

## **WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the: **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Held on: **THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2003**

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

Present:

Councillors: March (Chairman), Brice, Burnan OBE, Carbin, Chivers, Clark, John Clegg, Marion Clegg, Conley, Cunliffe-Jones, Fortescue, Hawker, James, Knight, Manasseh, March, Osborn, Phillips OBE, Repton, Wells and Whatley-Gibbs

Also present: Councillor Oldrieve

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

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#### **34 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Farkas, Newbury, Syme and Viles.

Temporary changes to the Committee in respect of this meeting:

Councillor Manasseh replaced Councillor Cox  
Councillor Chivers replaced Councillor Farkas  
Councillor Phillips replaced Councillor Newbury  
Councillor Conley replaced Councillor Viles

#### **35 OPEN FORUM**

For open forum presentations in respect of planning applications please refer to minute number 39.

#### **36 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**37     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

For declarations of interest in respect of planning applications please refer to minute number 39.

**38     ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

**Planning application 03/01237/OUT - Land to the rear of 45 Victoria Road, Trowbridge**

The Chairman announced that due to the number of public wishing to speak to this application, it would be brought forward to the start of the planning applications item on the agenda.

**39     PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Open forum speakers:

<b>Application</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
03/01245/FUL – 36 Pitman Avenue, Trowbridge	Mr Lowe
03/00656/FUL – Land to the rear of 70 High Street, Heytesbury	Ms Ford, Mr Jeal, Ms Katon, Mr Grist
03/01361/FUL – The Hatchery, Marsh Road, Hilperton	Mr Marsh, Mr Chorley
03/01237/OUT – Land to the Rear of 45 Victoria Road, Trowbridge	Mr Baker, Mr Sparry, Mr Sheldon
03/01405/FUL – 53 Woolley Street, Bradford on Avon	Ms Niazy
03/01245/FUL – 1 East Street, Warminster	Mr Piper

**RESOLVED:**

- (a)     That the list of delegated decisions made during the period 9 to 19 September 2003 be received and noted.**
- (b)     To make decisions on planning and related applications as set out in the appendix to these minutes.**

- (c) **03/00307/FUL – Poleshole Farm, Brokerswood Road, Southwick.**

**That all alleged breaches of planning control on this and the adjoining site be investigated as a matter of urgency, with the exception of those that would require action by Wiltshire County Council, and a report be brought back to Committee, if possible within 3 months, with proposals for appropriate action.**

- (d) **03/01237/OUT – Land to the rear of 45 Victoria Road, Trowbridge.**

**That the Head of Regulatory Services be asked to consider and, if required, make a Tree Preservation Order on the Sycamore tree at 45 Victoria Road, Trowbridge.**

- (e) **03/01455/FUL – Mavern House, Corsham Road, Shaw.**

**That the Head of Regulatory Services be asked to consider and, if required, make a Tree Preservation Order on the Beech tree at Mavern House, Corsham Road, Shaw.**

NOTE: RECORDED VOTES

03/01237/OUT – Land to the rear of 45 Victoria Road, Trowbridge

Councillor Clark requested that his vote AGAINST permission be recorded.

03/00500/FUL – Wild Cross Garage, South Wraxall, Bradford on Avon

Councillor Chivers requested that his vote AGAINST refusal be recorded.

03/01361/FUL – The Hatchery, Marsh Road, Hilperton

During the debate a motion for refusal was moved and seconded and on being put to the vote was LOST. A recorded vote having been requested, the voting was as follows:

FOR REFUSAL:	Councillors Clark, John Clegg, Manasseh,
(6)	Hawker, Knight and Phillips.

AGAINST REFUSAL:	Councillors Brice, Marion Clegg, Chivers,
(11)	Conley, Fortescue, James, March, Osborn, Repton, Wells and Whatley-Gibbs.

ABSTENTIONS:	Councillors Burnan, Carbin and Cunliffe-Jones
(3)	

NOTE:           DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared a personal interest in planning applications in general, having been lobbied, remained in the room, spoke and voted.

**03/01361/FUL – The Hatchery, Marsh Road, Hilperton**

Councillor Clark declared his personal interest in the above application, as he had chaired the Hilperton Parish Council meeting at which it had been considered. He undertook to consider the application with an open mind.

**VOTE TO CONTINUE**

During the above item a vote was taken to continue with the meeting after 10pm, in accordance with the Constitution.

**40       PLANNING APPEALS – UPDATE**

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

**RESOLVED:           That the report be noted.**

**41       AVAILABILITY OF PLANS FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE**

Members considered a report requested at the last meeting concerning the displaying of plans at the meetings of the Committee.

At present, once an agenda had been prepared, the agenda and all the files relating to Committee items were kept in Planning reception and could be viewed by any Member or any other interested person on request. This arrangement allowed easy access to the plans but also kept the files readily available for ongoing work by planning staff.

At Committee each item was introduced by a Planning Officer who used scanned in plans and photographs of the site concerned to explain the application.

At the last meeting of the Planning Committee, Councillor Hawker had suggested that now a single district-wide Planning Committee had been re-established, it was proper and appropriate to return to the practice of displaying all relevant drawings (including location, site layouts, elevations and any other details), along with copies of the application forms and any other supporting documents, in an appropriate location, from the day after the agenda was issued until the meeting had taken place.

If Members felt that they wished to see the display of large numbers of plans then they should consider whether the scanning of plans should now be discontinued. Doing both would put added pressure on planning support staff at a time when considerable staff effort was going into trying to improve performance. In coming to a decision on this matter, Members also needed to be aware of the resource implications of agreeing to all the points raised by Councillor Hawker.

- RESOLVED:**
- (a) **That the report be noted and the current arrangements be continued.**
  - (b) **That the situation be reviewed in 12 months.**

## **42     REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

No reports were made.

(7.03pm - 10.20pm)

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on 23 October 2003 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, in the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

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