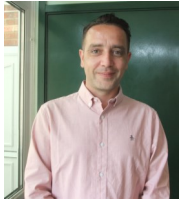
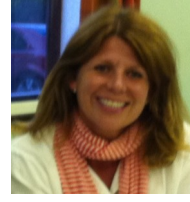




Ripley Parish Council

The Parish Review

Summer 2016



Chairperson Jennie Cliff 224051 Planning, Environment, Christmas Event.	Vice-Chair Caspar Hancock 07974355625 Planning, Environment.	Councillor Richard Ayears 224989 Planning, Environment, Finance.	Councillor Colin Cross 224107 Finance, Environment, Christmas Event.	Councillor Lianne Mealing 225613 Finance, Farmers' Market.	Councillor Suzie Powell- Cullingford 225303 Planning, Christmas Event	Councillor Vernon Wood 225098 Planning, Bonfire, Christmas Event.	Clerk Jim Morris 224847 All Parish Council business.
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New draft Local Plan

We all have another chance to tell Guildford Borough Council (GBC) what we see are the implications of the draft Local Plan, the new edition of which was published on 6th June. You may have heard that the entire site at Garlick's Arch, between Kiln Lane and Burnt Common, has now been earmarked for development including 'at least' 400 residential units and industrial use.

The former Wisley Airfield site is still in the draft Plan, despite the GBC Planning Committee unanimously rejecting the proposal for 2,000 homes. Ripley Parish Council is liaising closely with our neighbouring parishes of Clandon, Ockham, Send, and Wisley to make sure that our response is collective, firm, and measured. Please include us on any communications you have with Guildford Borough Council as we are seeking to build evidence on local feeling over the proposals overleaf.

Consultation

The consultation runs until 18th July and you can comment by writing to:

Planning Policy,
 Guildford Borough Council,
 Millmead,
 Guildford GU2 4BB.

Alternatively, you can phone 444471,
 or email

localplan@guildford.gov.uk

Meet the Local Plan

Ripley Parish Council is hosting events in order to help residents make their minds up about how to respond to the draft Local Plan.

Please come along and find out more. Join us at the Village Hall Annex on:

Friday 17th June 1—7pm

Saturday 18th June 10am—1pm

Friday 24th June 1—7pm

Saturday 25th June 10am—3pm

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What does Guildford Borough Council's draft Local Plan mean for Ripley?

Guildford Borough Council has proposed a development figure of 693 homes per year for the next 20 years across the Borough.

The Local Plan concentrates development in the north east of the Borough and not in the town centre.

Consideration of Special Protection Areas, Sites of Scientific Interest, and Conservation Areas is sparse.

The use of Green Belt areas for development means that local villages will be joined up in an urban sprawl and form a suburbia.

Huge development objectives limit ability to mitigate climate change and weather events like flooding.

Environmental health will suffer through increased air pollution, as well as an increase in both noise and light pollution.

Traffic congestion on the A3 and M25 will become worse, with added impacts on local roads. Cyclists and pedestrians will be impacted.

Insufficient affordable housing to meet the needs of local people.

Healthcare, social welfare, and policing will be further stretched.

Infrastructure development must take place before housing and industrial development.

National guidelines state that development must be proportional to its locality.

SITES

The sites referred to in the Plan which concern Lovelace Ward in particular:

A35 Land at former Wisley Airfield
Over 2,000 homes on a Green Belt site, with no road improvements.

A43 Land at Garlick's Arch, Send Marsh/Burnt Common and Ripley
Approx 400 homes and industrial development on a Green Belt site.

A43a Land for new north facing slip roads to/from A3 at Send Marsh/Burnt Common
Infrastructure connections will aid local Green Belt development.

A45 Land at the rear of the Talbot, High Street, Ripley
Further Green Belt development expands the boundaries of the village.

A57 The Paddocks, Rose Lane
Further extends development in the Green Belt.

WHO'S GREEN BELT?

"The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence"
Politicians like to say that they're going to protect the Green Belt. Our MP Sir Paul Beresford has previously stated his opposition to Green Belt development and London Mayor Sadiq Khan has promised that the metropolitan Green Belt will not be in his housebuilding plans.

