

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 20th JUNE 2011 at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr W Braid (Chairman).

Cllrs: Mrs S Ezra, R Hawker, D Jenkins, Mrs C Mitchell, F Morland,
Mrs D O'Hara, C Pope and D Windess

Staff: K Harvey, Mrs D Mansell.

Also in attendance: Mr J Forde (Beswick Homes) and Cllr W D Tout.

P.3157 PUBLIC FORUM: Cllr W D Tout –

- Agenda Item 3: Minutes of previous meeting Item P.3154a) made little or no mention of Service 87;
- Agenda Item 12: Should be referred to the Street Furniture Working Group. Suggested that the bench currently at 40 acres (r/o Upland Rise) could be moved to Newtown.
- He objected to a suggestion that he unduly prolonged meetings and re-iterated that, under Standing Order 45, he was entitled to attend and speak in the Public Forum or, by invitation, prior to the item. He stated that he would only speak in the Public Forum in future.

P.3158 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE: Nil.

P.3159 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REASONS:

- Cllr Mrs S Ezra: Planning Application 11/01661/FUL – personal (near neighbour);
- Cllr Mrs C Mitchell: Planning Application 11/01661/FUL – personal (knows the applicant);
- Cllr R Hawker: Planning Application 11/01642/FUL – personal (relative has business and property interest in adjacent shop).

P.3160 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 16th May 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

P.3161 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- a) **Members matter arising:** Cllr Morland asked whether any further response had been received concerning the reduction in local bus services. The Clerk advised he was still waiting for a response to his last communication and will chase it up.

P.3162 REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Cllr Jenkins informed that, on Friday 24th June, an exhibition is being held at the Paragon Hall, staffed by council officers, where residents can give their views on the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the Waste Site Allocations DPD Vision for Westbury. The Vision for Westbury will also be presented.

He expressed the view that car parking in Westbury has become an absolute disgrace and needed looking at again. Wessex Chamber of Commerce is putting something together to present to Wiltshire Council and the Town Council should do the same.

Cllr Hawker asked that a Car Parks Working Group meeting be called. The town's car parks are now nearly empty and we need to ask Wiltshire Council for the income figures since charges were increased.

He also informed that the new S106 agreement for Community Centre Site at Leigh Park should be signed off in the next few weeks and the tender process for the Nursery site should be concluded by December.

P.3163 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:** Nil.

P.3164 **PLANNING DECISIONS:** The Committee noted Planning Decisions made up to 20th June 2011.

P.3165 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** The Committee considered Planning Applications received from Wiltshire Council and the decisions reached are as follows:

11/01464/LBC
06/05/11
Listed Building

Internal repairs to walls, ceilings and floors of retail unit.
Albion House, 1 Market Place, Westbury, BA13 3DE
Applicant: Hawkstreet UK Ltd

No objections.

11/01418/FUL
24/05/11
Full Plan

Single storey rear extension and dormer window to rear side.
53 Alfred Street, Westbury, BA13 3DZ
Applicant: C Vaughan

No objections.

11/01548/FUL
17/05/11
Full Plan

Erection of single storey rear extension.
7 Bremeridge Road, Westbury, BA13 3UD
Applicant: C Kirkham

No objections.

11/01558/FUL
13/05/11
Full Plan

Single storey extension and alterations, together with new front porch.
14 Leigh Close, Westbury, BA13 3SX.
Applicant: E Coleman

No objections.

11/01586/FUL
17/05/11
Full Plan

Erection of cycle shed.
Bitham Brook CP School, Arundell Close, Westbury, BA13 3UA
Applicant: Bitham Brook Primary School

No objections.

11/01661/FUL
25/05/11
Full Plan
Proposed loft conversion incorporating new roof, dormer windows and alterations.
123 Eden Vale Road, Westbury, BA13 3QG
Applicant: L Morales

No objections.

11/01723/TPO
06/06/11
Tree(s) in
Preservation Order
Various works to four Beech trees.
13A Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3EP
Applicant: Ms S Diment

No objections subject to the approval of the Arboricultural Officer.

11/01642/FUL
02/06/11
Full Plan
Change of use from A1 to A5.
2 High Street, Westbury, BA13 3BW
Applicant: Barley Properties Ltd

The committee unanimously objected to this application as this premises is in a prime retail location and change of use from A1 to A5 would result in further degradation of the High Street which is designated a primary retail zone which is already under threat due to an increased percentage of non A1 premises.

11/01703/FUL
31/05/11
Full Plan
Single storey rear extension.
1 Downsview Road, Westbury, BA13 3AQ
Applicant: K Bister

No objections.

P.3166 LAND AT 4-8 CHURCH STREET AND R/O 37-39 EDWARD STREET (Planning Application 09/03765/FUL). Mr John Forde addressed the committee and explained the financial restrictions that were preventing him from beginning the development. He asked whether the committee would support him in his request to have the current condition amended to allow him to proceed with the new builds in stages in order to finance the redevelopment of the listed building.

It was agreed that this committee would be minded in principle to support an amendment to the existing condition stating that the final two new builds could not be occupied until refurbishment of the Grade II listed building was complete.

P.3167 RELAXATION OF PLANNING RULES FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL. Formal consultation closes 30th June 2011. Noted.

P.3168 ADOPT A BT PHONEBOX. It was agreed not to adopt the phone box on Warminster Road.

P.3169 REMOVAL OF BENCH FROM MEADOW LANE AND R/O 14 UPLAND RISE. Agreed to refer to the Street Furniture Working Group.

- P.3170** **CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION.** Closing date for consultation is 8th August 2011. Agreed to set up a "Task & Finish" group to review the document and present a detailed response to the next HP&D meeting 18th July 2011. Members of the group are Cllrs Sue Ezra, Russell Hawker, David Jenkins, Francis Morland and Charles Pope. The Clerk to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.
- P.3171** **WASTE SITE ALLOCATION DPD.** Agreed that this consultation should be considered by the same "Task & Finish" group.
- P.3172** **HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:** Cllr Morland expressed concerns regarding the closure of Frogmore Road railway bridge and the implications of the work to reinforce the embankments.
- P.3173** **CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**
a) **Town Centre Review – On Street Parking.**
- P.3175** **WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**
a) **Play Areas Working Group.** A meeting was held on Tuesday 14th June 2011 and it was agreed that a site visit was needed with a member of Wiltshire council staff to each of the play areas in Westbury with a view to seeing what needs to be done in each area. But before that visit takes place, we need to check that all of the play area on our list have been adopted by Wiltshire Council. Another meeting is to be arranged when we have this information.
b) **Town Centre Viability Working Group.** A meeting has been arranged for Monday 27th June 2011.
- P.31** **ITEMS FOR CHAIRMAN TO BRING UP AT FUTURE MEETINGS.** Nil.

9:00pm

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this Eighteenth day of July 2011

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Chairman