

PLANNING CONSERVATION & TRANSPORT MEETING
Monday 6th April 2009
7.00 p.m. at Ockwells

Councillors present:

Cllr P Colmer – Chairman

Cllr B Atfield

Cllr Mrs M. Boulton

Cllr B Beasley

Cllr M. Dixon

Cllr Mrs G Chapman

Cllr D Tetlow

Cllrs Mrs L. Forrester

7 members of the public

At the start of the meeting the Chairman pointed out the notice regarding fire instructions on the entrance door.

Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public

MINUTES

09.001 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs A. Dentith; Cllr D Avenell

09.002 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda - None

09.003 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2009 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record with one amendment (apologies from Cllr D. Avenell were noted)

09.004 Planning applications received

a. & b. 09/00333/LBC & 09/00334/FUL

Mrs S Webb, Cricklade Town Council. Erect CCTV Camera on Corner of Building at Vale Hotel, High Street. As the applications were from Cricklade Town Council no comment was therefore appropriate. During a suspension of standing orders Mr R Jones expressed concern on behalf of the Business Association on the delay and unreasonable requests from planning officers. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that as the cameras now being suggested were not fit for purpose the application should be called in for consideration by Development Control North Committee. The subject would be on the Full Town Council meeting's agenda on 14th. April 2009 for discussion and that the Town Clerk, would obtain from the contractor a technical statement as to the inadequacy of the recommended camera.

c. 09/00291/TCA. Prior Park Educational Trust. Crown Reduction of Ash Tree at Manor House, Calcutt Street. It was resolved to SUPPORT this application subject to approval of Landscape Officer.
d. 09/00359/TCA Mrs J Saad-Al-Din, Fell One Lime Tree, Crown Reduce One Cherry Tree at 1 North Wall Cricklade. It was resolved to SUPPORT this application subject to approval of Landscape Officer.
e. 09/00299/LBC Mrs M Bone, 23 High Street, Cricklade Structural Work and Stone Repairs to Main House, Structural Work and Replacement of Doors to Coach House, Take down and Rebuild Sections of Boundary Garden Walls It was resolved to SUPPORT this application subject to approval of Landscape Officer and Conservation Officer. Landscape Officer approval was requested due to proximity of Walnut Tree in the garden of the property. This tree is one of a very few left in the High Street and has some historical significance. At least one other has a preservation order placed on it. It appears from plans that some drastic pruning of this tree is planned which in view of this particular species could be fatal if not undertaken at the correct time.
f. 09/00460/FUL Mrs Elizabeth Hancock, 14 Abingdon Court Farm. Replace Wood Windows and Doors with UPVC Windows and Doors. During a suspension of standing orders the applicant spoke in support of the application. One other member of the public also spoke in favour and asked if the Council would ensure that any future applications for replacement windows in this development are of the same standard and design as those being considered. The Chairman and other members supported this view, but could only offer support on a case by case basis. Following discussion It was resolved to SUPPORT this application subject to approval of Landscape Officer.

09.005 Planning decisions received from North Wiltshire District Council.

08/01713/S73A Mr Oliver Tanner, The Alternative Drum School, 105 High Street Change of Use from Office to Room for Teaching Drums, Band Rehearsal Room and Recording Studio Refused – CTC Objected
09/00070/ADV Boots the Chemist High Street. Display New Fascia Sign and Internally Illuminated Projecting Sign at Alliance Pharmacy, 100 High Street Refused – CTC Supported
8/02792/REM Mr J Stapleton, Glen-Pac (Southern) Ltd, The Forty Erection of Eleven Dwellings and New Access. Refused – CTC Objected
09/00102/FUL. W Risby Ltd, 4 Silver Street, Cirencester. Erection of Nine Dwellings Withdrawn – CTC Objected
09/00218/FUL. Mrs E Sherman, 8 Galley Orchard. Infill of Front Porch and Alterations to Roof of Rear Conservatory. Granted – CTC Supported
09/00108/COU. Mr M Austen, Chelworth Manor, Chelworth. Change of Use from Equine to Overflow Car park in Connection with Car/Van Sales. Withdrawn – CTC Objected.
09/00232/TCA. Mr S Aitken, Brook House, 17 High Street. Tree Surgery to 3 Cherries, 1 Damson, 1 Poplar & 14 Willow Trees. Granted – CTC Supported

09.006 Correspondence received and actions to take.

- a. **NWDC** – Enforcement Notice at Land at Seven Bridges Garage, Calcutt. This was noted.
- b. **NWDC** – New Development behind Lypiatt House, Chelworth Road – Following advice from Historical Society it was **RESOLVED** that the following suggestions be made The Lypiatts, Lypiatt Close, View, Fields in line with previous developments of this nature reflecting the

original name or owner of the area. The Assistant Town Clerk to advise and to explain reasons for the recommendation. Mr Morley was thanked for his research work.

