

Minutes

27th May 2004 4.30pm

Antrobus House

Amesbury

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Present:

Chairman: Councillor M A Hewitt

Vice Chairman: Councillor C Mills

Councillors: J Brady, D W Brown, Mrs J Greville, J Noeken, A Peach, I C West, F Westmoreland.

Parish and Other representatives:

Mr G Burt (Bulford), Mr Edwards (Tenants Panel), Mr Fisher (Idmiston), Mr Ilsley (Tenants' Panel) and Mrs Swindlehurst (Amesbury Town Council)

Apologies:

Councillors M Baker, R Bojdys and K Wren.

MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

189 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

190 COUNCILLOR STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME

None

191 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That subject to the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29th April 2004 (previously circulated) being amended to include concerns that Idmiston Parish Council raised regarding traffic/road safety on Winterslow Road, on-estate parking and current foul sewerage problems in Winterslow Road in relation to application number S/2004/480, minute 180 refers, and then the minutes be **approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

192 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Fisher of Idmiston Parish Council declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application S/2004/821 as he lives next door to the applicant and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

193 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed all Councillors and members of the public present that if required there would be an officer from SDC present at the next meeting to answer any specific

question about Anti-Social Behaviour Orders. Any people who had any specific questions were asked to submit them in advance to the Northern Area Committee co-ordinator.

194 LOCAL PLAN ACTIVITY & COMMUNITY AREA PLANS

The Committee considered the report of the Partnership Team Manager (previously circulated). Lindsey Brown, Partnership Team Manager, gave a verbal presentation to the Committee. She emphasised that the focus of these local plans was on a bottom-up approach. It was important not to duplicate work already being carried out and the intention was to add value to what was already happening. This would represent the best use of the resources available.

The Partnership Team Manager then asked the Committee to consider the draft area community plan and indicate any issues that they thought had not been covered or that were included in the plan that they did not feel were suitable for the area. She also asked the Committee to consider if they wished to rename the plan.

During a discussion that followed, the following points were raised:

- The geographical areas in the plan do not mirror the council defined area committee boundaries and this had created confusion. The Partnership Team Manager replied that the plan areas were drawn up several years ago before these boundaries were partly redrawn. However, whilst the Northern Area is a Salisbury District Council creation and therefore is instantly recognisable to members and officers of SDC, it does not fit the PCT or the police. However, she stated that all Councillors' concerns would be fed back to the Alliance.
- The new plan was considered to be well laid out and clearly stated what the partnership intends to do. However, it would be very helpful to identify a lead organisation in each task. Further to this it was commented that the plan should attribute achievements to individual organisations rather than to the umbrella organisation of the Alliance. It would only be reasonable to claim that the Alliance have achieved certain aims if the public are aware of exactly what the Alliance actually does.
- It was noted that whilst Porton Down was absent from the first draft of the plan the Alliance was very much aware of the issue and would consider it when drafting the final version. It was also commented that special consideration would be given to this important topic in the emerging Local Development Scheme.
- The name of the plan was discussed and whilst Councillors were generally happy with the current name there was a recognition that some parishes which are included in the plan area but not the Northern Area as defined by SDC might feel they would like a different name. Therefore the Councillors wished to reserve judgement on the name until the next stage.
- The Northern Area Committee thanked the Partnership Team Manager for all her hard work.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Councillors encourage Parish Councils to comment on draft area plan

- (2) That the Northern Area Committees' feedback to the Partnership Team Manager on the draft plan be as set out above
- (3) That Councillors and Area Committees act as advocates for local level and area community planning

I 95 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SWAG REVIEW PANEL – TRANCHE I 2004/05

The Committee considered the matter as set out under Agenda Item 8 (previously circulated).

RESOLVED – That the Amesbury Mental Health group be granted £5000.00 as requested to fund art workshops, to create art projects and to create a book to allow people with mental health problems in the area to develop their artistic ability and participate in leisure activities with the aim of increasing their self-esteem and confidence.

