

Godstone Parish Council

(incorporating the Villages of Godstone, South Godstone and Blindley Heath)

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MINUTES

of the Meeting of Godstone Parish Council Planning Committee
held on **17 January 2024** at **7 pm** at **The Bounty, Godstone Green**

Members: Cllrs J Gardner, I Smith and L Case
Apologies: Cllrs K Ward, C Edwards, S Endersby (Clerk)
Present: Cllr S Beagley

- 1. Questions from Members of the Public**—None received
- 2. Declaration of Interest**— The meeting noted that the Ashill proposals (ref. Item 7) included parking spaces built on Parish Council land.
- 3. Apologies and reasons for absence**
3.1 Cllrs K Ward (absent due to illness) & C Edwards (absent due to prior appointment)

RESOLVED - The meeting was deemed quorate.

- 4. Minutes of the previous meetings of the Planning Committee held on 20 December 2023**

RESOLVED – It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 20 December 2023, were an accurate record of the meeting and that they be signed by the Chair.

- 5. Current Planning Applications Lodged with Tandridge District Council (TDC) – as regards the sole planning application tabled 2023/1460, the**

Ref	Address	Application	Comments
2023/1460	Car Wash, Blindley Heath Service Station, Eastbourne Road, Blindley Heath, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6JR	Extension of Operating Hours of Hand Car Wash	Committee agreed to leave to planning officer regarding the noise level restrictions that are applicable.

- 6. Applications Lodged with TDC for noting pertaining to Tree Works, Certificate of Lawfulness & Variation of Conditions.**

6.1 **Certificate of Lawfulness – notified to Parish Council by TDC**

Ref	Address	Application	Comments
2023/1408	Little Oaks, Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8NA	Proposed single storey rear extension (Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed use or Development)	No Comment.

6.2 **Variation of Conditions – notified to Parish Council by TDC**

Ref	Address	Application	Comments
2023/490/Cond1 ref:2023/490 (18/9/23)	Links Farm, Tilburstow Hill Road, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8LB	Details pursuant to the discharge of conditions of planning permission ref:2023/490 dated 18 September 2023 (Demolition of barns & Erection of four detached dwellinghouses). 3 (External Joinery), condition 4 (Materials), condition 5 (Hard and Soft Landscape Works), condition 12 (Written Scheme of Investigation), condition 14 (Ecology - copy of certificate), condition 16 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan), condition 17 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) and condition 18 (External Lighting) of planning permission	No Comment.

7. **Motion**-- Further to the full council decision on whether to speak at the Tandridge District Council meeting in relation to the Ashill development – Request that the committee consider further information received in relation to the doctor’s surgery lease period for the current surgery building in the village of Godstone.
(Proposer: Cllr J Gardner; Secoder: Cllr L Case)

RESOLVED - The committee agreed that it would consider information received in relation to the doctor’s surgery lease period for the current surgery building and the statement provided by Michael Arnaud CEO of D.H.C. in support of the planning application.

ACTION – PC1/24 – 1a – Following the committee’s consideration of the information, the committee felt that the council speaking at the TDC planning meeting should be reconsidered and that the committee’s recommendation would be that a Cllr should attend to speak on behalf the council.

ACTION – PC1/24 – 1b – Committee/Councillors to liaise with the Clerk in order that the matter be referred back to full council.

8. **Correspondence**—No correspondence noted

9. **Date of next meeting**—Noted as 14 February 2024

Part 2 – To consider passing a resolution that pursuant to Section 1 part 2 of the public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public to be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any business on the grounds that it is likely if the public were to remain, there would be a disclosure of exempt information.

This is a statement from Michael Arnaud CEO of D.H.C. in support of the planning application for the development at the former quarry in Godstone.

"I am writing in support of the proposed development for the Land at Former Godstone Quarry and, in particular, the new doctor's surgery.

The current buildings used for the surgery in Godstone are not fit for purpose in their construction for 21st century primary health care and, even more important, they are too small to house our current team. The current site cannot be adapted to meet our current requirements let alone our future needs.

The demand on general practice is constantly rising and we have increased the size of our team considerably over the last year to build the capacity to meet that demand. We are constantly having to make decisions based on space constraints and that is now the key limiting factor on our ability to provide services. Demand will continue to increase over future years and we will need to further increase our team so the inadequacy of the building will become a massive barrier to our ability to provide services in the village for our patients.

The proposed development will deliver an appropriate local location for a large purpose built 21st century health centre. It will radically alter our ability to deliver services and allow us to develop our team as demand increases over future years. We are also aware that an improved building will help us recruit clinical and non-clinical staff in future to allow us to develop a highly skilled team to care for our patients.

Surrey Heartlands CCG recently carried out an investigation of suitable alternative sites in the village for a new health centre and could not find any alternatives. We hope you will be able to approve the application to deliver a fantastic new health facility for the local population."

This is all still the case and a new surgery is essential for the continued development of the services in Godstone. We are doing really well recruiting GPs and new staff for the surgery and expect no problems developing the team for the new surgery.