- c. **A419 Gap Closures** – A letter of acknowledgement and support had been received from Michael Wills MP. A further response had been received that day from the Highways Agency and this had been copied to members. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to write to the Secretary of State for Transport and copy correspondence we have received expressing Cricklade Town Council's concerns at the content and manner in which this matter was being handled. This should be copied to Michael Wills MP and James Gray MP for their information. Water Eaton residents to be informed.
- d. **WCC & NWDC** —Two replies to the complaints made previously regarding changes to the Development Control Process from 1/4/09 were noted. It was **RESOLVED** that we would ensure that this matter was put before the first meeting of the Unitary Authority on 15th July 2009, but nothing further could be done at this moment.
- e. **HGVs in Cricklade** – A complaint from a resident had been made to Michael Wills MP and a reply from Cricklade Town Council was noted. Michael Wills had suggested that all candidates for any future General Election be asked for their views and what action they would take to support the removal of HGVs from Cricklade and the possibly of a Southern By-pass. It was **RESOLVED** to write to each North Wilts Constituency Party seeking a response. During a suspension of Standing Orders Mr C. Morley Cricklade Action Partnership advised that he had some figures that he would copy to the Council. However he had had problems obtaining this information from George Batten at Wilts County Council. Following further discussion regarding the increase in traffic it was **RESOLVED** to follow this up with Highways in the light of information received. It was also agreed to write to the complainant and explain what actions we have taken and to suggest that a local pressure group is formed to press for action as this was often more effective than Town Council pressure.
- f. **Temporary Closure of Bath Road at Vale Hotel by WCC Highways** – agreement had been given to open barrier during duration of the closure for residents, pedestrians and emergency vehicle use. This was noted.
- g. **Institute of Transport Administration** – invite to presentation on 28th April from Thamesdown Transport Ltd on future plans for in and around the Swindon area. No one was able to attend.
- h. **Planning Application 09/00074/FUL –Chicken Farm Malmesbury Road Leigh** At the last meeting of the Committee it was resolved to object to this application, subsequently a letter had been received from the applicant regarding comments submitted on 16th March 2009. A special resolution was signed by 5 members to allow for this item to be discussed again in accordance with standing orders 31a. During a suspension of standing orders the applicant spoke in support of the scheme. She referred to the additional information now provided and requested that the Town Council withdraw their objection. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr Atfield and seconded Cllr Forrester and carried that we write to Wiltshire Council and withdraw our previous objection in the light of the further information received subject to an assessment of the impact of the development on residents in the area and an adequate flood risk assessment and expressing our support for small business in the rural economy. This was **AGREED** unanimously.
- i. **Planning Application.** 23 Common Hill. This was a late agenda item as notification had only just been received that this application was due to go before Development Control Meeting on 8th April as Cllr Colmer could not attend. Cllr Chapman agreed to do so. Cllr Helen Dixon had offered to attend as our only Wilts Council representative and was to be briefed on the application. Assistant Town Clerk to contact Committee Clerk and to prepare brief for Helen Dixon.

09.007 Swindon Study Update – A LDF Working Party meeting was agreed for 14th April 2009 to consider comments for submission by 20 April 2009.

09.008 Cricklade Country Way – This application was previously discussed on 23rd February 2009

and a subsequent meeting with the Project Officer had clarified a number of areas of concern. However it was **RESOLVED** that as a partner in this project and whilst the Council continue to support the principle of establishing this canal and railway link they do have the following concerns about this application which need to be addressed.

Lack of facilities and space provided at the winding circle for moored boats and the occupants. Lack of toilet facilities etc for boat owners and visitors to the railway as well as ticketing facilities.

Insufficient car parking for visitors – although visitors are not expected to join the railway here inevitably some will. This we feel is a major shortcoming of the scheme as it will discourage visitors from the north and local visitors to use the facilities if an additional journey into Swindon is required.

Flooding – this is a major concern to the Council. The environmental statement does not adequately deal with this issue and makes a number of assumptions based on previous years when the water levels were much lower. Current water levels have resulted in a number of properties being flooded in this area and any alteration of existing watercourses that are a major part of the natural drainage system for much of the Town must be the subject of a full hydrological survey.

The Assistant Town Clerk was instructed to write accordingly and to copy Ken Oliver Project Manager into our observations.

09.009 Report on actions from the last meeting.

- (07.113) Traffic Calming Purton Road. Proposed changes have been agreed;
- (07.133) Implementation between August and November 2009 with High Street South
- (e) changes. Plans to be copied to us for information.

- 08.108 (e) Common Hill Traffic – Request made for details of latest traffic survey made 23/9/08. Ask for more information on enforcement. *Outstanding*

- 08.155 & High Street Car Park – Response sent to Lemon and Co and Partial payment of
- 08.212 £2k paid towards costs. Planning application resubmitted.

- 08.208 (e) Environment Agency Contact to give permission to access land. They have advised work to be completed 11-13.3.09. Contacted Richard Rumming 12/2/09 re NFU meeting awaiting call back. To be followed up via Working Party. **CLEARED**

- 08.221 West of Swindon Study Update - Response agreed at previous meeting submitted. Swindon Strategic Housing land Availability Consultation - LDF Working Party to meet and submit.
- 08.223 Cricklade Country Way – Confirm position in relation to application with Planning Officer and resubmit comments as appropriate. Assistant Town Clerk reported that he had spoken to the Planning Officer that day. The position had not changed and she was waiting for further information from the Project Leader. If there were major changes we would be asked to comment further. At the moment we have not officially commented we have simply copied her into our letter to the Project Leader. It was decided that the matter should be discussed with Cllr Tetlow as he is on the Project Board and agree a way forward. See agenda item

- 08.224 Pear Tree Farm Planning Appeal – Written submission previously agreed submitted 18.3.09 **CLEARED**

- 08.220 (c) Highways Agency. Reply to their letter sent outlining continued objections. Copied to Latton, Castle Eaton Parish Councils, MPs and Richard Freeth – see agenda

- 08220 (d) Planning Application 09/00074/FUL Comments submitted and copied to Leigh Parish Council and resident. **CLEARED**
- 08.222 Town Hall Car Park – Street light to be erected within next week. Bin to be provided. Contacted Legal Services who are processing minor boundary change.
- 08.225 Flooding Working Party meeting held 1st April 2009 **CLEARED**
- PQT Potholes – report potholes in High Street to Highways. **CLEARED**

09.010 Working Party updates.
These were noted.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm