

OPEN SESSION: There were two members of the public present, one of whom wished to speak regarding a planning application.

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

Held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.00pm

Cllr Sophie Burgess-Kennar (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Neville Chard  
Cllr Brian Terry  
Cllr Jacqui Terry  
Cllr Angela Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Stannard, Deputy Town Clerk  
Claire Perrens, Meetings Administrator  
Alice Waters, Student Advisor  
Terry Simpson, Town Clerk *from 3pm*

*The Deputy Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Steele (Chairman), Cllr Stokes, Cllr Rippon-Swaine and Evelyn Robinson, Student Advisor.*

*In the absence of Cllr Steele, Cllr Burgess-Kennar chaired the Meeting.*

### **P/4933 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Burgess-Kennar declared a personal and prejudicial interest in a planning application – *for details see P/4935 below.*

### **P/4934 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **P/4935 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the planning applications as detailed in *Annex A attached.*

*Cllr Burgess- Kennar declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 12/98199, as the applicant is a close personal friend. She left the Meeting whilst the application was considered, taking no part in the debate or decision made. Cllr Brian Terry chaired the Meeting in her absence.*

11/97017 – Yew Tree Cottage, Linford Road, Hangersley, Ringwood.

The agent was present to speak in support of this application for a conservatory; he argued that an exception should be made to policy in this instance. After further debate, Members agreed the observation as shown in *Annex A attached.*

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

**ACTION Claire Perrens**

**P/4936**

**APPEAL REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION 11/97036**

Members considered an appeal regarding application 11/97036 - Land rear of 226 SOUTHAMPTON ROAD:- Bungalow; parking; access from Wessex Road. The Town Council recommended Refusal (4).

**RESOLVED:** That no further comments be made regarding this appeal.

**ACTION Jo Stannard**

**P/4937**

**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE**

Members considered the report attached as *Annex B* regarding the District Council's consultation on the new charges under the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Deputy Town Clerk commented on the fact that the proposals would result in an increase in contributions from approximately £6,500 to £8,000 per property. Members were aware that local developers and residents were finding the existing charges excessive and unsustainable, which was causing a limit to new developments. An increase could not be justified. Members also highlighted the need for better infrastructure; many of the schemes in *Appendix B* were unrealistic, and were not the result of consultation with the Town Council. It was proposed that Question 6 be amended as shown in italics in *Annex B attached*. In particular, Members expressed concern that the previously proposed relief road, which could bring considerable advantages to the Town, had not been included.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the responses as set out in *Annex B Appendix C*, with one amendment to Question 6 as shown in italics, be approved.

**ACTION Jo Stannard / Claire Perrens – Agenda**

*The Town Clerk joined the Meeting at 3pm.*

**P/4938**

**SITES AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

Members considered the report attached as *Annex C* regarding the District Council's planning strategy consultation document.

The Town Clerk commented that the Council had spent a great deal of time already in formulating its response to this consultation. However, not one of the Town Council's suggestions had been taken up by the District Council, nor had they consulted Members further on any specific recommendation. For example, one suggestion for better access to the Millstream, which had been an outcome from the Town Plan consultations carried out by this Council in 2008, had not been included and yet a pedestrian access through this Council's cemetery had been included without discussion with the Town Council. The preferences of the local residents were simply being ignored.

The Government was calling on district and town councils to improve the economic viability of high streets; yet there was a project within the list of proposals to develop the long-stay corner of the car park for retail (DM14), instead of the existing provision on the south west corner of the Furlong, close to the High Street. This would hardly help improve the high street economy, as the long-stay car park is a considerable distance away from the main Market Place and High Street in Ringwood.

The Town Clerk said it was vital that bodies such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Ringwood Society help the Town Council to put pressure on the District Council to take notice of the grassroots feedback already provided, and which was the result of the Ringwood Town Plan public consultations. Cllr Wiseman and Cllr Chard agreed to address this matter at the next meeting of the Ringwood Society.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the responses set out in *Annex C, Appendix D*, with amendments as shown underlined at Question 6, and in *Appendix E* with amendments shown underlined on page 2 RING4, be approved.

<b>ACTION T Simpson / C Perrens – Agenda / Cllrs Wiseman and Chard</b>
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.15pm.

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29<sup>th</sup> February 2012

APPROVED  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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