

# Highworth



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### MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 6 JUNE 2017

#### PRESENT

Councillor. (Mrs) J H Bishop (In the Chair)

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

#### IN ATTENDANCE

5 Members of the Public

#### APOLOGIES

11. Councillors C Adams (Work), P Adams (Family Commitment), (Mrs) A Durrant (Work), (Mrs) P M Webster (Holiday) N Gardiner (Holiday)



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## **QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

12. None.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

13. None,

## **FORMER TWELVE OAKS GOLF CLUB – DPDS PROSALS RE STFC**

14. Both Les Durrant and Fraser Digby presented ideas for developing the facilities at the former golf club at Twelve Oaks as, both, a Training Ground/STFC HQ and a Community asset. This includes an all weather 4G Pitch and 9 full size pitches on the training ground site within the property. They speculated as to how the two main buildings, or their sites, might be altered to form a HQ building and changing facilities. This might include alterations to the buildings or demolition and rebuilding. The remaining land at the rear of the property was left open to suggestion for Community use. Although a major part of the funding for a project was in place through the Nigel Eady Trust, there will still be a requirement for additional funding. The current site has planning permission for 18 holiday lodges, not yet built, which would not really be compatible with the training facility envisaged. The Club asked Councillors' views on the construction of a number of dwellings on the site which, after construction and sale, could provide the necessary extra funding for the project.

Councillors were not entirely convinced by the proposals and have asked that DPDS be invited to return to another Planning Meeting to discuss them further.

Areas where they have said they want clarification are:

Noise and light pollution and their affects on neighbouring properties

Positioning of pitches

What the Club intentions are with regard to replacing the current permission for the erection of holiday chalets

A stronger commitment to community benefit, particularly with regard to Highworth Town Football Club and Highworth Junior Football clubs

The current position on negotiations with the Nigel Eady Trust and the land ownership transfer from the ownership in the land by the current Chairman to that of the Club

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

15. None.

## PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS

### PERMISSIONS

16. None.

### REFUSALS

17. None.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18. a. S/HOU/17/0816 CHHO Erection of pitched roof to existing garage. 34 Brookfield, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance.
- b. S/HOU/17/0856 Single storey rear extension. 13 Henley Drive, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance.
- c. S/HOU/17/0860 Single storey rear extension. 88 Westrop, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance.
- d. S/LBC/17/0802 To convert the smallest bedroom directly below the proposed bathroom in the attic into a family bathroom. Burford House, 5 Swindon Street Highworth. Councillors defer to the Officers.
- e. S/HOU/17/0824 Erection of a double garage and Granny annex at Chesford Elms, Hampton Lane, Hampton. Councillors recommend acceptance but defer to Officers.

### MEMBERS BUSINESS

19. a. Councillor K Smith. The Fox Roundabout. A company has been identified that can create the artwork of a fox that complies with the Highways requirements within the s106 budget available. Further investigations are to be made regarding the setting of it.

Councillor K Smith is to continue with his enquiries on behalf of the Council.

Councillor (Mrs) M Penny recommended that the Clerk begin negotiations with Highways to remove some of the Chevrons on the Roundabout so that the Art will be visible when complete.

- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. There is a proposal to build an Aldi supermarket at the Blackworth Industrial Estate. Representatives are to meet with Borough Councillors and there is to be a public 'drop-in' consultation event in the Council Community Room.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy. Attention was drawn the fact that there is more competition between Supermarkets in other nearby towns and that Highworth is not well served.

d. Councillor S Weisinger. An approach has been made to the Borough Councillors requesting a private meeting to discuss a potential Tourism Opportunity. Councillors agreed unanimously that any meeting would have to be at either a Full Council or Committee meeting.

**Meeting closed 7.40 pm**