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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING 17th JULY 2018

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) P Webster (In the Chair)

Councillor: R Acres
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
(Mrs) A Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) A H Livall
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

5 Members of the Public, Mike Ash (Swindon Borough Council (SBC)) and one Member of the Press

APOLOGIES

19. Councillors C Adams and P Adams

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20. Councillors (Mrs) P Webster and (Mrs) M Penny declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application for 18 Oak Drive.

Councillor S Weisinger declared an interest in the item regarding Land off Swindon Road as he has been appointed to the Board of the new property development company that SBC has set up.



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SBC CONSULTATION – LAND OFF SWINDON ROAD AT ENTRANCE TO GOLF CLUB

21. Mr M Ash. He informed Councillors that SBC has set up a new wholly owned Property Development Company, with himself as one of the Executive Directors. The purpose is to become an Exemplar Developer and to increase income for the Council.

The company is in the very early feasibility stage of assessing the suitability of the area to the left-hand side of the entrance to the Lower Rec to build 4 to 5 executive type houses for sale. Any Planning Application would still have to be submitted through the formal channels, and an application for funding made to the Borough, so this engagement is very early in the scheme of things.

Councillors were concerned that any development here is not in the Neighbourhood Plan, that Highworth needs more affordable housing and that sites have already been identified. They are of the opinion that the area is not big enough and that the location of the proposed skatepark should be considered.

He has affirmed that he will be taking the Councillors' comments back to his Co-Director as they need to be considered before moving on further. However, the area will still be surveyed in the meantime.

CORRESPONDENCE

22. None.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

23. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE BE ADOPTED. THE MINUTES WERE DULY SIGNED.**

MATTERS ARISING

24. None.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

25. a. S/18/0233FELY. Erection of 1 no. dwelling. 40 Park Avenue, Highworth.
(*Councillors recommended acceptance*).
- b. S/18/0454TB. Conversion and extension of existing building to form 5 No. flats and erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated works. Fox Inn, 23 Swindon Street, Highworth.
(*Councillors recommended refusal but deferred to the Conservation Officer and Highways Officers*).
- c. S/18/0761TB. Erection of a replacement house and garage. 38 Cricklade Road, Highworth.
(*Councillors recommended acceptance for the dwelling, but refusal for the garage*).
- d. S/HOU/18/0808LZWI. Erection of a carport. 21 Cherry Orchard, Highworth.
(*Councillors recommended acceptance*).

- e. S/HOU/18/0842PEKO. S/HOU/18/0842PEKO - Erection of a Conservatory. "Perran", Lechlade Road, Highworth. *(Councillors recommended acceptance)*.
- f. S/17/1771SASM. Erection of a Class A1 foodstore and associated access, parking and landscaping. Land North of Blackworth Industrial Estate, Highworth. *(Councillors recommended acceptance)*.
- g. S/OUT/18/1772/SASM. Outline application for the erection of B1, B2 and B8 employment uses plus new vehicular and pedestrian access – access not reserved. Land North of Blackworth Industrial Estate, Highworth. *(Councillors recommended acceptance)*.

REFUSALS

26. a. S/HOU/17/2011FELY. Construction of dropped kerb access. 72 Cricklade Road, Highworth *(Councillors recommended refusal)*.
- b. S/HOU/18/0904CHHO Erection of a first floor front and rear extensions. 17 Lismore Road, Highworth. *(Councillors recommended acceptance)*.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

27. a. S/LBC/18/0893 RM Enlargement of windows to east elevation. Post Office, 5 Sheep Street, Highworth. Councillors Defer to the Officers.
- b. S/HOU/18/1036 RM Erection of a two storey side extension. 18 Oak Drive, Highworth. Councillors recommend Acceptance.
- c. S/18/1102 FELY Siting of a temporary compound. Lay-by, Lechlade Road, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance, but would like to emphasise the importance of wheel washing.
- d. S/HOU/18/1044 FELY Erection of a two storey side and front extensions and first floor rear extension. 43 Brookfield, Highworth. Councillors recommend refusal on the grounds of over-development of the site.
- e. S/RES/18/1163RM. Erection of 1 no. dwelling, detached garage and associated works – reserved matters from previous outline permission S/OUT/17/1684. Land to the rear of "Clovelly", Eastrop, Highworth. Councillors recommended acceptance.
- f. S/HOU/18/1118 NIGI. Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. 46 Kilda Road, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

28. a. Councillor K Smith. He expressed concern that a Borough Councillor from another Ward called in a Highworth planning application to SBC Planning Committee.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant. She is still concerned that often SBC make decisions contra to the wishes of HTC without notifying the Town Council.

There are occasions when Planning Applications are considered by the Town Council at short notice. This occurs when the consultation time is short and the Chairman is aware that the Councillors would wish to make comment.

- c. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. She thanked the office for providing fans in the Council Chamber.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm