

AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE
OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL,
BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2007 at 7.47 pm

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

In attendance: Councillors K D Bonner-Dunham, C O Cartmell and J Hawkins

107. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

108. ROAD CLOSURES

Notification had been received of road closures for Turweston Road, Charterhouse Close and Slip Road, High Street, details of which were included in the Report. Members noted.

109. EMERGENCY CALL-OUT SCHEME

A copy of the updated Emergency Call out Scheme had been circulated to Members.

Councillor Billingham suggested that details for Fox FM, Radio Oxford and Touch FM radio stations be included in item c) and also that a supply of dried milk be kept at the Town Hall. The Town Mayor commented that all the keyholders listed did not live in the Town and that if the Deputy Town Clerk, who was the nearest, was not available it could take some time for the others to get to the Town. It was therefore suggested that Mr N Wiles, the designated premises supervisor, be asked if he would be willing to be listed as an alternative. The Town Clerk also suggested the Town Mayor of the time could hold a key.

It was

RESOLVED:

To accept the updated Emergency Call Out Scheme with the amendments listed above.

110. SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGIC HOUSING TEAM

Reference Minute 26/07, Members were advised that Miss Brooks had indicated that she would be available to attend the Town Hall on Monday 6th August at 6 pm for a working party discussion on affordable housing in Brackley. It was

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110. SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGIC HOUSING TEAM Cont'd....

RESOLVED:

That the Town Mayor, Councillors Blunden, Dunham and Shaw form the working party and that they attend the Meeting on Monday 6th August 2007 to discuss affordable housing.

111. AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR SOUTH NORTHANTS

An invitation had been issued to Councillors to attend a presentation on the above. The Town Mayor said he would be attending and felt that it was important that as many Members as possible should attend. It was

RESOLVED:

That the Town Mayor, Councillors Billingham, Bonner-Dunham, Cartmell, Dixon, Hawkins, Joyce, Rhys and Shaw attend the presentation.

112. CAR PARKING

Members were advised that the principle of the changes which the Town Council had requested to the lines and waiting times in the Town centre would not be included in the schedule for implementation on Sunday 5th August 2007 due to timing constraints. The scheme therefore would be based on the current lines and signs, outlined in the report. These are being reviewed to see if they need repainting. The amendments would follow in due course. Members asked if any indication had been given about the timescale for this.

Councillor Billingham commented that there had been a meeting scheduled with John Trimble for April which never happened. Comment was made that the public would be taking note of the signs and these were not what the Town Council wanted and it would be unfair to enforce the restrictions in the short term when there were no long term parking facilities available.

After much discussion it was

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112. CAR PARKING Cont'd.....

RESOLVED:

That a recorded delivery letter be sent to County Council, with copies to Councillors Grant and Sawbridge, asking that the parking restrictions are given exemptions to NCP patrols until the amendments have been completed.

Councillor Hayward asked if there had been any progress made on the provision of long stay parking for people working in the Town. Councillor Billingham said that there would be long stay parking available along the High Street from Buckingham Road to Jarvis Court. Councillor Hayward said she considered this a long way for some of the elderly people. She asked whether there was any news on the availability of parking at the football club and was advised that it would have to apply for change of use with their current planning application and they are waiting for approval from South Northamptonshire Council. Lighting would have to be looked into and also whether County Council would allow public parking on a private car park.

Councillor Hayward asked whether the Co-op could be approached for some long term parking. Councillor Titchener supported this suggestion. Councillor Bonner-Dunham disagreed with this as people were now able to park and shop at the Co-op. Councillor Titchener suggested that only the outer perimeters needed to be used as the whole car park was not used during the day.

Councillor Dixon suggested the area to the rear of the Bell Tower had a car park which might be used.

After much discussion it was

RESOLVED:

That letters be sent to the Co-op and the owner of the area to the rear of the Bell Tower asking about the use of the areas for possible long stay parking

113. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WHOLE VILLAGE/WARD SCHEMES 2007/08

A copy of a letter from the Head of Transport Projects was attached to the Agenda. Members were advised that the removal of the chicane at the bottom of Pavillons Way had been suggested as a scheme, but matched funding was needed. Councillor

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113. NCC WHOLE VILLAGE/WARD SCHEMES 2007/08 Cont'd....

Cartmell said this was the responsibility of County Council and he did not feel the Town Council should have to contribute. He also felt the removal was unnecessary as all that was required was to change the priority and if the chicane was taken away, this would have to be replaced by some other form of traffic calming. Councillor Billingham commented that County Council were satisfied with the chicane and did not want to remove it. It would therefore be unlikely to pay for the work but she agreed that changing the priority would resolve 85% of the problem.

