

## **WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the: **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Held on: **THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2003**

Held in: **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES,  
BRADLEY ROAD, TROWBRIDGE**

Present:

Councillors: Newbury (Chairman), Brice, Brown, Burnan OBE, Chivers,  
Clark, Cox, Hawker, James, Knight, Lewis, March, Mudge,  
Osborn, Phillips OBE, Rosier, Viles, and Whatley-Gibbs

Also Present - Councillors: Manasseh, Mounde, While and Wiltshire

Officers: Development Control Manager, Principal Planning Officer  
(Commercial), Principal Lawyer and Member Support Officer  
(YR)

## **25. APOLOGIES AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

### ***Permanent Changes***

It was noted that Councillors Blakemore, Oldrieve and Squires were no longer on the Committee. Councillors Brice, Cunliffe-Jones, and Viles had been appointed to the Committee.

### ***Temporary changes to the Committee in respect of this meeting:***

Councillor Chivers replaced Councillor Carbin  
Councillor Mudge replaced Councillor John Clegg  
Councillor Phillips replaced Councillor Marion Clegg  
Councillor Rosier replaced Councillor Cunliffe Jones  
Councillor Brown replaced Councillor Repton

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carbin, John Clegg, Marion Clegg, Cunliffe-Jones, Farkas, Repton and Syme

**26. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was noted that Council at its meeting on 10 September 2003 had established a separate Licensing Committee and in so doing, renamed the Planning and Licensing Committee, the Planning Committee. Council also appointed Councillors Newbury and March as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Planning Committee.

**27. OPEN FORUM**

For Open Forum presentations in respect of planning applications please refer to minute No. 32.

**28. MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21 August 2003 were approved as the correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**29. QUESTIONS**

It was noted that in accordance with the revised constitution, formal questions were not permitted in respect of the Planning Committee. However, the Chairman allowed Councillor Hawker to raise a question concerning the displaying of plans.

**RESOLVED:**

That officers be requested to prepare a report on the practical implications of displaying plans for consideration at the next meeting on 2 October 2003.

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Details of declarations of Interest made in respect of planning applications are set out in minute No. 32.

**31. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chairman reminded Members that a training session on planning had been arranged for Monday 22 September 2003 with a repeat session on Tuesday 23 September 2003. Each session would be held in the Council Chamber and would start at 6.15pm with a buffet at 5.45pm.

He urged all members of the Committee to attend one of the training days given that it had also been a strong recommendation of the District Auditor that Members determining planning applications should receive such training.

## **32. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the list of delegated decisions made during the period 11 August to 29 August 2003 be received and noted.**
- (b) To make decisions on planning and related applications as set out in the Appendix to these minutes.**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
03/00344/FUL - Land at Summerslade Down, Brixton Deverill, Warminster	Peter Marsh Greg Doyle Andrew Sturgess
03/00548/FUL – WCs Wicker Hill, Trowbridge	Thomas Rothchild
03/01120/FUL - 6 Grange Close, Whitley, Melksham	Ian Beveridge
03/01037/FUL – Land at Berryfield Park, Melksham	J Pike Steve Petty
03/01238/OUT – Land at Poulson's Yard, Strattons Walk, Melksham	R Sharpe
03/01245/FUL - 36 Pitman Avenue, Trowbridge	Bill Lowe Brian Mitchell

### **Applications Deferred**

#### **03/00334/FUL - Land at Summerslade Down, Brixton Deverill, Warminster**

The above application was deferred for further negotiations and to examine noise and safety issues.

#### **03/00548/FUL - WCs Wicker Hill, Trowbridge**

The above application was deferred to allow the applicant to submit revised drawings to reduce the height of the proposed development.

#### **03/01245/FUL - 36 Pitman Avenue, Trowbridge**

The above application was deferred for further negotiations with the applicant.

## **Recorded Votes**

### **03/01245/FUL - 36 Pitman Avenue, Trowbridge**

The above application was deferred. During the course of discussion on this application, it had been moved and seconded that planning permission be granted. On being put to the vote, the motion for permission was lost and Councillors James and Phillips requested that their votes against the proposal to grant permission be recorded.

### **03/01248/FUL - Land adjacent to 30A The Square, Staverton, Trowbridge**

The above mentioned application was granted planning permission. During discussion of this application, a proposal was moved and seconded that planning permission should be refused. On being put to the vote, the proposal to refuse planning permission was lost and Councillor Clark requested that his vote in favour of refusal be recorded. A second proposal was moved and seconded that planning permission be granted which was carried and Councillor Clark requested that his vote against the decision to grant planning permission be recorded.

## **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of Interest were made:

Councillors Osborn, Cox, Clark, James, Hawker and Whatley-Gibbs made a general declaration that they had been lobbied regarding a number of applications being considered at this meeting.

Councillor Brown declared her interest in the following applications as the applicants were clients of the company she worked for:

03/00548/FUL & 03/01210/CON - WCs Wicker Hill, Trowbridge  
03/01248/FUL - Land adjacent to 30A The Square, Staverton, Trowbridge

Councillor Viles made a general declaration as having been lobbied and in particular the following application:

03/01238/OUT - Land at Poulson's Yard, Strattons Walk, Melksham

Councillor Mudge declared his interest in the following application:

03/00798/FUL - the Old Grain Store, Church Street, Melksham

Councillor Burnan made a general declaration as having been lobbied and in particular the following application:

03/01037/FUL - Land at Berryfield Park, Melksham

Councillor Newbury had received an email concerning the following application:

03/01037/FUL - Land at Berryfield Park, Melksham

Councillor Chivers declared his interest in the following application as a member of Melksham Without Parish Council and indicated that he would not be speaking or voting on the application:

03/01037/FUL - Land at Berryfield Park, Melksham

### **Planning Appeals Update**

The Principal Planning Officer (Commercial) presented details of planning appeals.

### **RESOLVED:**

(c) **That the details of planning appeals be received and noted.**

### **33. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

No reports were presented.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on 2 October 2003 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, in the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

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(meeting started 7pm  
meeting finished 9.50pm).