



MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING 19 AUGUST 2019

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) P Webster (In the Chair)

Councillor: A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
G Evans
N Gardiner
(Miss) J Murphy
P Newton-Smith
G Olley
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
K Saunders
S Weisinger
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

Twenty five Members of the Public, Mrs K Else (Claremont Planning), Mr H Lamprecht (The Community Communications Partnership) and Mr A Dutton (Southern & Regional Development)

APOLOGIES

31. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy

MOBILE PHONES

32. Reminder to Councillors and Public that Mobile Phones should be silenced



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

STATEMENT FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

33. A resident claimed that although the Crane Furlong site is in the Local Plan, it does not mean that a Planning Application would be successful. He pointed out many reasons why he believes that the selection of this site was flawed and thus it should not have been selected in the Neighbourhood Plan as potential housing land.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

34. None

CRANE FURLONG PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT – PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GROUP (CCPC)

35. Mrs K Else (Claremont Planning) gave a presentation to the Council regarding a Planning Application for 57 dwellings that Claremont Planning is intending to submit within the next month for a housing site between Crane Furlong and Blackworth Industrial Estate.

The Company has taken heed of the constraints of the site mentioned in Appendix 1, section 3 of the Neighbourhood Plan, and made effort to overcome them using acoustic fencing and glazing. It has also conducted a survey of a large number of local residents regarding the odour emanating from the Thames Water sewerage works adjacent.

A survey of residents was also conducted to gauge opinion regarding the development of the land, 73% were in favour (of the 46 households that responded).

She told Councillors that there is to be a mix of 2 and 3 bedroom houses, 30% of which is to be affordable housing. Provision for two parking spaces for each plot is to be made and the entrance/exit for the development is to be along Pentylands Lane towards Grove Hill. A Traffic Assessment has been undertaken, which was then extended to include junctions further away.

Biodiversity, Bat and Drainage surveys are all to be undertaken.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

36. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2019 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes were duly signed)

CORRESPONDENCE

37. The Minutes of the Highworth Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting on 15 August 2019 were put before the Councillors. Councillors agreed that the responses to the Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Local Plan Review – Public Consultation – Emerging Strategies should be put forward to SBC as shown in the Minutes of the Working Party.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

38. a. [S/HOU/19/0874 CHHO](#) – Resurfacing of existing driveway. Spring Cottage, Hampton Lane, Hampton, SN6 7RL. **Councillors deferred to the Conservation Officer.**
- b. [S/HOU/19/0945 LZWI](#) – Erection of a single storey side extension. 8 Grange Close, Highworth SN6 7AS. **Councillors recommended acceptance.**

REFUSALS

39. a. None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

40. a. [S/HOU/19/0770 CHHO](#) – Erection of a single storey front extension, single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and extension to existing garage. 46 Grove Hill, Highworth SN6 7JN. (Revised Consultation). **Councillors recommend acceptance and have requested that this application is no longer referred to the Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee.**
- b. [S/HOU/19/1045 LZWI](#) – Erection of replacement garden retaining wall and timber fence panels, replacement garden steps and gazebo. 234 Windrush, Highworth, SN6 7EB. (Revised Consultations). **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- c. [S/HOU/19/1051 PEKO](#) – Erection of a two-storey side, single storey front and rear extensions, conversion of garage into living accommodation, driveway and erection of a 1.2m boundary fence. 146 Knowlands, Highworth, SN6 7NE. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- d. [S/19/0846](#) TB – Retention of 1 No. dwelling and detached garage. Barn Cottage, Swindon Road Highworth, SN6 7SL. **Councillors requested that further information be given on this application and it be returned to the next Planning Meeting for consideration when this guidance has been received. Councillors recall that in the previous application the “dwelling” of this application was described as a “large shed”. They ask whether this building has ever been accepted as a dwelling at SBC and whether there are any Council Tax records showing it as such. They are concerned that this may be an attempt to get a dwelling accepted on this site thus avoiding the normal planning processes.**
- e. [S/HOU/19/1081](#) CHHO – Erection of first floor side and single storey front and rear extensions. 1 Barra Close, Highworth, SN6 7HX. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- f. [S/19/1101](#) CHHO – Erection of 4 no. 10 metre high lighting columns. Tennis Courts, Highworth Recreation Ground, The Elms, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

41. a. Councillor N Gardiner. A letter is to be sent to Cashzone to discover how the re-instatement of the Cash Machine at the Co-op is progressing.
- b. Councillor K Saunders. The issue of the Euro-bins outside Sue Ryder is ongoing. The shop has been provided with a key to enable the staff to lock the bins. The Manager has posted on Facebook that leaving 'donations' outside the shop when it is closed, constitutes Fly-tipping (which carries a hefty fine). SBC Enviro-crime Officers are involved and trying to assist the shop to find ways of mitigating the problem.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. A letter is to be sent to Councillor Renard (Leader of SBC) to elicit a reply to the previous letter requesting assistance in promoting Highworth to businesses wishing to move to the area, in light of the Honda closure announcement.

Meeting closed 8.15 pm