



Planning Report

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

| Number | Item | Time |
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| 1. | <p>Apologies for absence & housekeeping</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllrs Capsey and Denyer and Mr. Lugton, Parish Tree Warden.</p> | 1 min |
| 2. | <p>Disclosure of interests</p> <p>None received in advance of the meeting.</p> | 2 mins |
| 3. | <p>Minutes</p> <p>Circulated to Members via email and available on the website.</p> | 2 mins |
| 4. | <p>Public participation</p> <p>None received at the time of drafting this report.</p> | 10 mins |
| 5. | <p>To consider new Planning Applications</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>Tree Applications:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. 23/01723/TPA Crown reduce by 20% (all round) on 21 no. Cypress trees within Group, G1 and 1 no. Eucalyptus tree (T14). All subject to PS/97/00808/TPO. Jasmine Cottage 1 Thistledown Vale Ifold Loxwood Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 0TN</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Parish Tree Warden comment: - No problem with what is proposed. It is exactly what happened in 2015 and 2019. The trees do need to be kept limited on height both for the occupants and neighbours.</p> | 10 mins |
| 6. | <p>Planning decisions, Appeals and Enforcement</p> <p>Appended to the agenda.</p> | 2 mins |
| 7. | <p>Appeals & Enforcement Action</p> <p>Nothing specific to note at the time of drafting this report.</p> | 1 min |
| 8. | <p>Gatwick Airport - 2nd runway via a Development Consent Order.</p> <p>CAGNE – Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions.</p> | 5 mins |

The Parish Council is a member of CAGNE's [Aviation Town and Parish Council Forum](#) and pays an annual membership fee of £4 towards the cost of the group's overheads, such as website maintenance.

On 8th August, the Committee noted Gatwick Airport's planning submission to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order in respect of the Northern Runway Project which has been accepted for examination; and resolved to make a formal comment and ask CAGNE for a prepared example response document to use.

CAGNE has since advised: -

"The Forum has not submitted anything on this subject as the group of councils do not tend to respond as one unless it is the noise management board on overall high-level points agreed by all councils. The response to PINs cannot be formally made until all documentation is released to those registering an interest in giving evidence to the hearings. We understand there are over 1,000 documents with 200 on the environment.

CAGNE, as you will be aware, has the assistance of Leigh Day and barrister which are currently fundraising to ensure the best case to oppose this expansion is placed in front of the planning inspectorate..."

The Committee need to consider if it wishes to register an interest in giving evidence at the hearings, so that a response to PINs can formally be made once the full documentation has been made available to the Parish Council.

If the Committee wishes to make a formal response, it must nominate a Member to read the documentation and compile a response for the Committee to agree.

CAGNE's Aviation Town and Parish Council Forum has asked its members to consider and advise if the Forum should register to be party to the PINs hearings and if the Council supports or opposes Gatwick Airport's plans for a 2nd runway.

The details can be found here: - <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/gatwick-airport-northern-runway/>

This data will be used for the Forum's response to the planning inspectorate and will be published on the Forum website as the Forum response to PINs.

Additionally, the Committee can consider making a recommendation to the full Council that it makes a donation towards CAGNE's legal fees. The Council has

the lawful power to make such a donation – it has the General Power of Competence and there is no prohibition to donate money to a lobby group. However, any expenditure must be in accordance with the Council's [Grant Awarding Policy](#) and must be in the interests of, and bring direct benefit to, the area, or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants and has the general support in the community.

In 2023/24 the Council budgeted £8,190 towards grants and donations. There is a current underspend of £702. Please note, the Council has received a grant request for £300 from Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex, who serves the parish area. This application will be considered by the Finance Committee at its October meeting.

9. **Consultations & Correspondence**

3 mins

Recommendation: - To consider any consultation(s) and correspondence and add to a future agenda where necessary: -

- The [South Downs National Park planning newsletter](#) is available on the website alongside the meeting agenda.
- CDC's CIL Officer has confirmed that CIL is payable on the Valtony/Gatliff House planning application: -

...the house has been sold, the self-build relief that had been granted has been withdrawn and payment is now due. This payment relates to PS/18/02939/FUL and not the new planning application. I do not know when the payment will be made, so cannot say when the Parish Council would received their share. If we receive payment before the end of September, it would be included within the October handover, otherwise, it would fall in the April handover. But before we get that far, we need to receive the payment.

It would help us enormously, if you could [...] let us know if any further demolition or development takes place. [...] I will let you know when we receive the payment but in the meantime, any information you could provide would be very much appreciated, thank you."

- The National Association of Local Councils has launched a new dedicated webpage on planning to help parish and town councils in their local engagement with the planning system. NALC continuously highlight the crucial work councils do on planning and continue to push the government for increased powers and control over planning matters. The [planning webpage](#) has information on local councils'

planning powers, case studies highlighting examples of how local councils have best used the planning system to help their communities, and valuable resources.