



**Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held 22 May 2019  
in the Small Hall, Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon at 7.30pm**

**181-2019 – Present**

**Councillors:** Chairman Cllr P Cragg, Cllr G Adam, Cllr A Creese, Cllr N Mitchell, Cllr S Morgan MBE, Cllr B Nagle, Cllr D Snipp and Cllr T O'Toole.

**Officers of the Council:**

Mrs V Fear - Assistant Clerk  
Mrs G White – Clerk to the Council

**Members of the Public:**

Two members of the public were also present.

**182-2019 – To accept apologies and reason for absence in accordance with the LGA 1972, Sch12, para 40**

Apologies and reason for absence were received from Cllr D Bird, Cllr M Fance, Cllr J Messinger, Cllr S Fisk and Cllr M Singh. Apologies and reason for absence accepted.

**183-2019 – Public participation session**

Both members of the public addressed the Council about the borough council's adoption of the Local Plan. Their concerns related to:

- Policy P2 (Green Belt) and the inclusion of Blackwell Farm in the Local Plan due to the impact on the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty).
- Concerns about Guildford Borough Council's failure to adequately consult the public on the main modifications affecting in-filling outside the settlement boundary around the villages within the borough, but specifically the village of Worplesdon.
- Impact of development on Whitmoor Common, the climate and air pollution

[One member of the public left the meeting at this point.](#)

**184-2019 – Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by councillors in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464).**

No declarations were made.

**185-2019 – Declaration of non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct**

No declarations were made.

**186-2019 – Declaration of gifts or hospitality over £25**

No declarations were made.

**187-2019 – Local Plan – Notification under Regulations 17 and 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 & Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004**

Guildford Borough Council adopted the Local Plan: Sites Strategy on 25 April 2019. Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Plan may make an application to the High Court, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate power of the local planning authority and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made not later than 6 June 2019 (6 weeks after the date of adoption).

A request had been received from Compton Parish Council that, should there be good grounds for a Judicial Review, Worplesdon Parish Council commits to making a financial contribution towards the cost of a Judicial Review. The QC's opinion was jointly funded by Compton and Worplesdon Parish Councils.

A lengthy debate then took place. Between 8.22pm and 8.30pm the Chairman waived standing orders to enable the member of the public to address the Council, and/or to answer members' questions.

Following the debate, it was proposed Cllr N Mitchell, seconded Cllr G Adam and **RESOLVED** that:

*“The Parish Council make a contribution of £2,500 towards the submission of a Judicial Review application. Worplesdon Parish Council would then have no further intentions of committing monies to be spent on this matter”.*

A vote took place: 6 voted in favour, Cllr S Morgan MBE abstained. Motion carried.

The Clerk advised that a decision of the Council stands for six months unless three councillors submit a written request for the matter to be re-considered by the Council.

**188-2019 – Proposed Parish Office – Gravetts Lane Farm – Submission of planning application to Guildford Borough Council**

For the benefit of new councillors Cllr Mitchell gave a brief overview of how and why this option had been chosen, which included taking into account pre-app advice from Guildford Borough Council. Cllr Mitchell reiterated that the Parish Council has been seeking a suitable office within the Parish boundary for over twenty years. Numerous options have been considered, but regrettably have proved to be unsuitable for various reasons.

In light of comments made by the planning consultant, the architect (Rob Bateman) had revised the drawings for the Council's consideration. The revised drawings (already approved by the landowners) were duly shown to the meeting. Cllr Mitchell reiterated that an office at this location requires the Parish Council to prove very special circumstances for building in the Green Belt (this would also have been the case for an office at the Worplesdon Memorial Ground). The office would be a building for the benefit of the local community. This location is geographically central to the Parish and is physically closer to the communities of Fairlands, Broadacres and Wood Street Village. If planning permission is granted, all build costs are to be met by the owners of the site. The planning decision process is likely to take 8 – 12 weeks from the date of submission.

Following discussion, it was proposed Cllr S Morgan, seconded Cllr G Adam and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the revised drawings be approved, and that the planning application should be submitted to Guildford Borough Council at the earliest opportunity.

Meeting closed 9pm.

Approved by the Full Council – 27 June 2019

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Chairman of the Council  
Date: 27 June 2019