

RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held on MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2015 at 1800hrs in the PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Present

Cllr Richard Ayears (Chairperson)
Cllr Jennie Cliff
Cllr Caspar Hancock
Cllr Vernon Wood
Clerk to the Council Jim Morris
2 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the formal meeting, members of the public were invited to speak.
a) A local resident extended an invite to members of the Planning & Environment Committee to visit a dwelling in the village to discuss a forthcoming planning appeal in relation to the site.
Response: Members thanked the local resident for the invite and the extra information. It was not thought that the parish council's position would change significantly from the comments previously made, yet Cllrs were open to the idea of visiting the site if available.

P&E 53/15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Powell-Cullingford.

P&E 54/15 Disclosure of interests

Name of Councillor	Planning Application No.	Subject	Type of interest	Reason
None				

P&E 55/15 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015 were received, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairperson.

P&E 56/15 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 (GBC) and reported to the Ripley Parish Council meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 19th November 2015.**

15/P/01788

Location: 25 Grove Heath North, Ripley, GU23 6EN.

Proposal: Conversion and extension of rear garage to form habitable accommodation.

Contact: John Busher 01483 444634 john.busher@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council objects to Planning Application 15/P/01788. The proposal would involve the loss of parking spaces within the parish and, as per application 15/P/01012, inappropriate development in the green belt.

15/P/01846

Location: Valentines Farm, Rose Lane, Ripley, GU23 6NE.

Proposal: Change of use of land and building for dog exercise service, equestrian and agriculture.

Contact: John Busher 01483 444634 john.busher@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council has no objection to this retrospective Planning Application.

15/T/00231

Location: Ripley Court School, Rose Lane, Ripley, GU23 6NE.

Proposal: G1 (2 Beech & 1 Ash) – reduce the overall height of each tree by 4 metres to achieve an average height of 20 metres (Ripley Conservation Area).

Contact: Paul Davies 01483 444609 paul.davies@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council objects to Planning Application 15/T/00231. There are several issues with this application, including inaccuracies with the application form itself. The trees actually do sit within the Conservation Area, and there is also confusion as to what height reduction the proposals entail- 2m or 4m?

Aside from these issues, there is no mention of the trees suffering from arboreal problems, and so it is assumed that the works are purely cosmetic. The developers of White Hart Meadows went to great lengths to ensure that trees were maintained wherever possible and so there can there be no good reason to carry out these proposed works.

15/P/01894

Location: Field Cottage, High Street, Ripley, GU23 6AF.

Proposal: Retrospective application for the construction of a detached garage.

Contact: Sigourney Fox 01483 444699 sigourney.fox@guildford.gov.uk

Ripley Parish Council has no objection to this retrospective Planning Application.

P&E 57/15 Planning Enforcement

No planning enforcement reports from Guildford Borough Council had been received.

P&E 58/15 Borough Council & Local Issues

Members received and considered communications from Guildford Borough Council, and other local issues under the remit of the Planning & Environment Committee:

i) An email dated 15th October 2015 from Planning Support regarding a further meeting at GBC to discuss the transition from hard copy planning applications.

It was RESOLVED: That a representative of the parish council would attend the meeting.

ii) An email dated 16th October 2015 from SCC's Sustainable Transport Manager detailing a drop in session promoting the Surrey Cycling Strategy.

It was RESOLVED: That Cllrs would try to attend the drop-in session at West Horsley Village Hall.

iii) Venue for the parish council's Extra-Ordinary meeting with Guildford Borough Councillors Billington, Furniss, and Spooner scheduled for Tuesday 15th December.

It was RESOLVED: That Ripley Parish Council would seek availability of the Village Hall Annex for the Extra-Ordinary meeting. The Scout HQ was considered to be a suitable alternative venue.

P&E 59/15 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 16th November 2015 at 1800hrs at the Parish Council Office.

The meeting closed at 1915hrs.

Signed:

Date: