

AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2010 at 7.29 pm

Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor C S Billingham),
Councillors C J Blunden, C O Cartmell, K Dixon, D Dunham,
T D Hayward (Vice Chairman), P Joyce and G Rhys

Apologies for absence: Councillors P J Broomfield, D Shaw and P M Titchener

511. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

512. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Finlayson, St Annes Close, drew Members attention to the poor state of the roads around the Town. He commented that if the work at the junction of Market Place/Bridge Street was an indication of the standard of workmanship, this left a lot to be desired.

513. STRENGTHENING MARKET TOWNS IN THE DISTRICT

A letter had been received from Jean Morgan, Chief Executive of South Northamptonshire Council, enclosing a report on the above. This report was considered by its Cabinet on 8th February 2010 and a copy was attached to the Agenda for consideration by Members.

Councillor Stimpson, through the Town Clerk, suggested that the Town Council forms a working party to discuss the paper and the proposals for possibly reinstating Brackley Vision or something similar and indicated that he wished to be part of this working party. Councillor Dunham asked if the money which had not been used by Brackley Vision was still available. The Town Mayor advised that South Northamptonshire had ring fenced £13,000 for two years and this had to be spent on Brackley. Councillor Hayward also felt that it was important that some form of Brackley Partnership be formed and agreed with the formation of a working party. Councillor Cartmell and Dunham also indicated their wish to form part of this working group and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

That an email be sent to all Councillors to enable them to indicate whether they wished to be part of the working party.

514. LAND SOUTH WEST OF FIELD VIEW, BRACKLEY

Information on application S09 1189 for land south west of Field View had been circulated to Members. Since this had been received, the application had been withdrawn. Councillor Dunham commented that the information received from South Northamptonshire Council was valuable as it gave some direction on what comments could be used when discussing planning applications.

515. TURWESTON PARISH COUNCIL

A copy of a letter from Turweston Parish Council to WYG was attached to the Agenda for the information of Members.

516. RADSTONE FIELDS DEVELOPMENT

Notes from the Town Clerk on the meeting held on 29th January 2010 by Framptons in connection with the above development were attached to the Agenda. Councillor Hayward advised that several Members had attended at some point and therefore most of the day had been covered. She also said that Brackley Town Council did not feature in the list of consultees. Councillor Cartmell commented that it would have been nice if the Town Council had been consulted about where the money could have been spent from the Burgess development. The Town Mayor responded and said that Mr Colwell had indicated that he would welcome the Town Council's thoughts and concerns. Members were also advised that Mr Paul Seckington was compiling a paper which would update the 106 Developer Contributions Document and he would perhaps be available to attend a meeting with the Town Council. Councillor Dunham said he had been interested to read that schools were not 'bulging at the seams' and asked if this was correct. The Town Mayor said there was capacity at Southfield and Brackenleas. Councillor Hayward expressed concern at the suggestion that the proposed new school would also cover the provision of a Community venue and the Town Mayor said it would be nice to see a multi-use area on the development which could perhaps be incorporated into a school and gave the example of the one at Caroline Chisolm School. Councillor Cartmell mentioned that more indoor sports facilities have been requested.

517. DIY POWER CREATORS

Further to Minute 463/10 a copy of an article had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda. Councillor Dunham asked if the District or County Councils had a policy in respect of solar panel or wind turbines. He indicated that with the financial incentives available these might be of interest to businesses and individuals. It was

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to South Northamptonshire Council to ascertain if there are any planning policy guidelines and whether there are any government grants available.

518. PLANNING MEETING AT SNC

Members were advised that an invitation had been issued from Mr Steven Shuttleworth, Director of Service Delivery at South Northamptonshire Council to attend a presentation on the interim Rural Housing Policy on Thursday 4th March 2010 at 6 pm in the Council Chamber. It was

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518. PLANNING MEETING AT SNC Cont'd.....

RESOLVED:

That the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillors Cartmell and Dixon attend the meeting on Thursday 4th March 2010.

