

AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010 at 7.32 pm

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

Apologies: None

24. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Billingham proposed Councillor Dixon as Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor Dunham. It was therefore

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Dixon be elected Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

25. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Dunham proposed Councillor Billingham as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Councillor Hayward. It was therefore

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Billingham be elected Vice Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

The Town Mayor left the Meeting

26. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

27 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

28. HS2 ACTION ALLIANCE

Various information had been circulated to Members at the Meeting but nothing further was added to the discussion outlined in Minute 23/10.

29. MEMBERS REPORTS

Planning comments – Councillor Dunham

A list of observations and potential courses of action was circulated to Members at the Meeting. Councillor Dunham expanded on the report and said he felt that all Members of the Committee should make extra effort to look at applications on the agenda prior to

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a meeting or get information on-line. He also suggested that some Members may wish to specialize in certain areas. Members were not aware of all planning regulations and policies and therefore the often stated comments that 'South Northamptonshire Council do not take any notice of the Town Council's comments', is not the case, as quite often the comments submitted are not valid.

Councillor Dunham pointed out that there may be an opportunity for an officer from South Northamptonshire Council to give Councillors some training and answer questions from Members regarding some of the bigger applications which are to appear shortly. The Clerk gave further details with a request for guidance on what type of training was required. Councillor Hayward asked if part of the training could include how to use the website. Councillor Dunham said he would put together a guide on this.

Councillor Bonner-Dunham said she had attended some Section 106 training recently which had been phenomenal and she suggested the Council use the person who took this course for future training. She also said it was free to Councils. Councillor Rhys suggested that the training be practical and that possibly an application could be brought along to discuss. Councillor Billingham said it would be useful if the planning officer brought an application which had been discussed by the officers at District Council and submitted to the development control committee.

30. ROAD CLOSURE –SOAP BOX DERBY

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Soap Box Derby is to be held in June and the office would be sending letters to residents on the High Street on 24th May 2010 to inform them of the road closure and signed would also be placed in the Town.

The Town Clerk asked for confirmation from either Councillor Dixon or Shaw that they would be undertaking the road closure and that a risk assessment would be drawn up before the event. This was confirmed by them both.

31. BRACKLEY BUZZER

Further to Minute 564/10, Members were updated with the situation regarding the complaints about the Brackley Buzzer. Complaints are still coming in. County Council is monitoring the service and further information is awaited.

32. BUCKINGHAM ROAD

Members were advised that County Council is proposing to introduce a 30mph speed restriction along Buckingham Road from St Rumbold's Court to the A43 roundabout. Councillor Billingham requested that County Council be asked what criterion there had been to introduce this, whether there had been significant traffic movement changes to warrant this and also who was funding it. It was therefore

32. BUCKINGHAM ROAD Cont'd.....

RESOLVED:

That County Council be advised that there was no objection in principle to the 30mph speed limit along Buckingham Road but questions raised as to what criterion had been used to warrant this and who was funding the work.

33. SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Members were updated with the decision of Southfield School regarding the proposed SCP changes. Councillors Grant and Sawbridge had been advised of the decision and a meeting is being arranged. Councillor Dunham said it was important to report the decision through to County Council and commented that a further meeting could delay the work. Councillor Cartmell said that it has been suggested by Councillor Sawbridge that a further meeting be arranged or that the school could give their views in writing. It was now obvious that the school wanted the crossing on the west side of Manor Road and in fact it did not support any other location unless Manor Road had additional safety measures implemented. It was

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council support the decision of Southfield School and that a letter be sent to County Council to this effect with copies to Councillors Sawbridge and Grant.

34. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

APPN. NO.		
S10 0351 FUL	8 Spiers Drive	Two storey side extension. Two storey and single storey rear extensions. Decision: No observations
S10 0370LDP	56 Banbury Road	Single storey side extension. Decision: No observations
S10 0379FUL	Crinkle Hill, Manor Road	Detached dwelling. Decision: No observations
S10 0381FUL	68 Banbury Road	Replacement dwelling. Decision: No observations
S10 0382FUL	27 St Peters Road	Detached dwelling to rear. Decision: Overdevelopment and possibly out of keeping with area. No vehicular access and the application includes a footpath which belongs to County Council and other residences
S10 0399FUL	22 Beaumont Crescent	Two roof lights to front and rear. Decision: No observations

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S10 0415FUL	Rumours, Banbury Road	Change of use from Snooker and Pool Members club to Public House. Decision: No observations
S10 0432FUL	9 Wodhams Drive	Conversion of existing garage to study. New garage to side. Decision: No observations
S10 0457FUL	94 Halse Road	Detached dwelling. Decision: No objection providing it does not compromise the provision of off-street parking.

35. INFORMATION REPORT

a) SNC Pre-Application Service

Councillor Dunham commented that this was a useful document and worth a look on the website. Councillor Billingham said that these charges had been brought in because SNC had always had numerous requests for advice and guidance but these had become more complex over the years and took a considerable amount of the officers' time.

b) NCC You Choose

Documents obtained as requested at a previous meeting.

c) NCC Self Purchase Vehicle Activated Sign Schemes

Discussion ensued on whether it was worthwhile obtaining a licence for future use but this was dependent on cost and how long the licence was valid for. Several Members agreed that the signs were effective and did slow down traffic but it was generally felt that the Town Council should not have to purchase them. After much discussion it was

RESOLVED:

Not to proceed further

d) South Northamptonshire Economic Development Strategy 2010-2014

Councillor Bonner-Dunham said she had been trying to get a copy of this document since 4th May and had finally received one. She had been at a meeting recently where this was being discussed and she was embarrassed that as a Town Councillor she did not have a copy. Councillor Billingham said that a draft copy had been circulated some time ago for Members views and a copy of the responses could be made available. She suggested that South Northamptonshire Council be asked to advise the office of an electronic link which could be used to access this document. Councillor Cartmell felt that Councillor Bonner-Dunham had a point and SNC should recognize that the Town Councillors should have a copy.

36. MASTERPLAN

Members were advised that Daniel Hodgkiss would like to bring some boards into Brackley for six weeks for a consultation on the Masterplan. It had been suggested that these could be displayed at the Town Hall over a weekend but it would not be possible for the full six week period because of the usage of the Town Hall. A suggestion had been made that these could also be on display at the SNC offices at Burgess Square.

Councillor Billingham suggested asking SNC if 2 Bridge Street could be used.

37. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

A letter showing the proposed amendments to the Statutory River Map within the Brackley boundary was circulated to Members.

Members were informed that the Environment Agency is also getting nearer with the proposals for the work at Mill Lane.

38. MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

Members were advised that an email had been received from County Council regarding road repairs to the High Street prior to the Motorcycling event. It stated that whilst some of the repairs will be undertaken which fall within the requirements for repair as part of a safety inspection regime, unfortunately this would not take in all the areas. Councillor Grant had agreed to contribute £1,500 towards the repairs and the Town Council was asked if it could contribute towards the scheme. Members were not in favour of making any contribution.

39. WEBSITE

Members were asked to look at their entries on the website and advise the office if they wished anything changed.

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Chairman