



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7pm on 29 February 2024
Town Hall, High Street, Haslemere GU27 2HG

Chairman	Cllr Weldon*
Vice Chairman	Cllr Robini*
Councillors	Aslam*, Bridge*, Carter*, Davidson*, Keen* & Miller*

**Present*

Meeting clerked by: Pippa Auger, Deputy Town Clerk.

In attendance: Mr Rob James and Mr Simon Hodgins

25/24 Apologies for absence

No absences.

26/24 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Robini declared a non-registrable interest as a member of the Surrey County Council Planning Committee. Cllrs Keen, Robini & Weldon declared non-registrable interests as members of the WBC Area Planning Committee. They all reserve the right to change the tone or content of their opinion when presented with further advice from WBC officers or other professionals.

27/24 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 1 February 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

28/24 Representations by the public

Mr Rob James attended the meeting and made the following statement:

The dangers associated with the narrow road and pavement between the Three Gates Lane/A286/Church Road crossroads (past Oliver's House) towards the High Street have been recognised for many years. More recently, the increased volume and speed of traffic have combined to heighten the danger. The increasingly frequent anecdotes of near-misses and the regular debris of HGV wing mirrors along the pathway provide their own narrative.

Whilst the danger impacts ALL pedestrians, there is additional concern that this is the main route to the High Street from Haslemere Surgery and the Hospital. Inevitably, many users are young mothers with prams, the elderly and the infirm.

The committee agreed with the issues that Mr James raised and confirmed the following:

The Council formally wrote to Surrey Highways last year to ask it to review the speed limit through the town and down to Wey Hill. Surrey is currently running a consultation about speed limits county wide, amongst other things, and depending on the outcome further dialogue will be entered into with Surrey. As much as there is a desire to expedite the matter, Surrey is unlikely to do anything quickly.

29/24 Highways Update

Cllr Bridge reported a pothole on Scotland Lane and has been sent the Report It link on the Surrey Highways website.

Cllr Carter confirmed that the drains in Hindhead have finally been cleared after three years of reporting it.

Cllr Robini reminded the members that if they see any pavements which need to be scraped back they should report it to him, with precise locations so that the area is easily identifiable.

Cllr Davidson advised that SCC used to provide us with SCC branded cards which could be put through residents' letterboxes asking them to cut back their hedge, if it impacted on pedestrians use of adjacent pavements.

ACTION: Clerk to contact SCC Cllr and ask if Surrey can provide these again.

ACTION: Cllrs to copy the clerk into communications where issues have been reported to SCC Highways so that they can be chased up on a regular basis.

30/24 One way system – A287 – Bell Road/Midhurst Road

The committee noted the proposal put forward by the local resident. It broadly agreed that there are multiple issues with this junction and corner; 40mph speed limit, blind corner, unclear road markings and that it borders two Highways authorities. Cllr Robini advised that Surrey Highways statistics do not show enough injury accidents to justify the amount of money required to change the junction.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to the resident and advise the matter is out of the Council's hands, but that his proposal will be forwarded to Surrey Highways.

31/24 Surrey Right of Way Improvement Plan Consultation

Cllrs reviewed the draft consultation and agreed some amendments which will be circulated and agreed before the deadline for submission of 10 March 2024.

32/24 Planning decisions since 1 February 2024 meeting and submitted to WBC – list 5 February 2024

Noted.

Ref	Site Address	Proposal	Comment
TM/2024/00173	PAISLEY HOUSE FARNHAM LANE HASLEMERE GU27 1EU	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER WA251	No objection subject to tree officer approval
TM/2024/00177	CORNERWAY LODGE HEADLEY ROAD HINDHEAD GU26 6TN	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 39/07	No objection subject to tree officer approval

33/24 Planning applications

Ref	Site Address	Proposal	Comment
WA/2024/00252	APOGEE CRITCHMERE HILL HASLEMERE GU27 1LS	Erection of side extension at ground and first floor levels, being full two storey to the rear and 'room in roof' with additional dormer to the front.	No objection

WA/2024/00250	1 FIR TREE AVENUE HASLEMERE GU27 1PL	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for alterations to roofspace to provide habitable accommodation including a dormer and erection of a single storey side extension.	No objection
PRA/2024/00234	2 ACACIA WOOD ROAD HINDHEAD GU26 6GE	Erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend 3m beyond the rear wall of the original house for which the height would be 3.40m and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.70m.	No objection
TM/2024/00296	FAIRFIELD THREE GATES LANE HASLEMERE GU27 2LD	APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREES SUBJECT OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 43/07	No objection subject to tree officer approval
WA/2024/00324	LAND COORDINATES 490217 132204 SCOTLAND LANE, HASLEMERE	Application under Section 73A to Vary Condition 2 (approved plans) of WA/2020/1213 (allowed under appeal reference APP/R3650/W/21/3280136) to replace existing accommodation schedule thereby removing the requirement for the first floor apartments to be M4(2) compliant (relating to access).	No objection
WA/2024/00320	HORNBEAM HOUSE CRITCHMERE LANE HASLEMERE GU27 1PR	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for alterations to existing garage to provide a home office/study.	No objection
WA/2024/00307	12 STURT ROAD HASLEMERE GU27 3SD	Erection of a two storey extension and alterations following demolition of existing two storey extension.	No objection
WA/2024/00321	9 BASKERVILLE DRIVE HINDHEAD GU26 6GD	Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for the erection of an extension.	No objection
WA/2024/00335	LAND CENTRE COORDINATES 485772 137420 CHURT ROAD CHURT FARNHAM	Outline application with all matters reserved except access for 2 serviced plots for self-build and custom housebuilding	Objection (see below)
WA/2024/00372	WOODLANDS 17 THE AVENUE HASLEMERE GU27 1JT	Application under Section 73 to vary condition 1 of WA/2023/00343 (approved plans) to allow alterations to the depth and materials for the proposed store room.	No objection

WA/2024/00355	BUILDING 2 QUAIL HOUSE FARM HYDE LANE FARNHAM GU10 2LP	Change of use from agricultural use to storage (Use Class B8).	No objection
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WA2024/00335 LAND CENTRE COORDINATES 485772 137420, CHURT ROAD, CHURT, FARNHAM

The committee discussed this proposal at some length, in particular the lengthy information on the various appeal decisions accompanying the application. The committee has previously objected to application WA/2021/03162 for two dwellings. The proposal is outside the settlement boundary as outlined in the Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan and no very special circumstances exist to approve the construction of new buildings in the Green Belt. The committee does not believe this application constitutes limited infilling in villages. The committee agreed to object to the application on the grounds set out above.

34/24 HTC representation at Waverley Planning Committee

None.

35/24 Decisions and Appeals

The list was noted.

36/24 Next meeting

28 March 2024

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Chairman of Planning