



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 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
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
K Saunders
(Mrs) L Vardy
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

10 Members of the Public, Julian Arthur (Ecologist, Tyler Grange LLP).

APOLOGIES

42. Councillors G Olley and S Weisinger

MOBILE PHONES

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



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

44. None

ALDI - ECOLOGICAL REPORT

45. Julian Arthur of Tyler Grange LLP gave a short presentation on the Ecological Report which was prepared and submitted in support of the ALDI proposed store site at Blackworth. He explained the methodology used in preparing the report and how it would be used to recommend offset sites for ensuring an alternative, improved habitat to encourage biodiversity in compensation to its loss at this site. He agreed that he would take back to ALDI that Councillors expect their representative to return to Council for them to have a final say in the selection of the new site.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

46. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2019 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes were duly signed)

CORRESPONDENCE

47. a. None.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

48. a. None.

REFUSALS

49. a. None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

50. a. [S/HOU/19/1154](#) CHHO – Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, front dormer window and extension to existing rear dormer window. 2 Botany, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- b. [S/HOU/19/1175](#) CHHO – Erection of a single storey front extension. 33 Brookfield, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- c. [S/OUT/19/1195](#) TB - Outline Planning Permission for the erection of up to 57 dwellings (access not reserved). Land at rear of Pentylands Close, Highworth. **This site was recommended in the Highworth Neighbourhood Plan and Councillors were happy with the proposed layout. However, Councillors recommend refusal of Outline Planning Consent because of the following:**

When considering this site for the Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that it was suitable for a maximum of 42 dwellings. Councillors stand by this and are adamant that 57 dwellings would be an overdevelopment and that the site can only support the 42 homes agreed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The access and egress of this site through Pentylands Lane is considered unsafe and not suitable for a site of this size. Pentylands Lane is narrow, poorly surfaced and used extensively by walkers and cyclists. A site of this size can expect to generate over one hundred vehicles, more than the lane is expected to cope with. It is essential that a better access be built into the plan before it can be accepted.

Concerns were also expressed that any drainage of the land into the ditch on the far side of Pentylands Lane, could cause flooding.

- d. [S/HOU/19/1264](#) SASM – Erection of a single storey rear extension. Millbrook House, Pentylands Lane, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance**

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

51. a. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. She informed the Council that the Golf Course on Swindon Road has been registered by Swindon Borough Council as an Asset of Community Value and will remain on the list for a period of five years. There is uncertainty regarding whether the lease will be surrendered by the current leasee. It is, therefore, vital that Highworth Town Council open up a dialogue with SBC with the possibility of taking over the lease, for which HTC needs to formulate plans for its use as a priority.
- b. Councillor N Gardiner. The provider of the Cash Machine at the Co-op is to be contacted again to elicit an answer to our recent request for an update on when a replacement machine can be expected.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) P Webster. The proposed Skatepark is still under consideration at Swindon Borough Council and in the meantime a Consultation is to be held by the Skatepark Committee on Saturday 7 September in the Council Community Room, between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Meeting closed 7.50 pm