



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING 4 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT

Councillor (Miss) J Murphy (In the Chair)

Councillors: (Mrs) K Barber
A Bishop
(Mrs) J H Bishop
G Evans
N Gardiner
P Newton-Smith
G Olley
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
K Saunders
S Weisinger
(Mrs) L Vardy
R Williams
S Wolfensohn

IN ATTENDANCE

7 Members of the Public, Messrs. P Preston and D Norman, and one Member of the Press

APOLOGIES

100. None.

MOBILE PHONES

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

102. Councillors S Wolfensohn and K Smith were informed by the Clerk, that they do not have a declarable interest in the Agenda item, Parking – High Street.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

103. a. Mrs J Clark. She asked if the Council has considered the effect that heavy vehicles and the volume of traffic is having on the tunnels that run under the High Street from the buildings facing onto it. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny has agreed to address the possibility of surveying the tunnels to Swindon Borough Council (SBC). Councillors also noted that the 7.5 tonne weight limit is regularly ignored by drivers of HGV's and coaches and were advised to report such breaches to the Police.
- b. Mr G Llewellyn. In response to his questions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party, he was informed:
- that it is a Working Party which reports directly to the Town Council and is not, as such, a public meeting. However, members of the Community will be invited to attend meetings where their input is required.
 - Its Minutes are not currently put on the Council website as its findings are reported to Councillors at a Planning Meeting, from the Minutes of which, the Public can read the report. The NPWP will review this at a meeting of the NPWP.
 - At this current time the NPWP has not formulated a set plan of what it wants to do regarding the High Street/Swindon Street Renewal. but is considering it through the objectives and aspirations for this area, as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan and The Vision.

PRESENTATION – LAND AT THE LODGE, 17 SWINDON ROAD

104. Mr P Preston informed Councillors that a Planning Application is to be made to SBC to erect a dwelling in the garden of 17 Swindon Road. His client is hoping for the support of the Council when the plans come before it.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

105. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2020 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes were duly signed)

CORRESPONDENCE

106. None

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING (NPWP) PARTY REPORT

107. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. She reported to the Council that:
- the Working Party has been investigating the bidding for funds. SBC won Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) funding and the Working Party has checked to establish if this would be suitable for Highworth, but they determined that it is not. Headings are being considered to put together grant funding applications when suitable ones are identified. The Town Centre is an area that the Council hopes to improve, so the group is looking to break down this huge undertaking into interlocking projects that are more achievable.
 - It is looking at ideas for the High Street and Swindon Street and has started to consider chevron parking and tree planting for Swindon Street. Plans locating utilities have been sourced. Talks will need to be initiated with SBC and Highways. Any plans will be required to be put forward and the public consulted.
 - Councillors (Mrs) M Penny and Councillor A Bishop attended a meeting in Blunsdon. She reported that a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is to be drawn up, ensuring all future developments be considered as a whole against the infrastructure and vehicular routes available. She suggested that Highworth might consider a similar process and its own SPD.

- The Highworth Town Council response to the Swindon Local Plan has been submitted.
- It was agreed that the group report to the Full Council (Planning) meeting on a quarterly basis, unless there was an urgent reason to report.

NPWP – TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR P NEWTON-SMITH

108. Resolved by Councillor K Smith and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny that Councillor P Newton-Smith be appointed to the NPWP as a member. Councillors voted unanimously in favour and Councillor P Newton-Smith was duly appointed.

PARKING – HIGH STREET

109. The Clerk is to make various investigations on this issue prior to it being included in a future agenda.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

110. a. [S/HOU/19/1749](#) – 45 Wessex Way, Erection of a detached summerhouse (retrospective). **Councillors recommend refusal due to the scale and height of the building.**

REFUSALS

111. None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

112. a. [S/19/1714](#) TB – Erection of 1no. dwelling and associated works. Land adjacent to 84 Westrop, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- b. [S/LBC/19/1888](#) & [S/19/1887](#) RACH – Internal and external works to facilitate change of use from storage barn to dwelling and change of use from storage barn to dwelling (use class C3) and associated works. The Barn adjacent to Nauvoo Cottage, Cherry Orchard, Highworth. **Councillors defer to the Officers.**
- c. [S/HOU/20/0006](#) LZWI – Erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and single storey front extension. 14 Wessex Way, Highworth. **Councillors defer to the Officers.**
- d. [S/HOU/19/1729](#) EMMI – Erection of two storey side/rear and single storey rear extensions, porch to front, detached double garage and extended parking area. 12 Grove Orchard, Highworth. In view of previous history, **Councillors defer to the Officers.**
- e. [S/HOU/20/0039](#) EMMI – Erection of a first floor side and single storey rear extension. 2 Wrde Hill, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.**
- f. [S/20/0094](#) CHHO – Erection of 2no. dwellings. Land adjoining 360 Windrush, Highworth. Councillors are concerned that since the previous use of the building on the land was an oil storage facility there may be contamination. They are also concerned that insufficient car parking is available. **Councillors recommend refusal.**
- g. [S/20/0083](#) & [S/LBC/20/0084](#) SASM – Change of use of ground floor from bank (class A2) to mixed use, including visitor centre, craft shop, museum and nail/beauty bar (sui generis). 7 High Street, Highworth. **Councillors defer to the Officers.**
- h. [S/OUT/20/0096](#) - Outline planning application for residential development comprising up to 200 dwellings with all matters reserved. Land East of Broad Blunsdon (north Of B4019), Blunsdon, Swindon. Councillors are concerned that the infrastructure is not in place to support this development. They are concerned that the masterplan indicates that traffic is likely to be encouraged to travel towards Highworth to avoid the

Coldharbour junction leading to more congestion through the town. Concern has also been raised at the capacity of the B4019 to cope with the extra traffic, there have been numerous accidents on the road recently, especially when it is icy, due to a stream running across it. **Councillors request that these points be considered**

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

113. Councillor (Miss) J Murphy. The potholes in Brewery Street car park are to be reported to SBC.

Meeting closed 8.12 pm

Action Points:-

Planning recommendations to be sent to Swindon Borough Council Planning.
Research parking enforcement options
Report the Brewery Street car park potholes to SBC.