

Honiton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7pm.

Members present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr N Macve

St Paul's Ward

Cllr R Coombs (Chairman)

Cllr T Darrant

Cllr C Hattle-Spence

In Attendance

Heloise Marlow (Deputy Town Clerk)

19/95 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr D Sheridan-Shaw (personal reasons)

Cllr J Taylor (personal reasons)

Cllr V Howard (personal reasons)

Cllr J McNally (personal reasons)

Cllr J Zarczynski (personal reasons)

19/96 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and receipt of requests for new DPI dispensations

Cllr T Darrant – 19/1950/FUL – 74 Whitebridges, Honiton, EX14 2RZ. Construction of single storey side annexe extension. Personal – acquainted with the applicant.

All Members of the Planning Committee – 19/1788/FUL – Land rear of St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton. Erection of two-bedroom dwelling. Personal – A current Councillor of Honiton Town Council is one of the neighbours consulted by the planning authority.

19/97 To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd September 2019.

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

19/98 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.

19/1788/FUL	Mr. Gordon Britton	Land rear of St Johns Close, High Street, Honiton. Erection of two-bedroom dwelling.
<p>Members unanimously object to the application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed design would have an overbearing effect on neighbouring properties. • The further loss of open green space would adversely affect neighbouring properties. • The proposed design was out of keeping with the character of the area and was 		

<p>contrary to the policy of local design and distinctiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed design was contrary to Policy ENV10 as it did not preserve or enhance the appearance and character of the Conservation Area. • The proposed access from Clapper Lane was considered inadequate and unable to sustain the additional traffic movements which would be caused by the development. • Members noted that the proposal included the removal of a conifer tree and that whilst the applicant had offered to provide a tree report, none accompanied the application. Members noted that the conifer in question was a substantial tree in a Conservation Area and were of the view that a tree report was required, especially as the site has already lost two conifer trees recently. <p>Note: It was still the view of Members that there was no pedestrian access to and from the High Street as the footpath via St Johns Close was a private footpath.</p>		
19/1866/COU	Mr. Ben Blackburn	109 High Street, Honiton. Conversion of first floor office space to 2no. flats, including change of use.
<p>Members unanimously support the application subject to the applicant providing evidence of 12 months of marketing of the site for the current or similar use, without success together with evidence of a local surplus of employment sites as required by Strategy 32 of the Local Plan.</p>		
19/1948/LBC	Mr. Martin Shortis (Seaford Enterprises Ltd)	The Lodge, 5 Graystones Court, 101 High Street, Honiton, EX14 1PE. Re-roofing the Lodge and porch including lean-to on east elevation; insertion of new vent to east slope and conservation rooflights to bathroom with lean-to; repairs and re-pointing to chimneys.
<p>Members unanimously support the application subject to the agreement of the Conservation Officer.</p>		
19/1950/FUL	Mr. Jason Lloyd	74 Whitebridges, Honiton, EX14 2RZ. Construction of single storey side annexe extension.
<p>Support (3 for with 1 abstention)</p>		

**19/99 Notification of installation of telecommunication equipment
Members to note the following works are to be carried out:**

Harlequin Group Weatherill Road S/O 30 Honiton Bottom Road, Honiton, EX14 2EP.

These works were noted.

19/100 To note planning decisions, copy letters and correspondence received as per the list below and to resolve any matters arising.

Decision Notices

- a) 19/1065/FUL – Pegasus House, King Street, Honiton. Convert part of building to 2 x 1 bed single storey apartments, demolition of timber/corrugated sheds and construction of 1 x 1 bed house and 2 x 2 bed houses. Approved.
- b) 19/1285/FUL – Land to rear of 13-20 Lee Close, Honiton, EX14 1NS. Construction of bin store. Approved

Other Correspondence

East Devon District Council advice of a Tree Preservation Order 19/0087/TPO made in respect of land between 9 Rookwood Close and Ottery Moor Lane, Honiton.

These items were noted.

19/101 To close the meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

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