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THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING 6 APRIL 2021

PRESENT

Councillor (Miss) J Murphy (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

3 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

94. Councillors (Mrs) L Vardy and S Wolfensohn attended the Meeting following Agenda item 4 – Correspondence



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

95. Councillor S Wolfensohn declared an interest in Planning Application S/21/0381 Farm Buildings, Eastrop and did not participate in the debate.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

96. None

CORRESPONDENCE

97. a. An email was received from a resident regarding a car parking regularly outside the Highworth Hotel blocking the pavement from pedestrians. The Acting Town Clerk is to write to the Highworth Hotel and if the problem persists the option of barriers is to be brought back to Highworth Town Council (HTC).
- b. An email has been received on behalf of Eastrop Barns Ltd in relation to Planning Application S/21/0381-PEEG - Farm Buildings Eastrop Farm Shrivenham Road Highworth, to consider the following;
- Recommendation for Approval, from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Highways department
 - An application for the retention and completion of the 3 buildings on the left side of the development has now also been submitted to SBC and will be presented to HTC in due course
 - They are also currently suffering from regular incursions on the property, i.e., trespass and vandalism from local teenagers. The matter has been reported to the local Police Community Support Officer and they are working with them and Warneford School to identify the individuals concerned
- c. An email has been received from a resident of Highworth requesting HTC seriously consider upgrading the VAS signs to SID signs.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

98. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MARCH 2021 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes are to be duly signed).

MATTERS ARISING

99. None

S106/CIL WORKING PARTY

100. The Minutes of the S106/CIL Working Party held on Monday 23 March 2021 were noted and the recommendation to request S106 money to support Highways (including cycling) and Education for current and future applications in the Town was approved.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE (NPC)

101. The Minutes of the NPC held on Tuesday 24 March 2021 were noted and the recommendation to engage with the Community to design a logo for the plan was approved.

VAS (VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS) SIGNS

102. A Report was provided to Councillors prior to the Meeting outlining the costs and benefits of upgrading signs to a SID (Speed Indicator Device) sign for Eastrop. SID signs are able to display the actual speed of the vehicle and to capture data which can be downloaded and used as evidence in relation to volume of traffic, high speed areas. SID signs can also be moved between locations therefore having a bigger impact on the Town. The option of additional posts and signs was debated.

Amendment: Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny and Seconded by Councillor R Williams to upgrade the VAS sign proposed for Eastrop to a SID sign, and to purchase 1 additional SID unit and to install 8 posts at Eastrop, St Michaels Avenue top and bottom, Redlands, Shrevenham Road, Cricklade Road, Lechlade Road and Roundhills Mead. The signs are to be moved between locations and will become part of the Grounds Maintenance Schedule.

Councillor (Mrs) M Penny is to talk to SBC Officers regarding funding, maintenance and the data capture and report back at a future Meeting.

Voting was 11 in Favour, 4 against, the Resolution was duly carried.

Resolved by Councillor K Saunders, seconded by Councillor N Gardiner to purchase up to 4 signs and install posts at various locations around the Town. The resolution was not carried.

Councillor N Gardiner is to be responsible for the data download and distribution.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND REFUSALS

PLANNING PERMISSIONS

103. a. S/HOU/21/0095 RACH – Erection of a single-story rear extension & erection of oak framed gable to first floor gallery. The Coach House, Eastrop Grange, 30 Eastrop, Highworth, SN6 7AT. **Councillors recommend Acceptance.**
- b. S/HOU/ 21/0132 EMMI – Erection of first floor rear & Single storey rear extension. 12 Home Farm, Highworth, SN6 7EG. **Councillors recommend Acceptance.**
- c. S/LDP/21/0052 CHHO – Replacement of 2 no.-stained glass windows to front elevation. The Old Chapel, The Elms, Highworth, SN6 7DD **Councillors defer to the Conservation Officer**

PLANNING REFUSALS

104. S/21/0133 CHHO – Erection of a garage/store. Land adjacent to Highworth Library, Gilberts Lane, Highworth, SN6 7HQ **Councillors defer to the Conservation Officer**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

105. a. S/HOU/21/0364 - SAC - Erection of a single storey front extension, 7 St Michaels Avenue Highworth Swindon SN6 7JZ Councillors recommend acceptance
- b. S/21/0381-PEEG - Change of use of agricultural buildings to provide 3 dwellings requiring full re-building of Building 1; partial rebuilding of Building 2 and Building 3. and consolidation works to the Granary, and restoration of derelict farmworkers cottages to provide 2 dwellings, together with associated access works, parking and landscaping. Farm Buildings Eastrop Farm Shrivenham Road Highworth Swindon Councillors recommend acceptance subject to the Highways recommendation
- c. S/HOU/21/0330 - EMMI - Erection of a first floor side extension, conversion of garage into habitable space and erection of a single storey rear extension. 10 The Willows Highworth Swindon SN6 7PG Councillors recommend acceptance
- d. S/HOU/21/0348 - SASM - Conversion of garage into habitable space and erection of a single storey link and extension. The Old Stable Hampton Lane Hampton Swindon SN6 7RL Councillors defer to the Conservation Officer

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

106. Councillor A Bishop: The Co-op has asked for confirmation for the sizing of the proposed notice board and will confirm with Councillor A Bishop once they receive an estimated cost if they can fund.

Councillor (Miss) J Murphy: The Acting Town Clerk has received a response from SBC in relation to the Old Golf Course site that all options are being explored. The Golf Course site to be a future Agenda item.

Councillor (Mrs) M Penny:

a. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny reported to HTC that Swindon Housing Company have been looking at the Crane Furlong Site off Lechlade Road. A pre-application has received a positive response from SBC Planning and access talks have begun to allow other Developments to come forward. HTC currently hold a long lease on this land. There is to be an Extra-Ordinary Planning Meeting on Tuesday 13 April 2021 and Swindon Housing Company will be invited to discuss this.

b. SBC is looking to take the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to Planning Committee early July 2021.

Councillor S Wolfensohn: A report is to be given at the next Planning Meeting giving an update on the current Neighbourhood Plan and how much weight the Plan holds in its current state with new Developments coming forward.

Meeting closed 8:10pm

Action Points: -

Planning letter to be sent to SBC
Logo literature to be published and distributed