

Honiton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on Tuesday, 23rd May 2017 at 7.00pm.

Members present

St Michael's Ward
Cllr Jill McNally
Cllr John Zarczynski

St Paul's Ward
Cllr Roy Coombs (Chairman)
Cllr Terry Darrant
Cllr Vera Howard
Cllr Mike Jones

In Attendance

Carolyn Bowles – Town Clerk's Assistant
Cllr John Taylor as a member of the public

Before the first item the Chairman welcomed the new Committee members and thanked former Councillor Jackie Wadsworth for her help and local knowledge whilst being a member of the Planning Committee

17/62 To appoint a Chairman of the Committee – Cllr McNally proposed that Cllr Coombs be appointed Chairman of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Jones and **WAS RESOLVED** (5 for and 1 abstention)

17/63 To appoint a Deputy Chairman of the Committee – Cllr Howard proposed that Cllr McNally be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Darrant and **WAS RESOLVED** (5 for, 1 abstention)

17/64 To accept apologies for absence
Cllr Hopkins (P)

17/65 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt of requests for new DPI dispensations
Honiton Town Council – Honiton Business Park - the Town Council manages Turks Head Lane near Honiton Business Park

17/66 To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th May 2017
The minutes of the meeting had been circulated in advance and were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

17/67 To consider the following applications, based on the information available:
The following applications were considered, based on the information available. Participation of those Councillors who are also Members of the District Council in both the debate and subsequent vote is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town Council. The District Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

<p>17/0487/FUL The Town Council unanimously supports this application. The Committee notes the reasons Cllr Twiss has given in support of the application and also notes the recent decision regarding 1 Summers Terrace (17/0229/FUL)</p>	<p>Mrs McMullien</p>	<p>24 Laurel Road, Honiton, EX14 2XN Creation of pedestrian access and installation of new gate</p>
<p>17/1030/TRE The Town Council unanimously objects to this application. The Committee noted the Arboricultural Officer's report from March this year (p/a 17/0385/TRE), in which it was stated that the nearest limb to</p>	<p>Mrs S Reader</p>	<p>3 Moor Park, Honiton, EX14 2FP Oak: prune low hanging branches</p>

<p>46 Butts Close is not hindering the use of the garden. The Committee believes that the applicant is for a second time trying to use the unauthorized heavy pruning in April 2016 on the 3 Moor Park side of the tree as a reason for work on the 46 Butts Close side of the tree. Honiton Town Council has asked EDDC what action is being taken over the unauthorized heavy pruning. The Tree Wardens believe that in addition to reducing the amenity of the tree and not being within good arboricultural practice (as also mentioned in the Officer's report from March this year), the proposed work is not giving the tree sufficient time to recover from the unauthorized heavy pruning</p>	<p>668</p>	
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17/68 Gissage Riverside Walk footbridges project near Oaklea to link public opens spaces – It was proposed by Cllr Zarczynski that the committee take this project forward and the proposal was seconded and resolved (5 for, 1 abstention). The Committee supported this item being placed on the agenda of the June Town Council meeting. Cllr Darrant agreed to check with former Cllr Graham Smith whether he still wished to be associated with the project and the Chairman will draft a letter to EDDC enquiring when the footbridge is due to be replaced. It was also suggested that Land Registry searches be made as soon as possible.

17/69 To discuss the Tree Charter's 'Legacy Tree' project and signature gathering book – this item was deferred to the next planning meeting as it was felt this would give the newly appointed Treewardens more time to catch up with available information.

17/70 152 High Street, Honiton – retrospective planning permission had been applied for this property for upvc windows for which this Council had recommended refusal. EDDC has refused the application and also a similar application for a nearby property. In both applications it had been mentioned that there are other properties in the conservation area with unauthorised upvc windows. It was agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair will try to assess the position with regard to properties that have upvc windows without planning permission in the conservation area and then report back to the committee.

17/71 To note planning decisions, copy letters and correspondence received and to resolve any matters arising (late correspondence to be tabled at the meeting)

Decision Notices

- a. 17/0596/FUL – Ascona, 1 Bowling Green Lane, Honiton – erection of dwelling – granted
- b. 17/0870/FUL – Dunning Court, Honiton – construction of mobility scooter shelters and construction of associated access path and landscaping works – granted

Both items were noted

Other

C 17/0942/MRES – Land west of Hayne Lane, Gittisham (adjoining parish) – comments from District Councillor regarding this application
This item was noted

Late Correspondence
Decision Notices

- a. 17/0658/ADV – Honiton Garage, Turks Head Lane, Honiton – 2 no. internally illuminated totem signs – granted
This item was noted

Other

- a. East Devon Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document – item 17/59 from the minutes of the planning committee meeting of 9th May – Chairman’s report.
b. 17/0659/FUL – Honiton Garage, Turks Head Lane, Honiton – installation of canopy over wash bay area and 2 no. linked portacabin offices – application withdrawn
c. Application from Kier for a road closure to complete South West Water utility works at the side of 38 Millers Way, Honiton to take place from 29/08/17 – 01/09/17

Item a. The Chairman reported that he had studied this document and that Cranbrook was the only local Council who had made any comments regarding it (other comments being made by either land owners or developers). There were no comments made on this document that this Council had any need to comment on.

Items b & c were noted

Before closing the meeting the Chairman brought one more item to the Committee’s attention regarding Honiton Business Park. He had been informed by a resident that Alder King was offering land for sale and that there could be a problem with the boundaries. After checking the small scale plans he therefore approached Alder King suggesting that it seemed that land DCC, HTC and also possibly EDDC has an interest in was being offered for sale. Alder King advised him to approach the solicitors for clarification, which the Chair duly did. However, after four clear days no clarification nor acknowledgement had been received so the Chairman advised that he would again approach Alder King the following day.

17/72 To close the meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.32pm.

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