I 96 NEW LICENSING REGIME – LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Legal Services Manager.

RESOLVED - Councillors Hewitt, Mills and West be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

I 97 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS

Inspector Richards gave a verbal statement to the Committee in which he stated that the problem of anti-social behaviour was not as bad in the Northern area of the district as people often feared. The police were aware of certain incidents in Allington and have dealt with them very firmly. Further to this action there is evidence that incidents of anti-social behaviour in Allington have decreased. This good work should be replicated throughout the Northern Area.

However, he stressed that the police were not the solution to all of society's problems. The police are very reluctant to label young people as troublemakers as their actions often stem from boredom and the real solution is to find activities for them to participate in.

Robert Key MP chaired a meeting to investigate the possibility of establishing a Youth Forum to address these issues. This emphasises that the long term aim of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders are not to be punitive but are intended to prevent incidents in the future.

The following questions were asked:

What can be done about young children under the age of 10 who are causing problems?

Inspector Richards stated that although these children are below the age of criminal responsibility the police could still gather the children up and take them home.

What pressures can be put on parents to make them more responsible for their children's behaviour?

Inspector Richards commented that parents have a responsibility under the Neglect of Young Persons' Act. However, he noted that the most the police can usually do is to refer the case to Social Services who can investigate further and take any necessary action.

Are the parents always involved at a very early stage?

Inspector Richards stated that the police are lawfully obliged to inform the parents whenever their children come into contact with the police for anti-social behaviour or criminality.

Inspector Richards stated that the public have a duty to inform the police when anti-social behaviour or criminal behaviour occurs. If it is an emergency or there is a crime being committed at the time then people should ring 999. If the report is important but not urgent then the public should ring 01722 411444 as this phone will always be answered.

198 UPDATE ON TRAFFIC ISSUES AT LONDON ROAD AND KITCHENER ROAD

Councillor Peach informed the Committee that since the last meeting he had contacted the Wiltshire Constabulary Central Road Safety Unit to investigate the issues raised. Councillor Peach informed the Committee that in relation to Kitchener Road he is working with the Road Safety Unit to negotiate with the school to try and establish a walking bus. The aim is to prevent parents driving their children to school as this is causing many of the traffic problems on that road.

Councillor Peach presented the Committee with some road traffic figures for London Road from the Central Road Safety Unit. He informed the Committee that the study was done over a 7-day period and was recording for 24 hours a day.

The following questions/statements were asked/raised:

According to the statistics over 100 cars per day travel over 40mph on London Road which indicates a serious problem.

Information is needed about the times of day at which people were speeding.

On behalf of Amesbury Town Council Mrs Swindlehurst stated that traffic calming measures are needed on London Road as there had been one death and at least one serious injury in the last ten years.

Calming measures such as speed cameras, flashing speed signs and traffic police are needed to tackle the problem.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Northern Area Committee write to Wiltshire County Council highways department stating that they are concerned about the figures relating to London Road and would like to see some action taken to reduce the speed of cars travelling along it.

(2) That Councillor Peach take the Committee's questions to Wiltshire County Council and report back to the next meeting.

199 UPDATE ON THE EXPANSION OF PORTON DOWN

Councillor Noeken informed the committee that Tetricus had been commissioned by DSTL to undertake work to develop the feasibility of the science park at Porton Down.

Tetricus is the company running the incubation units at Porton Down – a joint venture between DSTL, New Sarum Enterprises and GWE. There is also some tentative interest from existing tenants of the Tetricus incubation units at Porton.

Tetricus and DSTL have established regular meetings to review this work. The work will look at the relationship between this new 'science park' development and DSTL's corporate decision to expand at Porton, and not in isolation.

It was noted that this item would remain on the Northern Area Committee's agenda for the foreseeable future.

Tetricus is aiming to produce a progress report by the end of the summer. Around that time they will be asking local partners, including SDC, to a meeting to talk through the various issues.