Guildford Borough Council's new draft Local Plan, however, includes proposals to remove 15 villages, including both Ripley and Send, from the Green Belt.

The reasons for this are unclear, but removing the villages does mean that GBC can claim that the Local Plan represents a loss of less than 2% of local Green Belt.

Ripley Parish Council

Development has occurred organically over recent years, with extra properties becoming available at locations such as White Hart Court and Lutidine House.

Ripley Parish Council serves an electorate of just over 1,500 residents with just seven members. Would you prefer to see more councillors or do you think that this is about right? It is possible to undertake a Community Governance Review if members of the public would like to revise how they are represented so please let us know your thoughts on this subject.

Bus service

Following the recent bus service consultation, Surrey County Council is proposing to reduce the number of journeys serving Ripley, but some morning and afternoon trips to Woking will be retained. This is disappointing, although not nearly as bad as the alternative of losing the 462/463 service altogether. Our thanks go to everyone who took the time to respond to the consultation.

Lovelace Neighbourhood Plan

We've recently seen how effectively committed groups of local people can come together and help to steer the type and location of future development. The Neighbourhood Plan Group is identifying brownfield sites that could be used for housing, and are also analysing the needs of local businesses and residents. All aspects of life in our communities is being considered, including infrastructure, the environment, and the provision of adequate facilities. The volunteers involved in the Lovelace Plan have the full support of Ripley Parish Council.

Join us at the next Parish Council meetings:
16th June, 21st July, 15th September
Public questions 7:30—7:45pm

*****Ballot box extra*****

VOTE, VOTE, AND VOTE AGAIN!

Every now and then we all get asked to decide who we trust to look after our future. Elections represent an opportunity to either let those in power know we think they're doing a great job or, alternatively, to relieve them of their duties. This is due to happen twice in June, with three Village Hall trustees to be elected at their AGM on the 21st, followed by a little referendum on 23rd June concerning whether we like Europe or not.

An estimated 2,000 residents of the Village Hall's area of benefit, which includes Send Marsh, are eligible to vote at the AGM. We asked all the candidates for the Village Hall election to make a statement in support of their candidacy, you'll find these on the reverse of this newsletter.

Another referendum will be taking place on 13th October, this time to ask residents of Guildford Borough whether we would like an elected Mayor. You may have read about the difficulties the petitioners had in attracting enough signatories to their cause, but don't let that put you off exercising your right to vote on the issue.

We sincerely hope that everyone eligible will exercise their democratic right to decide who to trust with the future of the country, Guildford Borough, and the village itself. You may choose to vote with your head or vote with your heart, please don't vote with your feet!

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<p>Patricia CULLIMORE</p> <p>Current trustee Mrs Cullimore did not offer a candidate statement.</p>	
<p>Phil PAUL</p> <p>Current trustee Mr Paul did not offer a candidate statement.</p>	
<p>John PERKINS</p> <p>I will be opposing the sale of the Village Hall's land. There is a need to replace the existing building and it is desirable to improve the facilities. However, the new Hall should not be larger and relinquishing the overspill car park makes no sense as visitors would be forced to use the High Street instead. On current Hall usage the High Street would be blocked about once a week on average throughout the year with vehicles parked as far west as Hurst Farm. A larger Hall would mean more vehicles.</p>	
<p>Suzie POWELL-CULLINGFORD I am very involved in many village activities and projects. I believe that Ripley deserves a great village hall but not at the expense of selling the surrounding land which should be preserved as a precious outside space for future generations. Our community needs a centre to cater for all age groups and organisations for sport, leisure, social events, education and pastimes and to be a core resource within the village. Ripley has both an ageing and expanding population and the village hall needs to accommodate their requirements for now and for the future. I will work hard to ensure that the trustees deliver the very best for our village</p>	
<p>David RUDDY</p> <p>Our village hall for me needs to be the heart of rural community life – providing a hub for social activities, classes and services which bring people together, whatever the reason may be. It needs to be about building relationships within and outside of our parish for now and years to come and I want everyone to have a say in it. I want to have a sustainable yet affordable hall which makes the most of the land it lays on for my children's children to use.</p>	
<p>Richard TINSON</p> <p>Current trustee Mr Tinson did not offer a candidate statement.</p>	