

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

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

Held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 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 Ford, Cllr Clarke and Cllr Mrs Terry.

### Declarations of Interest

There were none.

PRESENT: Cllr M A Steele (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr N J Chard  
Cllr D R Cole  
Cllr B H Terry  
Cllr A Wiseman  
Cllr B Woodfield

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

### **P/4613**

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **P/4614**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered planning applications in respect of periods ending 7<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

#### 08/93517 83-87 & REAR OF 79-81 89-91 EASTFIELD LANE

Mr Guy Aldworth of Awbridge Estates attended the meeting to represent the developer 'The Personal Touch' regarding the application 08/93517. He stated that following the withdrawal of the previous application a number of changes had been made to the plans including a reduction in density (now equivalent to 12 dwellings per acre). Further consultation with local people, particularly in Eastfield Lane, had been carried out. Members felt that the two main areas of contention were traffic and flood risk. Mr Aldworth explained that all surface water will drain through soakaways and remain on site. Driveways will be constructed using porous paving to enable water to pass down into the soil. The water table of the site is low and it is gravel based.

Cllr Chard expressed concerns about increased traffic on Eastfield Lane, a cause of concern which many local people had expressed to him. Traffic calming measures had already been put

in place. He would like to see a relief road created, but this was unlikely to happen in the near future. Cllr Chard wished it to be recorded that he was unable to support this application due to reservations about the extra traffic which would be generated along Eastfield Lane.

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

<b>ACTION</b> <b>Claire Perrens</b>
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**P/4615**

**APPEAL REGARDING 1 THE MOUNT, POULNER**

Members considered an appeal regarding New Forest District Council (NFDC) Application Number 08/92790 – Single-storey Extension. The Town Council observation was:- Permission (1). Cllr Cole had been in contact with the applicant. This was a very strange case as the applicant already had permission for a two-storey extension, and was intending to build a single-storey extension instead, for financial reasons. It was not a retrospective application.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Cole and Cllr Terry attend the Appeal Hearing relating to 1 The Mount, Poulner, to support the applicant's case.

<b>ACTION</b> <b>Jo Stannard</b>
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**P/4616**

**APPEAL REGARDING HOLLY HILL, HANGERSLEY**

Members considered an appeal regarding New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA) Application Number 08/93423 - Retention of Access Track. The Town Council observation was:- Officer Decision (5). Members felt that this application would improve access to the house and land, and was replacing existing access. Any concerns that this would lead to an increase in domestic curtilage could be addressed through imposing conditions.

**RESOLVED:** That on the Appeal regarding Holly Hill, Hangersley, representation be made to the Planning Inspectorate in support of retention of the access track, subject to conditions.

<b>ACTION</b> <b>Jo Stannard</b>
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**P/4617**

**BT PHONE BOXES**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report (*attached as Annex 'B'*) regarding the future of three telephone boxes in the Ringwood area. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that, on further investigation, she had discovered that two of the phone boxes had already been removed, although these had had very minimal use. It was felt that although important to encourage BT to retain the remaining telephone box, it was not within the Town Council's remit to subsidise it (noting also that it was not a 'traditional red box', with 'heritage value'.)

**RESOLVED:** That in the event of a successful appeal by BT against the removal of the

phone box at Field Way, the Town Council would not undertake to subsidise it through the Sponsored Kiosk Programme.

<b>ACTION Jo Stannard</b>
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.25pm.

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25<sup>th</sup> February 2009

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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