

Honiton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on Tuesday, 5th September 2017 at 7.00pm.

Members present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr J McNally

St Paul's Ward

Cllr R Coombs (Chairman)

Cllr T Darrant

Cllr V Howard

In Attendance

Carolyn Bowles (Town Clerk's Assistant)

17/114 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr J Zarczynski (P)

17/115 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt of requests for new DPI dispensations

Cllr Coombs – Specsavers, 121 High Street, Honiton – customer – personal and The Old Court, Dowell Street, Honiton – member of the public known to the Councillor – personal and St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton – a Honiton Town Councillor is a neighbour and is known to the Councillor - personal

Cllr Darrant –Specsavers, 121 High Street – customer – personal and St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton – a Honiton Town Councillor is a neighbour and is known to the Councillor - personal

Cllr Howard - The Old Court, Dowell Street, Honiton – member of the public known to the Councillor – personal and St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton – a Honiton Town Councillor is a neighbour and is known to the Councillor - personal

Cllr McNally - The Old Court, Dowell Street, Honiton – member of the public known to the Councillor – personal and St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton – a Honiton Town Councillor is a neighbour and is known to the Councillor - personal

It was noted that the Town Council has an interest in application 17/1967/FUL (40 Millhead Road, Honiton) as it manages the nearby Public Footpath 1.

17/116 To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22nd August 2017

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated in advance and the following amendments were made:- The Town Council's comments for planning application 17/1736/FUL – Pegasus House, King Street, Honiton were amended from 'unanimously rejects' to 'objects to' and (1 abstention) was added at the end of their comments. The Town Council's comments for planning application 17/1797/FUL for 7 Spindlewood Close, Honiton were amended from 'the Town Council unanimously rejects' to 'It was agreed to hold a site meeting on 23rd August which was attended by Councillors Coombs, McNally & Zarczynski. It was agreed they had power to make the decision on behalf of the Planning Committee and objected unanimously to'. The minutes were then agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

17/117 To consider the following applications, based on the information available:

The following applications were considered, based on the information available. Any District Councillors participating reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

<p>17/1298/FUL This application was deferred until further clarification has been received</p>	<p>Mr Andy Mansell (Specsavers)</p>	<p>Specsavers, 121 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LS Proposed new external AC Units to rear service yard</p>
<p>17/1299/LBC This application was deferred until further clarification has been received</p>	<p>Mr Andy Mansell (Specsavers)</p>	<p>Specsavers, 121 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LS Proposed new external AC Units to rear service yard and proposed internal refurbishment works</p>

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17/1319/ADV The Town Council approved this application	Mr Andy Mansell (Specsavers)	121 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LS 1 no. non illuminated fascia sign and 1 no. non illuminated hanging sign
17/1320/LBC This application was deferred until further clarification has been received	Mr Andy Mansell (Specsavers)	121 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LS Proposed new shopfront fascia sign and hanging sign (non illuminated)
17/0818/LBC (Application to be reconsidered) This application was deferred until further clarification has been received	Mr Andrew Mansell	Specsavers, 121 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LS Remedial work including the demolition of the existing front façade and replacement with new construction to match existing
17/0817/FUL (Application to be reconsidered) This application was deferred until further clarification has been received	Mr Andrew Mansell	Specsavers, 121 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LS Remedial work including the demolition of the existing front façade and replacement with new construction to match existing
17/1735/FUL The Town Council unanimously supports this application	Mr James Lincoln	24 Northcote Lane, Honiton, EX14 1NE Creation of off road parking to front elevation
17/1931/TRE It was agreed that a site meeting be arranged for this application	Ms Gaynor O'Dell	Gittisham Hill House, Sidmouth Road, Honiton, EX14 3TY Recommendations regarding future management needs for trees at Gittisham Hill Park Village
17/1967/FUL The Town Council unanimously supports this application	Mr John Larcombe Ford	40 Millhead Road, Honiton, EX14 1RA Construction of single storey rear extension
17/1981/FUL The Town Council unanimously supports this application	Mr Sean Wills	30 Joslin Road, Honiton, EX14 1RH Erection of a single storey side extension
17/2016/TCA It was agreed that a site meeting be arranged for this application	Mr S Kelly	St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton, EX14 1PN T1 – Fell Spruce Conifer T2 – Fell Cupresses Macrocarpa Conifer

17/118 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. 17/1715/FUL – Broadacres Farm, Stoney Lane, Honiton – construction of single storey rear extension – granted
This item was noted

Other

a. 17/1486/FUL – The Old Court, Dowell Street, Honiton – comments from a member of the public regarding this planning application
This item was read out and noted

Late Correspondence

Decision Notices

a. 17/1320- Specsavers, 121 High Street, Honiton – proposed new shopfront fascia sign and hanging sign (non illuminated) – granted
This item was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Planning Department at East Devon District Council why this application had been granted by them before the Planning Committee had made its recommendation regarding planning application 17/1319/ADV which also related to Specsavers

Other

a. Tree Charter – Signatures and Legacy Trees – to discuss progress on this project – it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to the Tree Charter Communications Officer, advising that the Town Council is unable to progress this project as it does not have a full number of Councillors at the moment, but that they hope to become more involved at a later date.

b. 17/1797/FUL – 7 Spindlewood Close, Honiton – construction of single storey dwelling – new information has been received regarding this planning application.

An e-mail from the Arboricultural Officer at East Devon and one from the applicant were read out. It was agreed that the Clerk should thank the Arboricultural Officer and forward the following further comments from the Planning Committee regarding this application to both him and the Planning Department at East Devon.

“The additional documents from the applicant were studied including boundaries at the car park and confirmation that all the trees were diseased and had to be felled. However, there is still no information provided as to the identity of the disease and although it has been claimed that the remaining trees are also diseased and should likewise be felled, this is not readily apparent without detailed expert study which seemingly has taken place.

The agent's explanation of the origins of the 'embankment' was noted though it appears from old Ordnance Survey maps to have been a field boundary from c1890 or earlier retained when the housing estate was developed. It is suggested that the applicant's trees stated to have been felled last year could have been covered by the following planning condition in the grant of planning permission to Wimpey Homes Holdings Ltd, for the Combehayes Estate: No trees shown to be retained shall be lopped, topped, felled or otherwise interfered with and likewise no hedge should be uprooted or interfered with without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority in writing. (Reason - To assimilate the development into the landscape and to safeguard the appearance of the area.)”

17/119 To close the meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.51pm

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