

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE

held on 9 January 2023

Councillors:

Councillor Wilford Augustus	Councillor Umar Hayyat
Councillor Alan Bacon	Councillor Francis Holly
Councillor Qasar Chaudhry	Councillor Chasey Hood
Councillor Mohammad Fayyaz	Councillor Nick Southworth (Chair)

In attendance:

Kathryn Graves	Community, Economy & Environment Manager
Georgina Fernandez	Democratic Services Officer

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Baum and Councillor Booth.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest from Councillor Southworth was made for property PL/22/3972/FA, 272 Chartridge Lane, Ward of Lowndes.

A declaration of interest from Councillor Fayyaz was made for property PL/22/3864/FA, The Motoring Team House, Amersham Road, Ward of St Marys.

34. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2022 were approved.

35. ACTION TRACKER

This was noted and approved.

Councillor Southworth confirmed that after discussion with officers and a review of the planning documentation, that the schedule of planning meetings will continue i.e. monthly, to be reviewed at the end of February.

Councillor Bacon asked if application decisions were being forwarded to Buckinghamshire County Council after each meeting. The Democratic Services Officer confirmed that this was now being actioned as a matter of course.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members present made recommendations on the applications with comments to be submitted to the Planning Authority on behalf of the committee by the Democratic Services Officer (see Appendix 1).

Councillor Southworth removed himself from the room when application PL/22/3972/FA, 272 Chartridge Lane, Ward of Lowndes was discussed.

Councillor Fayyaz removed himself from the room when application PL/22/3864/FA, The Motoring Team House, Amersham Road, Ward of St Marys was discussed. Councillor Augustus and Councillor Chaudhry were of the view that local businesses should be supported where possible

with their applications. Councillor Chasey was of the view that the applicant should prove that the intended work would not have an adverse effect on local traffic. The Chair surmised that although the committee welcomes businesses trying to improve facilities, there are concerns on parking and the impact on the highway.

Planning Application PL/22/3926/FA, Asquith House: The Chair asked for it to be noted that the committee have no objection to development of a brownfield site, but felt that this application is not sensitive to the area in which it resides, nor the river and felt it to be overbearing.

37. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the decision notice received from Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting of the Committee. There were no comments.

38. CHESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP WORKING MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on 28 November 2022 were noted.

39. CHESHAM & DISTRICT TRANSPORT USER GROUP MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on 6 December 2022 were noted.

40. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) PROCESS AND POLICY

A report to approve a process and policy for managing Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts received by the council was presented by Kathryn Graves, the Community, Economy and Environment Manager.

The chair was of the view that it was good that monies were being ring fenced, going directly to improve specific projects. The report was well received and approved by the committee

RESOLVED:

- i) That the policy and process for CIL expenditure is approved**

41. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were noted:

140/141 To register land known as 'Stoke Hammond/Mount Peasant Village Green at Stoke Hammond, Buckinghamshire

The meeting closed at 8.45pm