

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

held on Monday 26th November 2012

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

Councillor	V. M. Abraham	Councillor	D. J. Lacey
"	A. K. Bacon	"	Mrs C. Littley
"	Mrs C. I. Boxer	"	R. C. McCulloch
"	N. L. Brown	"	Mrs A.M. Pirouet
"	T. Franks	"	M. W. Shaw
"	M. Fayyaz	"	C. H. Spruytenburg
"	P. J. Hudson	"	F. S. Wilson
"	Mrs R. Juett	"	P. W. Yerrell

Officer: W. Richards - Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss R. K. Bhatti and Mrs C. M. Michael.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Littley declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application CH/12/1681/FA as a friend of the applicant.

Councillors Brown and Mrs Pirouet declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 as Members of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee.

Councillor Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 as a Member of Buckinghamshire County Council.

Councillors Brown, Hudson, Lacey, Mrs Pirouet, Spruytenburg and Wilson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 as Members of Chiltern District Council.

66. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on Monday 5th November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

67. 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.

68. **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.

69. **PARKING REVIEW**

Following the request undertaken at the Development Control Committee on the 15th October 2012 that officers be instructed to begin discussions with Buckinghamshire County Council and possible consultants on the scope and costs of undertaking a parking review and bring this back to the next Committee, Members considered a proposal for Jacobs Ringway.

Members were largely of the view that the Council should proceed with such a review and make a bid to the Local Area Forum to fund the costs of around £10,000, though Councillor Bacon opined that it was likely this figure could be reduced by using volunteers.

Councillor Brown advised that parking was not a priority for the Local Area Forum and therefore Councillor Hudson proposed that the Council should offer up some financial support to show its commitment to this important matter for the town. After some debate it was agreed that £5,000 be committed for a match-funding bid.

It was further agreed that Councillors Bacon and Brown be co-opted onto the Highways Working Party to look in detail at the proposal and report back to the Committee on final recommendations for a bid to the LAF on the parking review, along with any other delegated budget bids the Committee may wish to consider. Councillor Mrs Pirouet suggested that, to add more weight to the review, it should also consider the matter of parking next to schools.

It was

RESOLVED

1. That the Committee agree to submit a Local Area Forum Devolved Budget bid along with £5,000 match-funding, subject to the final proposals being considered by the Highways Working Party and agreed by this Committee or full Council along with any other Delegated Budget bids.
2. That Councillors Bacon and Brown be co-opted on the Highways Working Party specifically to consider the parking review.

70. **RESPONSE TO CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT DELIVERY PLAN DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

The Committee was presented with the letter from the Planning Policy Officer at Chiltern

District Council following the submission of the Council's initial response to the current Development Delivery Plan Document (DDPD).

It was noted that scope existed to put in specific design requirements for the conservation area and details of small employment sites, so it was proposed and agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan working party be re-convened to make further representations. Councillor Bacon opined that it would be advantageous for all Members to submit unoccupied employment sites in their ward to the Clerk. Councillor Franks commented that the Council should be recommending refusal on many of the planning applications seeking to provide office space in light of the many unoccupied sites that currently exist.

Councillor Shaw advised that the Pond Park Community Association had, to date, not been consulted on the DDPD and it appeared that other community and residents' associations had not been consulted as well. Accordingly the Clerk was requested to remind the Planning Policy Officer of this fact.

Councillor Wilson reported that the Planning Policy Officer had been referring to the Chesham Community Vision in his liaison with the Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Councillor Wilson opined he did not feel that a document which was eight years old should have much bearing on a current strategic plan for the town.

It was also agreed that the Committee should respond to the government's current consultation on extending permitted development rights.

It was

RESOLVED

that the Committee instructs the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party to draft a response to the latest Chiltern District Council letter as presented and to draft a response to the Department of Communities and Local Government's consultation on extending permitted development rights to be considered at the next Committee meeting.

71. **APPEAL – 40 ADDISON ROAD AND LAND REAR OF 28-34 ADDISON ROAD, CHESHAM**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Committee make no further comments in respect of this Appeal.

72. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

CHAIRMAN

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1) **CH/12/1547/FA** **13 Barnes Avenue Chesham** **TOWNSEND**

Description: Single storey rear extension and extension of existing detached garage and garden terrace over, including widening of access

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

2) **CH/12/1572/FA** **Fairfax Securities Ltd** **43-45 High Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Change of use of ground floor coffee shop (Mixed Use of Classes A1/A3) and first floor residential flat to bank/building society (Use Class A2)

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

3) **CH/12/1632/TP** **6 Lycrome Lane Chesham** **NEWTOWN**

Description: Crown reduction of a lime tree and reduction of long side branches of three Douglas firs all protected by a Tree Preservation Order

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

4) **CH/12/1654/KA** **2 King Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Removal of a branch and reduction of a branch of a cypress within a Conservation Area

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

5) **CH/12/1661/TP** **30 Long Meadow Chesham** **VALE**

Description: Crown reduction of an oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order

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

6) **CH/12/1662/FA** **10 Rachels Way Chesham** **WATERSIDE**

Description: Single storey front and rear extensions

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

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7) **CH/12/1681/FA** **3 Chessbury Road Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Single storey rear extension

The Committee has no comments to make in respect to this application

8) **CH/12/1696/SA** **Hobbs Barn 61 Botley Road Chesham** **TOWNSEND**

Description: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to the conversion of integral garage into habitable accommodation and external alterations

The Committee has no comments to make in respect to this application

9) **CH/12/1705/TP** **4 Hivings Court Hivings Hill Chesham** **ASHERIDGE VALE**

Description: Crown reduction of a pine tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order

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

10) **CH/12/1737/FA** **28 Milton Road Chesham** **VALE**

Description: Single storey rear extension, new vehicular access and excavation of front garden to create parking area including laying of hardstanding and erection of retaining walls (amendment to planning permission CH/2012/1261/FA)

The Committee has no comments to make in respect to this application

11) **CH/12/1738/FA** **435 Waterside Chesham** **WATERSIDE**

Description: Front and rear dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion, front porch extension and insertiion of window in eastern elevation

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