It was

RESOLVED:

That a request be made for a change of priority

114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications were discussed and it was

RESOLVED:

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| S070672P | 39 Banbury Road | Proposed ground & first floor extension to rear of property to include living room, bedroom and en suite. Decision: No observations |
| S070684P
S070685LB | Winchester House School
44 High Street | CCTV cameras at three locations on the school building (retrospective). Decision: Cameras were totally out of keeping with a Listed Building. Comment was made that there were other less intrusive cameras |
| S070696P
S070697LB | 10 Market Place | Extension and alterations to the rear to form two retail units and two studio flats over. Works to include new shop front, recovering slate roof, replacement windows, new opening and archway to front elevation Decision: No objections. Councillors welcomed that at last a planning application had been received. |

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114. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Cont'd....

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| S070715P | 11 Westminster Croft | Two storey extension to side, single storey extension to front, first floor extension to rear and pitched roof to existing garage
Decision: No observations |
| S070717P | 8 St Peters Road | Two storey extension at rear and front porch
Decision: No observations |
| S070725P | 22 Wordsworth Close | Single storey extension to rear. Decision: No observations |
| S070729P | 89 Martial Daire Boulevard | Conversion of detached dwelling into semi-detached dwellings. Decision: Overdevelopment and insufficient parking |
| S070748PCC | Magdalen College School
St Johns Site, High Street | Installation of a double mobile classroom unit. Decision: The Town Council feel that the school is continually extending by means of mobile classrooms and that at some point County Council has to make the decision to build another school in the Town. |
| S070751P | Land at Fox Lane | 10 No.1 bedroomed flats, formation of new access and associated parking, bin store and cycle store. Decision: OBJECTION on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, not in keeping with surrounding houses, insufficient parking and dangerous access and egress with additional traffic which is generated with this development. Concern is also expressed about the sewers in the area which are already struggling to cope. |
| S070754P | 51 Kingfisher Road | Single storey rear extension. Decision: No observations |
| S070768P | 5 Bannerman Drive | First floor side extension. Decision: No observations |

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S070824PO	Brackley Sawmills Northampton Road	Demolition of existing buildings and development of a business park comprising uses within classes B1, B2 and trade counter/trade park, new roundabout access, internal roads, alteration to public highway, structural landscaping and open space. Decision: No observations
S070833P	43 John Clare Close	Single storey rear extension. Decision: No observations
S070846P	11 Edgewood	Felling of two Laurels, two Cypress, three pines, one Thorn and 15% canopy reduction and removal of deadwood to Ash. Decision: Work to be agreed and supervised by Tree Officer.
S07 0862P	Brackley Sewage Westminster Road	17.5m high replacement mast and the installation of 6 no. antennas. Decision: No observations
S070874P	10 Westminster Croft	Extension to provide annexe accommodation (renewal of permission S021657P). Decision: No observations
<u>Amendments</u>		
S070316P	4 Glebe Drive	Two storey side extension and fencing to side. Nature of amendment: Inclusion of existing conservatory on plans. Decision: No observations
S070546P	Brackley Grange Halse Rd	Change of use of farm buildings to light industrial/office/research (B1) with parking area. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
S070668P	1 Church View	Two storey extension at side. Nature of amendment: Reduced scale of first floor element of extension (single storey footprint remains the same). Decision: No observations

115. INFORMATION REPORT

An Information Report was attached to the Agenda, which covered the following items:

a) Planning Consents and Refusals

b) Highways Reps Meeting Report

Members asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Bailey

Reference the matter concerning the shielding of street lights, Councillor Cartmell said some form of shielding had been undertaken on a light in Flora Thompson Drive and Councillor Joyce said that shields had been fitted to some lamps in Halse Road. It was also suggested that Mr Bailey be shown a map of the Town indicating where all the street lights belonging to the Town Council were located.

It was

RESOLVED:

a) To thank Mr Bailey for his report

b) To pass on the information to Mr Bailey regarding shielding of street lamps and also to advise where the Town Councils' street lights were located.

116. BUS SERVICES

Notification had been received from County Council that Service 88 might be stopped. A review is to take place because it attracts relatively little use. Members noted.

117. PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL FORUM

Members were advised that the above forum was to take place on Monday 16th July 2007. Councillors Blunden, Bonner-Dunham, Dixon, Hawkins, Hayward and Titchener indicated they wished to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Chairman