

# Highworth



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### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING 2 JULY 2019

#### PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) P Webster (In the Chair)

Councillor: A Bishop  
(Mrs) J Bishop  
N Gardiner  
(Miss) J Murphy  
G Olley  
K Smith  
K Saunders  
(Mrs) L Vardy  
S Weisinger  
R Williams

#### IN ATTENDANCE

15 Members of the Public, S Russell and A Ryan (Backhouse Housing), C Beaver (Planning Sphere Ltd.) and one Member of the Press.

#### APOLOGIES

14. Councillors P Newton-Smith, S Wolfensohn, G Evans and (Mrs) M Penny.



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## MOBILE PHONES

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

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16. None.

## REDLANDS DEVELOPMENT

17. Mr C Beaver (Planning Consultant) and Mr S Russell (Managing Director of Backhouse Housing) – A Presentation on behalf of Backhouse Housing.

They informed the Council that the Company has bought the site with Outline Planning consent for up to 70 homes. This is one of the sites identified in the Highworth Neighbourhood Plan and the Company is currently working with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Planners on its Pre-Application. Access is to be as approved, (by a roundabout on the A361). The application is for 68 houses, 20 of them 'Affordable', the remaining 48 to be sold at Open Market prices (including the three designated as 'Self Build' as stipulated in the outline permission).

A new Tree Survey has been commissioned to ensure that none of the properties lie too close to the 'root protection zone' of the existing trees as they have grown since the last one. Trees are to be retained and more planted.

The Company is to engage Allford, Hall, Monaghan, Morris architects for the site. The intention is to build around a central square with amenities – the aim is to submit an application by the end of the month. There will then be a 13 week consultation and the hope is to be able to get on site by the Autumn.

The Company expressed the intention of coming back to Highworth Town Council (HTC) once the application is lodged.

Councillors requested that the Company consider a number of issues raised including:- adequate parking, solar panels, the sewerage system as many houses in the area are not connected to mains sewerage and screening.

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS

18. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2019 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes were duly signed).

## MATTERS ARISING

19. Minute 13a. Councillor S Weisinger told Councillors that he has emailed the relevant Cabinet Member and the Head of IT at SBC to bring the issues with the Planning Portal to their attention.

## CORRESPONDENCE

20. None.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REPORT

21. Councillor (Mrs) P Webster reported that a Meeting has been held and terms of reference agreed. The priorities are to be the Neighbourhood Plan – which is to be revisited, and the High Street. It is too late to put forward an Expression of Interest in the High Street Heritage Grant discussed at the meeting as the Working party is not at a sufficiently advanced stage to apply. Councillor K Smith expressed disappointment that HTC had not received as much pro-active assistance from SBC as could have been hoped for.

## PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS

### PERMISSIONS

22. a. [S/HOU/19/0576](#). Erection of a single-storey rear extension and porch and installation of a dropped kerb. 35 Lechlade Road, Highworth (HTC recommended acceptance).

### REFUSALS

23. None.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24. a. [S/HOU/19/0825 RACH](#) - Erection of a single storey front extension. 29 Islay Crescent, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- b. [S/HOU/19/0804 SASM](#) - Erection of a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 33 Wessex Way, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- c. [S/LBC/19/0891 SASM](#) – Replacement roof tiles. Burford House, 5 Swindon Street, Highworth. **Councillors Defer to Officers** as this is a listed building.
- d. [S/HOU/19/0910 CHHO](#) - Erection of extensions and roof addition. 2 Roman Way, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**

## MEMBERS' BUSINESS

25. a. Councillor S Weisinger. He reported to the Council that the Aldi team has contacted him to advise that the legal agreement has gone out for signature. They would like to visit HTC as they are looking for a site for ecological compensation, should it be required. They are keen to begin construction as soon as possible. An invitation is to be issued to attend the next Full Council Meeting.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny is to be informed of the traffic problems in Shrivenham Road and Brewery Street which includes high speeds, two 'near misses' this week and an incidence of Road Rage. Her assistance is to be sought to find a solution to this long-standing problem.
- c. Councillor A Bishop. A strong letter is to be sent to McColls (copied to the Conservation Officer) to ask them to reinstate the entrance of the shop including the missing piece of the Listed portico.

**Meeting closed 7.40 pm**