

Honiton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on Tuesday, 2nd October 2018 at 7pm.

Members present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr Jill McNally
Cllr J Zarczynski
Cllr N Macve

St Paul's Ward

Cllr R Coombs (Chairman)
Cllr V Howard
Cllr T Darrant
Cllr D Sheridan-Shaw

In Attendance

Heloise Marlow (Deputy Town Clerk)

18/100 To accept apologies for absence

None received.

18/101 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt of requests for new DPI dispensations

All Members of the Planning Committee – 18/1513/FUL Land at Battishorne Way, Honiton. Provision of access track, parking and turning areas and drainage in association with use of land as allotments. All are Members of the Council.

18/102 To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4th September 2018

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated in advance and were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

18/103 To consider the following applications, 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.

17/1985/LBC	Mrs. Jill Mills	<p>145 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LJ.</p> <p>Various internal works to basement to include: internal tanking of walls and floor, replacement staircase at basement and ground floor level, remove internal brick wall, install new door and timber window frame with mullions and replace existing beams and floor joists.</p> <p><i>Amended plans received – structural report.</i></p>
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Members unanimously continue to support the application subject to the Conservation Officer's approval.		
18/1513/FUL	Honiton Town Council	Land at Battishorne Way, Honiton. Provision of access track, parking and turning areas and drainage in association with use of land as allotments. <i>Amended plans received relating to additional hedge planting to screen allotments.</i>
Members unanimously reiterated their decision not to comment on the application as not only was the Town Council the applicant, but also in view of their long-term relationship with the landowner.		
18/1688/LBC	Mr. Mike Smith	77 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1PG. Retention of 1no. shop front fascia sign and 1no. burglar alarm box on front elevation.
Support (4 for; 3 against)		
18/1970/TRE	Mrs. Christine Walters	Flat 51, Kings Gardens, Kerslakes Court, Honiton, EX14 1FL. Lime tree (15/1743/TRE) – reduce in height to previous growth points and reshape. Remove the lower epicormic growth leaving a clean stem.
<p>Unanimous support. Members however wished that the following notes be considered prior to a decision being made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The historic background of the tree. The tree is situated in the former garden of Sudbury Lawn where Juanita Maxwell Philips (1880-1966) and her husband lived between circa 1910-1949. Juanita Maxwell Phillips was 11 times Mayor of Honiton & Freeman of the Borough and the first woman to serve on Honiton Town Council and on Devon County Council. She is remembered for numerous other achievements as well as being a great philanthropist and supporter of local causes. It is possible that Mrs. Phillips planted the tree as she was known to be a keen horticulturalist. The lime tree is the last surviving tree from this garden. • The tree is the only mature tree remaining in the area and as such it is visually important. • Members did not agree with the applicant's statement that the foliage was nearly 		

<p>touching her house due to the staggered nature of the buildings. However, Members did note that the foliage was touching the telephone wires on the other side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members would ask that in the light of the above, that the Arboricultural Officer be present when the proposed work is being carried out to ensure that only work which is necessary is undertaken. 		
18/2105/FUL	Mr. A Jones	<p>57 Millhead Road, Honiton, EX14 1RD.</p> <p>Erection of new 2 bedroomed detached dwelling and associated parking.</p>
<p>Members unanimously objected to the application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal was overdevelopment of the site. The development would restrict the view of road users on a busy junction. The proposal would adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring properties. The proposed design was out of keeping with the character of the area. The proposal would exacerbate existing parking problems in the area. 		
18/2127/TCA	Beverley Haidar	<p>4 Summerland, Honiton, EX14 1HF.</p> <p>Gleditsia tree in front garden needs reducing by 10% crown and sides as growing into telephone wires of neighbouring houses in terrace and also excessive shading. Work advised by and to be carried out by Tip Top Trees of Honiton.</p>
<p>Members unanimously RESOLVED to defer the decision to the Arboricultural Officer.</p>		

18/104 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) 18/1116/COU – 138 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1JP. Change of use of the ground and first floor accommodation from Class A1 to Class C3. Approved.
- b) 18/1339/FUL – Central Place, High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LP. Demolition of garages, erection of 5no. dwellings and conversion of existing buildings to form 1no. dwelling. Approved.

- c) 18/1663/VAR – Orchard House, Duchy Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1YD. Variation of Condition 4 (hours and days of use) of permission 18/0130/FUL (Installation of 2no. pressure car washing bays plus 6 no. customer parking bays) to allow increase in hours and days of use. Approved.
- d) 18/1706/OUT – The Cedars, Exeter Road, Honiton, EX14 1AN. Erection of two detached bungalows fronting onto Rookwood Close, Honiton. Approved.
- e) 18/1795/FUL – Land Rear of 155 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1LJ. Erection of 2no. 2 storey dwellings with associated parking/garden space. Refused.

These items were noted.

18/105 To close the meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25pm

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