

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Offices, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton on Monday 9 January 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr R D Sherriff (Chairman)
Cllr M C Hilliar (Town Mayor)
Cllr R J Doorbar
Cllr Mrs L D Evans
Cllr A J Harris
Cllr R A Harris
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: One member of the public

22.325 Public Speaking Time

A resident said she and her neighbours were concerned about suggestions in the draft East Devon Local Plan for the building of 50 homes on land between Knowle Road and Bedlands Lane.

The Chairman explained that the Local plan consultation was in its early stages and this Council had opposed this proposal. The Clerk would send a copy of the Council's response to the resident.

22.326 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from the Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr D J Hayward, Cllr A F Chaplin, Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt, Cllr D Tate and District Cllr A J Dent.

22.327 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

No interests were declared.

22.328 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 December 2022 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

22.329 Planning Application – Delegated Powers

The decision made under Delegated Powers was noted:

Application No: 22/2638/FUL
Location: 22 Copp Hill Lane, EX9 6DZ
Proposal: Construction of a greenhouse to the front
Letters Received: None at the time the observations were made
Observations: This Council supports the application

22.330 Planning Application

Application No: 22/2777/FUL
Location: 2a Swains Road, EX9 6HZ
Proposal: Side extension to form front garage
Letters Received: None at the time the observations were made
Observations: This Council supports the application

22.331 East Devon District Council: Planning Decisions – Approvals

Application No: 21/0149/TCA
Location: 5a Cliff Terrace, EX9 6JY
Proposal: G1: group of two sycamores – reduce height by up to 2 metres from 10 metres to leave a finished height of 8 metres. Thin crowns by 10 % restricting cuts to 65 mm.
T2: sycamore – fell. The tree has an extensive area of dysfunction and decay at the base. Removing this tree would give more room to the two Macrocarpas
T3: sycamore – reduction via thinning. The tree is approximately 8 metres to leave a finished height of 6 metres

Application No: 22/0864/FUL
Location: The Creamery, 34 Fore Street, EX9 6NH
Proposal: Conversion of 34 and 34a Fore Street to a single 5 x bed dwelling with a single storey rear extension and reduction of stone wall, installation of passenger lift and alterations to fenestration

Application No: 22/1195/PDG
Location: 14 Fore Street, EX9 6NG
Proposal: Prior notification application for conversion of existing offices to a 3 x bed maisonette

Application No: 22/2236/VAR
Location: 25 Northview Road, EX9 6DD
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 22/1065/FUL (Demolition of single garage and store, construction of replacement garage with leisure facility above and associated landscaping) to remove eucalyptus tree and replace it with more suitable species

Application No: 22/2511/FUL
Location: 6 Stoneborough Lane, EX9 6HL
Proposal: Two storey side/rear extension

Application No: 22/2526/FUL
Location: 16 Granary Lane, EX9 6JD
Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension with rooflight

22.332 Any other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- The Chairman, Cllr R D Sherriff updated Members on the Lower Otter Restoration Project. He said that the reason a large portion of the Lime Kiln has been closed off was to allow South West Water and Kier to drill for a storm water drain along north side of the spit and under Otter Head. The area would be used for the storage of pipes which will be installed shortly. It was hoped the work would be done before spring.
- Cllr Sherriff then advised that the work at Otter Head was to create an inspection pit and cover to enable easy access in the future. The road which had been installed was temporary and had not gone over the Roman villa; an archaeologist was on site to keep an eye on progress. It was hoped that this work would be completed by Easter.
Cllr Mrs M P Lewis asked how certain was it that the work would be finished by Easter as the town would not want to lose vital parking during the start of the season.
Cllr Sherriff advised that the liaison officer from Kier had spoken to local businesses, explaining that the work had been affected by poor weather.

Cllr Mrs Lewis said that pressure needed to be kept up on Kier.
Cllr A L Jones said it was good to hear that the car park would be clear soon. He had been concerned when he had seen the excavation work and hoped it would not interfere with the storage pit already under the car park, installed as part of the Clean Sweep project.

Cllr Sherriff also added that the car park would be relined once work was concluded.

- Cllr R J Doorbar asked if regular reports were received from Kier and was there someone who could come and speak to the Town Council. Cllr Sherriff confirmed that he and District Cllr T D Wright were on the Stakeholder Group and would pass on any important information to Councillors. However, there was a liaison officer and information on the LORP website. Cllr Doorbar said that there needed to be other methods of finding out information, rather than websites, for the more elderly residents of the town. It was good there was someone available to respond to any grumbles which might seem minor but if not answered tended to lead to more major complaints.
- Cllr Doorbar then asked what was happening at the Longboat Café where the covered area seemed to have encroached into the Shelter. Mrs J E Vanstone explained that an enforcement notice had been issued to the person running the café requesting that the covered area be removed as it was in breach of planning rules.
- Cllr R A Harris advised that there would be disruption throughout the town as Wales & West renewed the gas pipes in the town.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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Chairman

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Date