

OPEN SESSION: There were four members of the public present.

*Cllr Terry declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application number 86450 and left the meeting before the Open Session began, as his wife wished to speak on the application.*

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 2.10pm

PRESENT: Cllr N R G Clarke (Chairman)  
Cllr N J Chard  
Cllr Mrs B Charlton  
Cllr D R Cole  
Cllr D E Cracknell  
Cllr M F J Daly  
Cllr B H Terry

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk

### **P/4261 ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N C Wood.

### **P/4262 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Although Cllr Terry was not present, it was noted that he had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 86450, as the Chairman of Stillwater Park Residents Association. He remained absent from the room until the conclusion of discussions on this matter.

### **P/4263 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2005, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

*With the agreement of the Committee, planning application number 86450 was considered next for the benefit of the members of public present (see Annex 'D' for observation).*

*Cllr Terry rejoined the meeting.*

### **P/4264 WALKING & CYCLING WORKING GROUP**

The Deputy Town Clerk updated members on the alternative use of funds set aside for the Southampton Road footpath widening scheme, which would no longer take place in the current financial year. At its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October, this Committee had recommended additional drop crossings, a short pedestrian link from Gorley Road to the shops in Butlers Lane and work to improve visibility at an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing in Hightown Road. Subsequently, officers had met to look at three additional sites and had agreed to also include improvements to the footpath link from Duck Island Lane to Bickerley Road and surfacing a 20m stretch at the

junction of Crow Lane and Crow Arch Lane between the existing footpath and the new Castleman Trail link. Officers had also looked at a possible scheme for a new/improved footpath on the south side of Hightown Road, but had agreed that it would not be possible to accomplish this within the current financial year.

**RESOLVED:** That the additional use of funds be supported.

**P/4265**

**BUS SERVICES IN THE NEW FOREST AREA**

It was noted that Hampshire County Council had commenced a review of bus services in the New Forest and, as part of this, had circulated a questionnaire on the suitability of existing routes and the need for improvements to services.

Members did not feel that they had sufficient information to make a comprehensive response at this time, although it was hoped that the Healthcheck would identify current usage and demand. However, it was agreed that there was a need for a local shoppers bus to bring people into Ringwood from surrounding areas such as Verwood, St Leonards, Ashley Heath, Avon Castle, Sopley, Burley etc. It was suggested that Waitrose and Sainsbury should be approached with regards to funding such a service. It was further noted that there are several community buses operating in Ringwood, run by the Community Association and Community First, and was suggested that these services might benefit from greater publicity.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Town Clerk respond to the questionnaire based on the above information.

**P/4266**

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – HOUSING DENSITY, DESIGN AND CHARACTER**

Members considered a suggested response to the Draft Supplementary Planning Document, which had been prepared by the Chairman of the Committee (*Annex 'A'*).

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman's draft response be approved for submission to New Forest District Council.

**P/4267**

**BUDGET 2006/07**

Members considered the Committee's revised budget for 2005/06 and budget proposals for 2006/07.

**RECOMMENDED TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- 1) That the Committee's prioritised Budget Proposals for 2006/07 (*Annex 'B'*) be approved.
- 2) That the Committee's revised Budget 2005/06 and Original Budget 2006/07 be approved (*Annex 'C'*).

**P/4268**

**CHRISTCHURCH AND EAST DORSET SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL DRAFT SCOPING REPORT**

It was noted that this document had been received for consultation, but that it had little impact on Ringwood.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, be authorised to respond to the consultation.

**P/4269**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

Planning applications in respect of the weeks ending 18<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the observations as shown in Annex 'D' be submitted.

**P/4270**

**URGENT BUSINESS**

Training

Cllr Mrs Charlton regretted that she was no longer able to attend the HAPTC training event on planning matters on 14<sup>th</sup> December in Marchwood, and asked if any other member wished to attend in her place.

**RESOLVED:** That no member wished to attend the HAPTC training event on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.35pm.

## Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - 9th December 2005

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
2005/624	Rear of 5 Market Place, RINGWOOD	Fell - 1 Hazel	Permission (1)	
2005/654	Within the garden of The Railway Hotel, 35 Hightown Road, RINGWOOD	Prune - Willow & Pine	Permission (1)	
86314	Tackers Lodge, Crow, RINGWOOD	Use of outbuilding as a dwelling	Permission (3)	The outbuilding has been used as a dwelling (occasionally by family and friends) since 1988. We can see no measurable harm in its continued use or on the surrounding area.
86316	Unit 3, Carvers Industrial Estate, RINGWOOD	Retention of covered store	Permission (1)	
86323	9 Meeting House Lane, RINGWOOD	Retention of extractor vent	Refusal (4)	Scale and appearance out of character in the Conservation Area.
86331	23 Woodstock Lane, RINGWOOD	Single-storey extension (Amendment to Planning Permission 84934)	Permission (1)	
86332	49 Seymour Road, RINGWOOD	Rear conservatory	Permission (1)	
86349	9 Meeting House Lane, RINGWOOD	Retention of 1 illuminated fascia sign	Permission (1)	Although, object to the sign on the adjacent fence, which is not included in this planning application.

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept NFDC officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept NFDC officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission  
4 - Recommend Refusal 5 - Will accept NFDC officer's decision

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86366	Rear of 39, 41 & 43 Seymour Road, RINGWOOD	Bungalow; new access (Outline application with details only of siting and means of access)	Permission (1)	
86373	204 & 206 Christchurch Road, RINGWOOD	Use as 2 houses	Permission (1)	
86410	Elmsfield, Hightown, RINGWOOD	Rear conservatory	Permission (1)	
86412	56 Christchurch Road, RINGWOOD	Create 6 flats; ramp access; porch	Officer Decision (5)	Accept the concept of conversion to flats. However, we have reservations about the need for and provision of parking.
86418	Unit 4, 86 Parsonage Barn Lane, RINGWOOD	Use as health and fitness facility	Refusal (4)	Concern re. increase in traffic and inadequate parking provision. There have been problems in the past with vehicles using this site parking in adjacent residential streets and causing obstruction to the highway.
86419	Brightwater Projects, Market Place, RINGWOOD	3 internally illuminated fascia signs; 1 non-illuminated fascia	Permission (3)	The scale and illumination of the proposed signs are appropriate for this large building in its location on the very edge of the Conservation Area and adjacent to the A31.
86420	Land of 90 Northfield Road, RINGWOOD	House	Permission (1)	This proposal is comparable to other high density developments in the area.
86422	2 Moorland Gate, RINGWOOD	Rear conservatory	Permission (1)	

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86450	87 North Poulner Road, RINGWOOD	One pair of semi-detached bungalows with access via Stillwater Park (Outline application with details of siting & means of access only) AMENDED DESCRIPTION	Refusal (4)	Object to the proposed site access through Stillwater Park and the possibility for creating a precedent for other similar sites wishing to utilise this access.
86453	Oak Apple Farm, Linford Road, Hangersley Hill, RINGWOOD	Two-storey rear extension; rear conservatory; detached garage; stable block	Permission (3)	There will be no loss of amenity or overlooking. The design is consistent with the style of the building and would result in an overall improvement to this outdated dwelling.
86456	29 Fairlie, RINGWOOD	Single-storey side extension	Permission (1)	
86472	16 Poplar Crescent, RINGWOOD	Disabled access ramp	Permission (1)	
86497	The Curry Garden, 10 High Street, RINGWOOD	Single-storey rear extension	Permission (1)	

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