

RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th JUNE 2012 AT 6.00PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Present

Cllr Richard Ayears (Chairman)
Cllr Jennie Cliff
Cllr Lisanne Mealing
Cllr Vernon Wood
Cllr Suzie Powell-Cullingford

Alison Jones Clerk to the Council 2 members of the public

Apologies

Cllr Caspar Hancock

PG 6/12 Disclosure of interests

Name of Councillor	Planning Application No.	Subject	Type of interest	Reason
Jennie Cliff	12/T/00109	The Clock house	Personal	Neighbour

PG 7/12 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th May 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th May 2012 were received, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by Councillor Ayears.

PG 8/12 Consideration of planning applications

The Planning Group considered the following planning applications, formulated the following observations and **RESOLVED: That the agreed comments of the Planning Group be forwarded to Guildford Borough Council and reported to the next Ripley Parish Council meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 21st June 2012.**

12/T/00107

Location: Land between Homeleigh and Poppingbury, Portsmouth Road, Ripley
Proposal: Crown raise canopy of oak by selectively removing secondary (smaller) lateral branches, crown clean and crown thin by 30% (Tree Preservation order No P1/201/488)
Contact: John Busher 01483 444634 john.busher@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council has no objection to the work being carried out to raise the canopy of the oak tree.

12/T/00109

Location: The Clock House, High Street, Ripley GU23 6AQ
Proposal: T1 Eucalyptus Tree – fell due to excessive shading and fast growth. Replace with espalier trained fruit tree (Ripley Conservation Area).
Contact: Matthew Harding 01483 444673 matthew.harding@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council has no objection to the felling of this non-native tree and is happy with its suggested replacement.

PG 9/12 White Hart Court 12/P/00359 & 12/P/00360

Location: White Hart Court and adjacent car park, White Hart Meadows, Ripley
Proposal: Full & Conservation Area consent for demolition of White Hart Court and redevelopment of the site and adjacent unmade temporary public car park to accommodate a replacement 60 space permanent car park and 45 dwellings, comprising a mix of 1 and 2 bed apartments and 2, 3 and 4 bed houses, including 2 two bed bungalows, together with associated highway and landscaping works.

Contact: Joanna Bell 01483 444651 joanna.bell@guildford.gov.uk

Members received and considered a report on the deliberations of the Guildford Borough Council planning Committee meeting held on 12th June at the Council Offices, Millmead. Joanna Bell introduced the plans giving a recommendation for the plans to be approved. One member of the public spoke against the development. Cllr Garrett, whilst understanding the objections to the proposal, also recognised the need for affordable housing in the village and supported the officer's recommendation. All councillors voted in support of the plans so the recommendation was accepted.

Cllr Cliff thanked Cllr Ayears for chairing the public session to gather the views of the parish, on 2nd April, so effectively.

It was RESOLVED: That the report by the parish clerk on the deliberations of the Borough Council Planning Committee on 12th June regarding White Hart Court be noted.

PG 10/12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Members received and considered an oral report from Cllr Ayears on the meeting held with Guildford Borough Council Planners on 13th June at the Council Offices, Millmead.

The meeting had been useful as any Neighbourhood Plan that Ripley draws up must not contradict the Local Plan being formulated by the Borough Council. Strategy documents will be produced by 2013 and a consultation will take place towards the end of 2012. Funding was considered including whether any new homes bonus would come to the parish or section 106 monies. Joining forces with other parishes will not necessarily reduce costs because the area for a sustainability appraisal, referendum etc. will be increased. A survey of housing needs in the parish would be a good starting point in helping the council to decide whether to progress to a full Neighbourhood Plan as this needs to be evidence based.

It was RESOLVED: That the report by Cllr Ayears on the meeting with Guildford Planners to discuss Neighbourhood Planning be noted.

PG 11/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th July 2012 at 6.00pm at Parish Council Office.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm

Signed:

Date: