

CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

held on Monday 23rd July 2012

PRESENT Councillor Mrs P. R. Cherrill – Chairman (presiding)

Councillor	V.M. Abraham	Councillor	D.J. Lacey
"	A.K. Bacon	"	Mrs C. Littley
"	Miss R.K. Bhatti	"	Mrs C.M. Michael
"	N.L. Brown	"	Mrs A.M. Pirouet
"	M. Fayyaz	"	M.S. Shaw
"	T. Franks	"	C.H. Spruytenburg
"	Mrs R. Juett	"	P.W. Yerrell

Officer: K. Graves - Policy & Projects Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms J.E. Bramwell, P.J. Hudson, R.C. McCulloch and F.S. Wilson.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Pirouet declared non-pecuniary interests in planning application CH/12/0934/FA as a resident of the road concerned and in agenda item 4 as a Member of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee. Councillor Brown declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda items 4 and 9 as a Member of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee and Member of Buckinghamshire County Council, respectively.

21. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on Monday 2nd July 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Note: Councillor Abraham arrived at 7.32 pm and Councillor Brown at 7.34pm.

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered all planning applications received from Chiltern District Council since the last meeting of the Committee and made comments and observations thereon as set out on the attached schedule.

23. DECISION NOTICES

The Committee noted the Decision Notices received from Chiltern District Council since

the last meeting of the Committee as set out on the attached schedule.

24. **BIG ROUND GREEN**

The Committee considered a request from the Woodland Trust to vary the lease restriction for Big Round Green.

It was

RESOLVED

that the Committee agree to a variation on the current lease to permit an assignment or subletting of the current lease, subject to any legal fees incurred in arranging this being paid for by the Woodland Trust, and subject to the Council being satisfied that the community organisation concerned has the ability to manage the site in accordance with the objectives of the lease.

25. **LIAISON WITH HS2 LTD.**

The Committee considered the desirability of a bilateral meeting with HS2 Ltd. It was agreed that whilst the Council opposes HS2, it is important to hold a bilateral meeting, including the Chesham Society, to lobby for mitigation and the minimisation of the impacts of the scheme upon Chesham. Concern was expressed over the short notice given in order for Members to be able to attend the meeting scheduled for the 24th July 2012. However, it was noted that this Committee meeting was the first opportunity to agree Council representation and that the meeting on the 24th July was intended to be an initial discussion with a view to setting up more formal, in-depth consultation in September. Members also expressed the view that other interested local groups should be included in the consultation process after the initial meeting.

It was

RESOLVED

that Cllrs Abraham, Bacon, Miss Bhatti, Brown, Mrs Cherrill, Franks and Mrs Littley attend the bilateral meeting with HS2 Ltd.

26. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL DELIVERY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

The Committee considered what contribution the Council should make to the Delivery Development Plan Document. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party is likely to have considerable overlap with this topic and it was therefore agreed that the Members of this party should reconvene the Local Development Plan Working Party. Cllr Mrs Juett also expressed her interest in attending meetings of this working party.

It was

RESOLVED

that Cllrs Abraham, Bacon, Franks, Shaw and Spruytenburg, with Cllr Mrs Juett as a reserve, form the reconvened Local Development Plan Working Party to consider a response to the DDPD consultation.

27. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The items presented on the Information Sheet were received and noted.

Cllr Mrs Cherrill reported that the Town Clerk will be asking for a progress report from Transport for Bucks officers on the issues raised at their A416 Streetlights Switch-Off meeting held on the 4th July 2012. Cllr Bacon said that the potholes in the pavement required urgent attention as they are a hazard for cyclists. Cllr Mrs Littley urged that pedestrians need to be taken into consideration as this is the main walking route to Amersham. Cllr Mrs Pirouet said that the issue of the overhanging tree canopy has been on-going for some time and requires attention.

28. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

CHAIRMAN

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1) **CH/12/0840/FA** **Land at Jolly Sportsman Public House Eskdale Avenue Chesham** **TOWNSEND**

Description: Erection of detached dwelling.

The Committee raises its concern over the impact on no. 10 Eskdale Avenue, including lack of amenity light and being overlooked. The Committee is also concerned about the increased potential of flooding from surface water run-off from the development.

2) **CH/12/0888/VRC** **Matterhorn Capital D.C Chesham Sarl** **Site of Former 90 Asheridge Road Chesham** **ASHERIDGE VALE**

Description: Variation of condition 8 of planning permission CH/2011/0540/FA to allow verification report to be submitted prior to occupation of the development.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

3) **CH/12/0896/HB** **Botley House East Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Insertion of French doors, erection of access steps and internal alterations.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

4) **CH/12/0930/FA** **74 Severalls Avenue Chesham** **NEWTOWN**

Description: Erection of two front dormer windows.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

5) **CH/12/0934/FA** **48 Deansway Chesham** **ASHERIDGE VALE**

Description: Single storey front extension.

The Committee raises its concern that this development is out of keeping with the existing street scene.

6) **CH/12/0936/FA** **28 Lye Green Road Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Single story rear extension.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

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7)	CH/12/0940/FAE	3 Shepherds Way Chesham	WATERSIDE
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Description: Single storey rear extension (extension to time limit of planning permission CH/2009/0706/FA).

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

8)	CH/12/0946/FA	4 Prior Grove Chesham	TOWNSEND
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Description: Part two storey, part single storey side extension, raised driveway and associated retaining walling, and creation of vehicular access.

The Committee raises its concerns that the development is very bulky and will constitute over-development of this small site. The committee is also concerned on highway safety grounds in respect to the vehicular access.

9)	CH/12/0950/FA	3 West View Chesham	HILLTOP
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Description: Rear conservatory.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

10)	CH/12/0992/FA	6 Broadway Court 80-82 The Broadway Chesham	ST. MARY'S
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Description: Change of use of existing offices to children's tuition centre

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

11)	CH/12/1005/FA	140 Eskdale Avenue Chesham	TOWNSEND
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Description: Single storey rear extension.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

12)	CH/12/1008/FA	35 Fullers Close Chesham	ST. MARY'S
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Description: Erection of front porch, creation of new vehicular access and laying of additional hardstanding

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application subject to the surface being of a semi-permeable material and subject to obtaining the appropriate permissions for crossing the grass verge.

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13) **CH/12/1030/FA** **201 Great Hivings Chesham** **RIDGEWAY**

Description: Part two storey, part single storey, part first floor side/rear extension, roof extension, insertion of rooflights to front and rear roofslope, conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and alterations to fenestration.

The Committee recommends **REFUSAL** on the grounds of overdevelopment.

14) **CH/12/1033/FA** **S/O The Red Lion Public House Red Lion Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Erection of telecommunications cabinet (retrospective)

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

15) **CH/12/1097/KA** **99 Church Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Crown reduction of a cherry tree within a Conservation Area

The Committee defers to the view of its Tree Warden who recommends that the work be permitted, providing it is carried out outside the bird nesting season.
