

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30pm AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL,
CRAWLEY ROAD, HORSHAM**

Present: Councillors: - A. Britten (Chairman), Mrs K. Burgess*, P. Burgess, J. Davidson, Mrs R. Ginn (arrived late), Mrs J Gough, Mrs F. Haigh*, R. Knight*, M. Loates, R. Millington*, T. Rickett B.E.M. (Vice Chairman), D. Searle, J. Smithurst, S. Torn, R. Turner, I. Wassell* and Mrs S. Wilton.

* denotes absence.

In attendance: West Sussex County Councillor Liz Kitchen. Parish Clerk - Pauline Whitehead BA(Hons) FSLCC) and the Deputy Clerk – Vivien Edwards

FC/307/19 Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

FC/308/19 Apologies for absence

The Council received apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr K Burgess.

Cllr F. Haigh, Cllr R.Knight, Cllr R. Millington and Cllr I. Wassell did not attend the meeting or pass on apologies.

FC/309/19 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FC/310/19 Gatwick Master Plan

Cllr R Ginn arrived during the discussion.

The draft Gatwick Master Plan includes three options for growth within the next 5 to 15 years.

Option 1 is where it remains a single runway operation using the existing main runway.

Option 2 is where the existing standby runway is routinely used together with the main runway.

Option 3 is where Gatwick continues to safeguard for an additional runway to the south.

The above options can be used separately or in combination.

The Planning, Environment and Transport Committee had recommended that the Parish Council acknowledged and supported the importance of Gatwick airport as a local employer but, put forward concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure, especially the lack of improvement to public transport links and impact of increased flight paths.

It was RESOLVED to respond to the Gatwick Master Plan consultation

and submit the response before the deadline of 10th January 2019 as follows:-

North Horsham Parish Council supports the expansion of Gatwick Airport with the inclusion of improved infrastructure to lessen negative impact on local residents.

The Parish Council recognised and acknowledged that Gatwick Airport is a major source of local employment and that it is of importance to the local economy. For that reason, the Parish Council does not oppose development or expansion of the airport site. However, increased passenger numbers and an increased workforce puts additional pressure on the infrastructure surrounding the airport and therefore, the Parish Council would like to see improvements to mitigate the impact of any expansion on local residents.

Whilst aircraft noise has been considerably reduced over the last few years, the Parish Council recommends that expansion plans include ways to reduce how noise from aircraft and the flight paths can impact on local residents.

Improving and promoting public transport could reduce the number of vehicles in and around Gatwick Airport to reduce congestion and emissions resulting from additional traffic.

Consideration could be given to significantly improving the wider transport network around Gatwick to recognise that development up and down the M23 and the communities around Crawley and Horsham has an impact on local residents and puts facilities under pressure.

Finally, consideration could be given to providing another hospital in the local area to cope with potentially increased residents and any major incident.

FC/311/19 Date of next Council meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 10th January 2019 (scheduled).

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.

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