RESOLVED – That an update be brought back to the next Northern Area Committee meeting on 24th June 2004.

200 UPDATE ON WINTERSLOW ROAD BETWEEN PORTON VILLAGE AND A30

As Councillor Wren had given his apologies for the meeting this item was deferred until the next Northern Area Committee meeting on 24th June 2004.

201 S/2004/542 – O/L APPLICATION - PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND GARAGE UTILISING EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS: ADJ: FOUR ACRES OVER STREET, STAPLEFORD SALISBURY SP3 4LP - FOR R J MOORE AND SON

Mr Gilbert, agent for the applicant, spoke in support of the above proposal.

Following the receipt of the above statement and further to the site visit held that afternoon, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the above application be **REFUSED** for the following reasons:

- I. The proposed development, in that it would involve the erection of a dwelling outside the Housing Policy Boundary, would result in new residential development in the open countryside and the Special Landscape Area, harming its character and appearance. In this respect, it would be contrary to policies G1, H23, C1, C2, and C6 of the Replacement Salisbury District Local Plan and the advice in PPG7
2. In that the proposed development does not make adequate provision for public recreational open space, it would be contrary to policy R2 of the Replacement Salisbury District Local Plan.

(2) That the applicant be informed that this decision has been taken in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan:

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| G1 | General development criteria |
| G2 | General development criteria |
| H23 | Development outside Housing Policy Boundaries |
| C1 | Development in the countryside |
| C2 | Development in the countryside |
| C4 | Development in AONBs |
| C5 | Development in AONBs |
| R2 | Recreational open space |

202 S/2004/0603 - ADVERT APPLICATION - 2 X EXTERNALLY ILLUMINATED PUBLIC HOUSE SIGNS ATTACHED TO BUILDING 3 X NON-ILLUMINATED SIGNS AT FIRST FLOOR LEVEL (RETROSPECTIVE): THE BELL INN WARMINSTER ROAD, SOUTH NEWTON SALISBURY SP2 0QD - FOR MR A D RECKNELL

Mr Recknell, co-owner of the pub, spoke in support of the above proposal.

Following the receipt of the above statement and further to the site visit held that afternoon, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the above application be **APPROVED** for the following reasons:

- i. The externally illuminated gable signs are necessary to advertise the public house when viewed from the A36 and the degree of separation between the gable sign and the three non-illuminated signs is such that there is no detrimental impact upon the streetscene. And subject to the following CONDITIONS:-

1. The illuminated adverts shall comply with the guidance and recommendations of the Institute of Lighting Engineers Technical Report No 5.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety

2. The lighting shall not cause glare to trunk road users, no lighting source shall be directly visible (or visible by reflection) to trunk road users and the lighting shall be static and not intermittent.

Reason: to avoid distraction to trunk road users in the interests of highway safety

- (2) That the applicant be informed that this permission has been taken in accordance with the following policies of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan:

G11 (Advertisements)
C6 (Special Landscape Area)

203 S/2004/821 – O/L APPLICATION - DETACHED DWELLING AND INTEGRAL GARAGE CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS: STONEHILL(ADJACENT TO) WEST GOMELDON SALISBURY SP4 6LS – FOR MR & MRS R SIMS

Mr Cunningham, agent for the applicant, spoke in support of the above proposal.

Following the receipt of this statement, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services, together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the above application be **REFUSED** for the following reasons: -

1. The obtainable visibility at the junction of the unnamed road with Gomeldon Road is substandard and further development served off the unnamed road will lead to an unacceptable road safety hazard, contrary to policies G2 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.
2. The proposal will be out of keeping with the spacious character of the area and would detract from the visual amenity contrary to policies G2, and D2 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.
3. The proposal is contrary to policy R2 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan 2003 in that it makes no provision towards off site recreational open space.

