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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop (In the Chair)

Councillor: R Acres
A Bishop
(Mrs) A Durrant
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) A Livall
K Smith
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

18 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

57. Councillors C Adams and P L Adams (Holiday), (Mrs) J Clark, (Mrs) M Penny (SBC Commitment), (Mrs) L Vardy (Prior Engagement) and (Mrs) P M Webster (Holiday)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

58. Councillor (Mrs) A Livall declared an interest in Agenda Item 4. Crane Furlong Site and did not take part in the debate.



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CRANE FURLONG SITE (DEVELOPER PRESENTATION)

59. Mrs K Else, Managing Director of Claremont Planning, representing the owners of the Crane Furlong site, Southern and Regional Development. She spoke to Councillors to assure them of a commitment to keep the Council informed with regard to a future Planning Application for the site identified in the Neighbourhood Plan as a potential Development area.

CORRESPONDENCE

60. A number of letters have been received from residents and a former resident of Hampton expressing opposition to a Planning application to be considered later in the Meeting. These were sent electronically to all Councillors prior to the Meeting.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

61. a. S/HOU/17/1423CHHO Erection of a single storey front extension and conversion of garage into habitable space. 19 Islay Crescent, Highworth. (Councillors recommend acceptance).

REFUSALS

62. a. None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

63. a. **S/HOU/17/1641 FELY** Erection of a single storey rear and two storey side extensions plus conversion of garage into habitable space. 5 Bydemill Gardens, Highworth, SN6 7BS. Councillors strongly recommended refusal of the side extension:

Councillors considered that this constituted overdevelopment of both the site and the property the extension with its current proposed length impinges on the other semi-detached property, Number 4, in such a way as to obscure entirely the light in that property's kitchen and the whole effect is claustrophobic.

It is not clear from the plans that the property in the application is a semi-detached property and that the layout of the two properties and the manner in which they are semi-detached is unusual. It is strongly recommended that the Case Officer pay another site visit and look at both the applicant's property and also the adjoining semi-detached property, the occupier of No. 4 has offered an invitation for the Officer to inspect the proposed site from inside his house.

Councillors ask that should the Officer still be minded to pass the application that it go before the Borough Planning Committee where Town Councillors will be pleased to attend and speak.

- b. **S/OUT/17/1684 RM** Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling, detached double garage and associated works – layout not reserved. Land to the rear of ‘Clovelly’, Eastrop, Highworth, SN6 7AT. Councillors recommend acceptance.
- c. **S/17/0592 IH** Demolition of double garage and erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works. Land adjacent to 11 Cricklade Road, Highworth. Councillors recommend acceptance but would like reassurance that due consideration will be given to the retention of the trees on the site and its proximity to the Conservation Area.
- d. **S/17/1744 IH** Demolition of majority of redundant barn and existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. dwellings. Land at and adjacent to ‘Somerset’, Hampton Lane, Hampton, SN6 7RL Councillors defer to the Officers. The arguments both for and against this application are entirely based on how it affects the Conservation area. Councillors believe that the Conservation Officer is more qualified to make the necessary decision.
- e. **S/HOU/17/1746 TOOC** Erection of a first floor side extension. 49 Kilda Road, Highworth, SN6 7HP. Councillors recommend acceptance.
- f. **S/HOU/17/17988SS** Erection of a two storey side/front extension. Two Views, Cherry Orchard, Highworth Swindon SN6 7AU. Councillors recommend acceptance and acknowledge that the applicant has amended the initial plans.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

64. None.

Meeting closed 8.10 pm