

AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE
OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL,
BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2007 at 7.42 pm

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

In attendance: Councillors C O Cartmell and J Hawkins.

310. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Town Mayor declared a pecuniary interest in the amendment to Planning Application S071130P and said he would leave the room if the item was discussed and Councillor Titchener in Planning Application S071443P.

311. STRATEGIC HOUSING

The notes from the SNC Affordable Housing Team were sent out with the Agenda. Councillor Blunden commented that it was strongly suggested to South Northamptonshire Council that the land at Faugere Close would be an ideal site for affordable housing. The matter is ongoing and the sub-committee will be aiding SNC by marking on a plan possible sites and SNC were going to send out a questionnaire once the contents had been agreed by the group.

312. THE GROWTH AGENDA AND BRACKLEY AREA ACTION PLAN

Several Members had attended the meeting at SNC Council Chamber. The Chairman said it had been an interesting meeting and there had been a well run brain storming session. He hoped that notice would be taken on Members views so that a master plan could be drawn up and there would be more consultation in the Spring. Members noted.

313. UNADOPTED AREAS IN BRACKLEY

A letter had been received from Taylor Woodrow concerning adoption of certain areas and a copy of this was attached to the Agenda.

The Town Clerk reported that she had been unable to get all parties concerned together but she had received an email from David Wilson Homes Ltd, which she read to Members at the Meeting. Matters were moving forward slowly.

Councillor Billingham suggested that a letter be sent to Richard Fox, Head of Planning and Leisure at South Northamptonshire Council, to ask if there was a policy or responsible body for getting works like this completed and signed off within a reasonable time after a developer had left the area. She felt that this needed to be addressed and suggested a period of 6/12 months. It was therefore

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313. UNADOPTED AREAS IN BRACKLEY Cont'd.....

RESOLVED:

That a letter be sent to Richard Fox, Head of Planning and Leisure at South Northamptonshire Council, requesting the best way forward to address the problems of adoptions.

314. A BOARDS

A report and photographs were circulated at the Meeting by Councillor Cartmell regarding the number of A Boards on the footpaths that stretched the length of the High Street from St James Road right through the town as far as the Sawmills and he said the number of A boards on the Buckingham Road looked an absolute mess. He apologised for the shortness of time Members had to view the information. The Town Mayor agreed with the comments and said that the signs on the Buckingham Road obscured road signs in places. Councillor Billingham said that if the signs were placed adjacent to the frontage of a building these were not a problem but those placed on the kerbside were, and she felt the best course of action would be to write to every business listed in Councillor Cartmell's report enclosing a copy of the regulations for A boards, with a copy to County Council, respectfully suggesting that they limit the A boards to the area adjacent to their property.

Comment was made that Market House Courtyard had a list of shops on a display board at the entrance to the shops and it was suggested that other areas like Banbury Road may wish to do something similar. The Town Clerk advised Members that County Council representatives visited the Town every week.

Councillor Joyce said that A boards on the kerbside caused problems to partially sighted people and the footpaths were for people and the boards should be removed. Councillor Dunham commented that he had some sympathy for the shops which were hidden but they generally removed their boards in the evenings.

After much discussion it was

RESOLVED:

- 1) That letters are sent to all businesses enclosing a copy of the rules regarding A boards and advising that County Council have the power to remove these.
- 2) That a letter be sent to County Council asking them to visit offenders after a period of four weeks.

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315. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications were discussed and it was

RESOLVED:

S071409	9 Swift Way	Two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Decision: No observations
S071414P	Land at 14 Old Town	Pair of semi detached two storey cottages. Decision: Overdevelopment of the site, difficult access and egress
S071433P	9 Old Town	Single storey extension to side and rear. Decision: No observations
S071437P	Land to rear of 67-69 Banbury Road	Six terraced houses, five two bedrooms, one three bedrooms. Decision: Overdevelopment of the site, access and egress problems on to Banbury Road – Fox Lane already past saturation point
S071443P	72 Banbury Road	Amendments to application S031009P comprising straight flight staircase, alterations to window/door arrangements alternative screening to balcony and extension to patio to form a deck and steps to garden. Decision: No observations
S071456P	Unit 1 St Davids Court Top Station Road	Relaxation of conditions relating to maximum floor space and openings for ventilation/heating Ref S061270P Decision: No observations
S071459PE	Land adj Manor Farm	Electricity Line. Decision: No observations
S071469P	8 Soudan Avenue	Rear conservatory. Decision: No observations
S071485P	12 Heron Drive	Conversion of garage to kitchen/storage space. Decision: No observations

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315. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Cont'd.....

S071493P	57 Glebe Drive	Two storey side extension. Decision No observations
S071497P	28 Blackbird Close	Conversion of garage to habitable room. Decision: Loss of garage and car space
02UKLtd	Winchester House School Manor Road	Further apparatus in connection with existing telecommunications facility (National Grid Wireless). Decision No observations

Amendments

S071272P	36 Martial Daire Boulevard	Conversion of garage to living accommodation first floor side extension, two storey side extension and rear conservatory. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
S071317P	6 Church Road	Demolition of existing bungalow and Erection of three dwellings. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
S071071P	26 Wordsworth Close	Single storey extension & alterations to Extend study & WC. Nature of Amendment: Change to roof material. Decision: No observations

Reference Application S071130, 2 Buckingham Road, Members were informed that there would be a site meeting on Tuesday 4th December at 9.10 am.

316. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT PLANNING UNIT

Notification had been received from the Joint Planning Unit Manager that a workshop will be held on Thursday 24th January 2008 6.30 to 9 pm at the Daventry District Council Council Chamber.

317. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from this Meeting during the discussion on matters relating to car parking as publicity would be prejudicial to the public by nature of the business to be transacted.

318. CAR PARKING

Further to Minute 275/07, Members were updated with the possible car parking which could be made available for public use at the Football Club premises and the times these could be in use. It was

RESOLVED:

To postpone any decision for six months

319. PARKING IN CHURCHILL WAY

Councillor Cartmell said that since the last Meeting observations had been carried out on the parking in Churchill Way and he advised that not all the parking space available down to the Football Club was fully used. He reiterated his point that until all this had been used, he did not feel that people would go further away from the Town Centre and use the Football Club car park.

320. EX BURGESS SITE

Councillor Cartmell advised Members that he had heard that the properties in this new development did not have allocated car parking spaces but that these could be bought for £5,000. Councillor Billingham suggested that a letter be sent to Richard Fox, Richard Amor and Polly Chacon asking for clarification on this matter as this was not made clear when the planning application was submitted.

321. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Chairman wished Members and staff a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and happy New Year.

Meeting closed at 8.21 pm

Chairman