

OPEN SESSION: There was one member of the public present, who wished to speak on a Planning Application.

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

Held on Friday 27th February 2009 at 2.00pm

Apologies

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Deputy Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Clarke and Cllr Ford.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cole declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 09/93638 as he is related to the applicant. Cllr Cole left the room whilst this application was discussed and took no part in the decision made.

PRESENT: Cllr M A Steele (Chairman)
Cllr N J Chard
Cllr D R Cole
Cllr B H Terry
Cllr Mrs J Terry
Cllr A Wiseman (*joined the meeting at 2.10pm*)
Cllr B Woodfield (*left the meeting at 3.40pm*)

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk
Claire Perrens, Meetings Administrator
Ashley Finch, Student Advisor
Rachel Giles, Student Advisor

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th January 2009, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered planning applications in respect of periods ending 28th January, 4th February, 11th February and 18th February.

APPLICATION NUMBER 09/93578

This application was brought forward as a member of the public wished to speak. He commented that the existing property, to be demolished, has subsidence. The application has been reduced from 8 to 6 flats in a Victorian style building. Highways Officer has recently approved a new access which is left turn exit only (entrance from left or right) to alleviate concerns about extra traffic joining the A338. Objections from neighbours are mainly concerned with traffic issues and density.

APPLICATION NUMBER 09/93638

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RESOLVED: That the observations summarised in Annex 'A' be submitted.

ACTION Claire Perrens / Jo Stannard
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APPEAL REGARDING 113 NORTHFIELD ROAD**

Members considered an appeal regarding NFDC Application Number 08/92519 – Car port extension. The Town Council's observation was Permission (1) with no comments.

RESOLVED: That no further comments be made.

ACTION N/A

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APPEAL REGARDING 37 CROW LANE**

Members considered an appeal regarding NFDC Application Number 08/92801 – Roof alterations in association with new first floor; roof lights. The Town Council's observation was Officer Decision (5).

RESOLVED: That no further comments be made.

ACTION N/A

**P/4622
DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT OF NEW FOREST (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2005**

Members considered the draft report, which includes proposals to introduce a charge of £6 for lorry parking facilities in Ringwood, between 6pm and 8am. The charges will help to defray maintenance costs. Members were concerned that the new charges may lead to some lorries being parked at roadside locations elsewhere to avoid paying parking charges.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Proposals for Changes to the District for New Forest (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2005 be supported in principle; but
- 2) That further details be requested regarding the recommendation to introduce charges for lorry parking, due to concerns about it causing possible displacement parking problems.

ACTION Jo Stannard

**P/4623
SOUTHAMPTON ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on the Steering Group meeting held on 11th February 2009. Student Advisor Henry Barker had attended, and it was hoped that Ringwood School could be involved in some capacity. Funding limitations mean that the work will be phased. There will be a public consultation in May 2009, with work expected to begin early in 2010.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Southampton Road Environmental Improvements Steering Group on 11th February (*attached as Annex 'B'*) be noted.

ACTION N/A

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'NO PARKING' SIGNS

It was noted that the District Council had stopped issuing parking violation tickets to drivers parked in the Market Place around the Jubilee Lamp. However, it had now been agreed to replace the missing bollards and signs and, with effect from 1st March, parking violation tickets would again be issued.

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

ACTION N/A

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2009/2010

Members considered the Draft Management Plan Programme proposals received from New Forest District Council (NFDC), which had been prepared under the new Traffic Management Agency/Partnership Agreement between Hampshire County Council and NFDC. It was noted that the experimental one-way order for King's Arms Lane and the Southampton Road improvement scheme, had been included, but no firm dates had been set for these. However, the experimental Market Day closure and investigation of a pedestrian crossing in the High Street had been omitted.

As the Principal Engineer had invited further suggestions for improvements, Members discussed other areas that could be put forward. It was noted that, despite the new waiting restrictions in Hightown Road, there had been problems with a disabled driver parking close to the cemetery entrance making access very difficult. The only way this could be dealt with was by the introduction of no loading restrictions. Cllr Chard recommended that some of the concerns raised by Ringwood School in its School Travel Plan could be investigated through the Traffic Management Programme. Following the introduction of new loading bays and disabled parking spaces in the High Street, Members wished to request the District Council to conduct a survey of local traders to determine the effect of the new arrangements.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Draft 2009/10 Traffic Management Programme be noted.
- 2) That the District Council be advised of the two omissions – experimental Market Day closure and High Street pedestrian crossing – and requested to include these in the 2009/10 programme.
- 3) That the following schemes be put forward for inclusion in future traffic management programmes: i) Items from Ringwood School Travel Plan ii) Entrance to Ringwood Cemetery – introduction of no-loading restrictions
- 4) That the District Council be requested to conduct a survey of local traders to determine the effect of the new restrictions within the High Street.

ACTION Jo Stannard

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.45pm.

RECEIVED AND ADOPTED
25th March 2009

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.