519. WYG CONSULTANTS MEETING

Members were advised that there is to be a meeting with WYG Consultants on Thursday 11th March 2010 at 6 pm to discuss the progress of the Masterplan. The Town Mayor asked for her apologies to be tendered for this Meeting. Members noted.

520. WESTMINSTER RISE, BUCKINGHAM ROAD

Members were advised that there is to be a site meeting for application S10 0096FUL, Westminster Rise on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 on site. Councillor Joyce indicated he would attend.

521. EXTENSION OF SPEED LIMIT ON HALSE ROAD

Reference Minute 362/09, notification has been received from Ms Howard that the limit was requested due to slow moving traffic which enters Brackley Grange and was also requested and supported by Councillor Sawbridge. Members noted.

522. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Cont'd.....

APPN. NO.		
S10 0122 FUL	26 High Street	Change of use from retain (A1) to taxi business (sui generis) (part retrospective). Decision: STRONG OBJECTION at the loss of another retail unit, very restricted parking in this area and although another taxi company is needed in the Town this is not the right site.
S10 0124FUL	126 Halse Road	Conservatory to rear. Decision: A question was raised whether this was a conservatory or whether it was an extension.
S10 0128FUL	22 Beaumont Crescent	Rear dormer and two front roof lights. Decision: Not in keep with the surrounding properties and a query was raised as to whether there would be sufficient head room.
S10 0162FUL	98 Manor Road	Single storey rear extension. Decision: No observations

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S10 0164FUL	31 Burwell Hill	Single storey extensions to front and rear. Two storey extensions to side and rear. Decision: No observations
S10 0165FUL	30 Robin Ride	Garage conversion to form utility and study. Decision: Loss of a parking space
S10 0176FUL	4 Faugere Close	Replace existing garage with single storey side extension. Decision: An assurance is sought that there is still sufficient space for 1.5 parking spaces.
S10 0192FUL	6 Somerville Road	Single storey rear extension. Decision: No observations
WITHDRAWN		
S09 1189MAO	Land south west of Field View	Residential development for 70 houses (outline)

523. INFORMATION REPORT

a) Parish Enhancement Gangs

A letter had been received from Mr L Plant at Northamptonshire County Council and this was attached to the Agenda. It was

RESOLVED:

That the letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr M Cook for his work as Highways representative.

b) Information regarding Road Maintenance

An email to Councillor Sawbridge from the Highways Maintenance Manager was attached to the Agenda. Councillor Joyce said the repairs in Halse Road had been a waste of time and money, Councillor Cartmell echoed these comments in respect of Shires Road and Martial Daire Boulevard was also mentioned in the list of bad repairs. The Town Mayor said that the road surface of the High Street from the Post Office to Boots was poor. Members asked that these comments be passed to County Council.

c) Review of Parking Restrictions South Northants 2010/11

A letter from Mr N Patel, Parking Manager at Northamptonshire County Council was attached to the Agenda. Members said that the white lines at Cross Keys Court were still in place and the problems at Malthouse Yard were still there after three years. Complaints had been received from residents of Thomas Crewe Close and Burwell Hill/Bridgewater Road that both these junctions regularly had vehicles obstructing these areas. The Town Mayor commented that there was no money to pay for the orders for the necessary parking restrictions so there did not seem much point in forwarding locations for consideration.

d) NCC Weight Restriction Boards

Members were advised that 7.5t restriction boards are to be delivered for use around the town for one month to highlight the existence of this restriction on some of the roads.

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523. INFORMATION REPORT Cont'd.....

e) South Northants Economic Development Strategy

A letter was attached to the Agenda. Members noted.

f) NCC Creating Sustainable Communities

A letter was attached to the Agenda. The supporting document had been emailed to Members but a hard copy could be made available if any Member requested this. The Town Mayor commented that this was a self-serving document to ensure that all the County Council opportunities were covered.

524. ROAD CLOSURES

A number of road closures which the Town Council required for the year had been applied for from South Northamptonshire Council. A response had been received requesting further information, ie. Risk assessments, management plans including method statements and public liability insurance. As Councillor Shaw was the only person qualified in this field, the documents required would have to be supplied by him. Members noted.

Meeting closed at 8.33 pm

Chairman