of extensions and alterations following demolition of existing conservatory.	5 Furze Lane Farncombe Godalming GU7 3NW	No observation
TM/2024/00245	Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO AND REMOVAL OF TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 07/07	Thackery Mark Way Godalming GU7 2BE	No observation
WA/2024/00262	Godalming Central & Ockford	Erection of extensions following demolition of existing garage.	47 Miltons Crescent Godalming GU7 2NT	No observation