

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 02 OCTOBER 2023
AT CAPEL PARISH HALL**

1 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Ball, Mrs Schryver, Mr Cox, Mr Ashwood, Mrs Watson, Mrs Taylor and the Clerk.
Mr Peter Barclay representing GACC and 13 members of the public.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr Salter, Mr McLachlan. District Councillors Hobbs, Wellman and Malcomson. Surrey County Councillor Helyn Clack.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** None

5 **MATTERS ARISING:** None

6 **PRESENTATION FROM GACC (Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign)**

The Chairman introduced Peter Barclay from GACC and welcomed him to the meeting. Mr Barclay addressed the meeting, explaining that GACC seeks to protect and improve the environment in the area affected by Gatwick Airport's operations from noise, congestion, air quality and light pollution. The current planning application relates to the Northern Runway, which is currently limited to acting as a taxiway, only available when the Main Runway is out of use. The planning application proposes repositioning the centre line of the Northern Runway 12 metres north to allow dual runway operations, aligning with international safety standards.

London Gatwick's application to bring its Northern Runway into routine use, alongside its Main Runway, was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 3 August 2023.

GACC was currently objecting to this decision.

Mr Barclay outlined the benefits being promoted by London Gatwick such as economic and employment growth. GACC argued against these claims, alleging that in the last 20 years, jobs at London Gatwick have decreased whilst the number of passengers has increased. The decrease in employment is largely due to automation.

The increase in passenger numbers would undoubtedly increase the volume of traffic on rural roads, and also increase the number of support vehicles. This would certainly bring significant congestion onto rural roads, increase wear and tear and carbon emissions.

Mr Barclay said that there would also be a need for extra car parking spaces, the expansion of airport terminals and the compulsory purchase of land to accommodate construction vehicles, flood plains and road access.

Members of the public have until 29 October 2023 to make their views on the airport's growth plans known to the Planning Inspectorate.

By doing so, people will be able to provide a summary of their views on the airport's application by submitting a 'Relevant Representation' to become an 'Interested Party'.

Relevant Representations must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, which can be found on [their website here](#).

The Chairman thanked Mr Barclay for his informed presentation. The Council was reminded that a further presentation would be made by GACC at the next Full Parish Council meeting in two weeks' time.

7 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- **Application MO/2023/1351 - Old Wattlehurst Farm, Horsham Road, Capel.** This is an application for the erection of 1 No. single storey dwellings following the demolition of a existing non-agricultural building. The Councillors considered the application and the previous applications that had been approved. The applicant has revised the application making the proposed building single storey. The Councillors therefore recommended this application should be approved.
- **Application MO/2023/1376 – Rowemount Cottage, Abinger Road, Coldharbour.** This is an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing development in respect of outbuilding 1 as ancillary accommodation to the main dwellinghouse. The Councillors were not aware of any objections to the application and therefore recommended it should be approved.

- **Application MO/2023/1405 - The Hazels, Newdigate Road, Beare Green.** This application for the creation of a new access onto Newdigate Road. The Councillors considered the positioning of the new access and agreed it would be positioned appropriately without causing a hazard to traffic travelling along Newdigate Road. The Council recommends this application should be approved.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Full Parish Council meeting: Monday 16 October 2023

Planning Committee: Monday 6 November 2023 followed immediately by the Finance Committee meeting.

All meetings to be held at Capel Parish Hall and to begin at 7:30pm