204 S/2004/0722 - FULL APPLICATION - BUILD NEW DOMESTIC DWELLING HOUSE AND CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS: TREPOLPEN COLD HARBOUR, AMESBURY SALISBURY SP4 7AH – FOR TERRANCE COSTIGAN

Mr Costigan, the applicant, spoke in support of the above proposal.

Mrs Swindlehurst, Mayor of Amesbury, informed the Committee that most of the Town Council's concerns in relation to this application had been addressed.

Following the receipt of these statements, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That subject to all persons concerned entering into a Section 106 under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to pay a commuted sum under policy R2 of the Salisbury District Local Plan within one month, then the above application be **APPROVED** for the following reason:

- I. It is considered that the detailed design of the proposed dwelling is appropriate in scale and design to the overall appearance of the street scene and due to its design and subject to conditions will not have a significant impact to the residential amenity of surrounding properties or adverse impact to highway safety

And subject to the following conditions

- I. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. A Pedestrian visibility splay shall be maintained at the back of the footway on Cold Harbour, from a point measured 2.4m along the centre-line of the access from the back of the footway to meet two points either side of the access drive, measured 2.4m along the back of the footway from the centre line of the drive, and no obstruction above a height of 600mm shall be permitted within the splay area.

Reason: To ensure that no conflict occurs between pedestrians and emerging vehicles at the access point, in the interests of road safety.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Class[es] A-E of Schedule 2 (Part 1) to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order with or without modification), there shall be no extensions to the dwelling, no additional windows/dormer windows (other than those expressly authorised by this permission), no additions or alterations to the roof of the dwelling nor the erection of

any structures within the curtilage unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority upon submission of a planning application in that behalf.

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to retain control over the appearance of the dwelling(s) in the interests of visual amenity and to ensure adequate standards of privacy for the neighbouring dwelling(s) through the avoidance of overlooking from dormer windows or rooflights.

4. Before the dwelling hereby approved first comes into use, the proposed rooflights and dormer windows on the roofslopes shall be glazed with obscure glass, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority (the details to also include that the bathroom dormer window shall be fixed apart from a top opening vent). The glazing so agreed shall be maintained in this condition thereafter.

Reason: To ensure adequate privacy for the occupants of neighbouring premises.

5. No development shall take place until details of the treatment of the boundaries of the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any tree screening, hedges, walls or fences thus approved shall be planted/erected prior to the occupation of the building[s]

Reason: 0030 To secure adequate standards of privacy for the occupants of the proposed dwelling(s) and/or neighbouring premises.

6. The garage shown on the approved drawing shall not be converted into a habitable room without the permission in writing of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To secure the retention of adequate off-street car parking provision.

7. Before development commences, a scheme for the discharge of surface water from the building(s) and hard surfaces hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, and shall be carried out as approved.

Reason: To ensure that the development is provided with a satisfactory means of surface water disposal.

- (2) That the applicant be informed that this permission has been given in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan:

G2 (General), H16 (Housing Policy Boundary), C6 (SLA), R2 (Open Space), D2 (Infill)

- (3) That the applicant be informed of the following:

Wessex Water

It is recommended that the developer should agree with Wessex Water, prior to the commencement of any works on site, a connection onto Wessex Water Infrastructure.

205 URGENT ITEM – UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE CO-OP AT REDWORTH HOUSE

Although this item was not on the previously circulated agenda the Chairman declared that it be taken as a matter of urgency since members needed to be informed of the position. Councillor Noeken gave a verbal presentation to the Committee. He informed the Committee that Redworth House became vacant at the start of the week commencing 26th April 2004. CG Property was given four months to make an agreement with contractors to build a new supermarket. Completion of the sale of Redworth House by the Council to CG property will take place two weeks after CG Property have secured an agreement with contractors. Work will then start on the demolition of Redworth House and the construction of the new supermarket as soon as is practically possible after completion of the sale of Redworth House. Councillor Noeken stated that it is estimated that the supermarket is likely to be completed within about nine months of work starting on it.

Meeting closed at 19.00

Members of the public present 13