

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Alfold Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 17 December 2015** in The Green Room, Alfold Village Hall, Alfold.

Present: Mr N Pidgeon (Chairman); Mrs Betty Ames; Alasdair Denton-Miller; Mr Wayne Mouring; Mr Adrian Erricker; Mrs B Weddell (Clerk)

Waverley Borough Councillor Kevin Deanus and one member of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Mr Budd and Mrs Mayne.

ACTION

15/110 **Declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items**
Mr Erricker declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application WA/2015/2246.

15/111 **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman reported that, along with the Clerk and Mrs Ames, he had attended a Joint Towns and Parishes meeting at Waverley, which had included a presentation update on the Local Plan. Whether or not housing is allocated for Dunsfold Park would be subject to sustainability reports. Matthew Evans had stated that when looking at traffic issues, congestion is not a valid planning objection. The Chairman would look into this.

The Chairman reported that he would be attending a further meeting with Surrey County Council in January to receive an update regarding plans for Lindon Farm.

As a result of the presentation from Sally Pavey at the last meeting, the parish council had joined CAGNE. The Chairman had received representations from members of the public asking the parish council to do more to protest about aircraft noise, and he had written to Bo Redeborn, who is conducting a review (copy attached).

15/112 **Planning**
After full consideration of the following application, the parish council resolved to comment as follows:

WA/2015/2246 Change of use of existing equestrian building containing one dwelling to provide 10 additional dwellings and alterations to existing. Alfold Farm, Loxwood Road, Alfold. **Letter of objection appended**

WA/2015/2191 Erection of brick boundary wall following removal of existing fence. Cow Shed Cottage, Loxwood Road, Alfold. **No objection**

WA/2015/2178 Erection of extensions and alterations including a dormer window following demolition of existing conservatory. 2 Hatch Close, Alfold. **No objection**

WA/2015/2153 Erection of extension and alterations to provide 4 flats together with associated works. Dolphin Cottage, Dunsfold Road, Alfold. **Letter of objection appended**

- 15/113** **Planning. Summary of the status of recent Planning Applications for information only**
WA/2015/1830 Change of use from office to non-residential education institution. Unit 46 A1-K Dunsfold Park. **Full permission**
- WA/2015/0695 Erection of 6 buildings to provide 9966 sqm of B1 B2 and/or B8 flexible use. Dunsfold Park. **Full permission**
- 15/114** **Draft precept on Waverley Borough Council for the year ending 31.3.17**
The clerk presented the draft precept budget figures. Members were requested to submit feedback to the Clerk prior to approving the budget at the next meeting.
- 15/115** **Correspondence**
Gregory Gray Associates, acting for Wyvales, had written to advise that they would be submitting an outline planning application for residential development at Alfold Garden Centre.
- 15/116** **Accounts for payment**
Payments were approved and receipts were noted. The attached Order for Payments was approved and signed by the Chairman, one councilor and the Clerk.
- 15/117** **General matters**
Mrs Ames reported that at the recent Local Committee meeting, Emma Ayres had presented the petition for traffic calming in the village. The Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Task Group agreed to prioritise a feasibility study to look at all aspects of road safety including speed limits throughout the length of the village. If approved by this committee, the study will be included in the 2016/17 Highways Works Programme. In the meantime, a small number of sign improvements will be considered subject to available funding.
- 15/118** **Next meeting**
5th January, 7.30pm, Alfold Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:45.

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21 December 2015

Mr Tim Bryson
Planning Department
Waverley Borough Council
The Bury
Godalming
GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Bryson

RE: WA/2015/2246. Change of use of existing equestrian building containing 1 dwelling to provide 10 additional dwellings and alterations to existing. Alfold Farm, Loxwood Road, Alfold.

Alfold Parish Council objects to this application.

The parish council considers that the proposed back land development would have an urbanising effect and cause harm to the character of the rural location.

The parish council has received representations from residents stating that work has already started on the development and that there are other commercial equine activities carried on at the site. The application does not make it clear whether all commercial activity will cease or, if not, whether there will be a requirement for further commercial buildings.

Should the Council consider that residential development is acceptable in principle, the parish council would request that only the number of dwellings that can be accommodated with adjacent gardens should be allowed and that the field to the south of the stable building should not be used for residential amenity. The parish council is of the opinion that the 10 units proposed would create a cramped development that would conflict with the pattern and density of development in the parish.

The parish council notes that it is proposed the dwellings are connected to the mains sewerage network. It is well documented that the existing foul sewerage network is over capacity and so the parish council would request that Southern Water is consulted on this application. The parish council also notes that it is proposed that surface water drainage is by way of soakaways, which are likely to be inappropriate in this area of heavy clay subsoil.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to Alfold Parish Council

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18 December 2015

Ms L Smitheman
Planning Department
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

Dear Ms Smitheman

RE: WA/2015/2153. Erection of extension and alterations to provide 4 flats together with associated works. Dolphin Cottage, Dunsfold Road, Alfold.

Alfold Parish Council has considered this application and makes the following comments.

The parish council has no objection to development of this site in principle, however the Parish Council considers that the current proposal represents overdevelopment of the site and that two 2-bed maisonettes would be more appropriate.

The parish council acknowledges that the proposed parking provision meets Waverley's guidelines, however, given the lack of local services and poor public transport in Alfold, residents are more reliant on private transport than would be the case in other parts of the borough, and the parish council is concerned that there is insufficient parking provision for the number of proposed units.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Redeborn,

I understand you are tasked with carrying out a review of the current policy for easterly arrival flight paths for Gatwick and would welcome comments from the local community.

Since the narrowing and concentration of the flight paths to ILS, Alfold [particularly in the summer] has been subject to constant overflying at low altitude resulting in an unacceptable level of noise pollution at all hours.

Whilst one understood the rationale behind the change of policy [to concentrate the noise on fewer communities but with greater concentration] the noise level has proved to be virtually intolerable. The Parish Council has received a number of adverse comments and complaints from Alfold residents.

Therefore, I submit it is incumbent upon the Gatwick authorities to introduce a more equitable scheme to reduce the level and concentration of noise pollution.

The Parish Council do not have the necessary expertise to put forward suggestions [although it seems clear that height levels must be increased and varying the points of joining the ILS is possible and would provide relief to the worst affected communities] and so the parish council support CAGNE and urge you to work together to produce an equitable solution to this problem which is blighting peoples' lives.

Yours sincerely

Nik Pidgeon

Alfold Parish Council

Schedule of receipts and order for payments for December 2015

RECEIPTS

Payer:	Detail:	Amount:
J Woodford	Burial fees	£ 716.00
	Total	£ 716.00

PAYMENTS

Payee:	Detail:	Amount:
B Weddell (inc. HMRC)	December salary	£ 587.11
B Weddell	Home Office Allowance	£ 576.25
K&N Groundworks	Repair Cemetery drive	£ 450.00
	Total	1613.36

EXPENDITURE TO BE RATIFIED – paid since last Parish Council Meeting:

Payee:	Detail:	Amount:
	Total	

Total receipts £716.00

Total expenditure £576.25

Signed by Chairman: Date:

Signed by Councillor: Date:

Signed by Clerk/RFO: Date: