

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Held on: **THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2003**

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

Present:

Councillors: Newbury (Chairman), Brice, Burnan OBE, Carbin, Clark, John Clegg, Marion Clegg, Cox, Cunliffe-Jones, Davis, Knight, Lewis, March, Osborn, Repton, Rosier, Swabey, Syme, Squires, Viles and Whatley-Gibbs

Officers: Principal Planning Officer (Commercial), Principal Planning Officer (Residential) and Member Support Officer (YR)

43. APOLOGIES AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baker, Fortescue, James, Hawker and Wells.

Permanent Changes

It was noted that Councillor Rosier had replaced Councillor Farkas until further notice.

Temporary changes to the Committee in respect of this meeting

Councillor Davis replaced Councillor Baker

Councillor Swabey replaced Councillor Fortescue

Councillor Squires replaced Councillor James

44. OPEN FORUM

For open forum presentations in respect of planning applications please refer to minute number 48.

45. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 October 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Most of the members present made reported that they had received general lobbying on various applications to be considered at this meeting.

Cllr Syme declared an interest as he had been lobbied in particular on application number 03/01204/FUL – Hazelmead 1B, Lower South Wraxall, Bradford on Avon.

Cllr Swabey reported that she had written to planning officers in respect of the following application and therefore would speak on the application but would not vote:

03/01403/FUL – 34 Coulston, Wilts

47. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that a further planning training session would be held for those who had been unable to attend the previous sessions. The training would be held on Thursday 6 November at 6.30pm in the Octagon Suite and was open to all Members. He stressed that those Members either serving on the Committee who may do so in the future should undertake the training.

48. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Open forum speakers:

Application	Speaker(s)
03/01403/FUL – 34 Coulston	Mr Hicks, Mrs Bolton-Clark, Mrs McCaw,
03/00815/FUL – Land off Bath Road, Bradford on Avon	Vicky Palmer
03/01426/OUT – 24 Kenilworth Gardens, Melksham	Mrs Orchard
03/00969/FUL – Frankleigh House, Bath Road, Bradford on Avon	Mr Osborn, Mr Michael
03/01204/FUL – Hazelmead 1B, Lower South Wraxall, Bradford on Avon	Mrs A Munn, David Thurlow
03/01582/FUL – Land adjacent to 26a Little London, Heytesbury	Mr Firth. Mr Wyatt

RESOLVED:

- a) That the list of delegated decisions made during the period 22 September to 10 October 2003 be received and noted.
- b) That officers be requested to take an enforcement action if necessary in respect of the following application from the list of delegated decisions:

03/01367/FUL – 1 Acacia Crescent, Trowbridge
- c) To make decisions on planning and related applications as set out in the appendix to these minutes.
- d) That the following application be deferred for a site visit to be held on the day of the next meeting, Thursday 13 November 2003 at 2.30pm on site, to be then considered by the Planning Committee when it meets that evening starting at 7pm in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge:

03/01403/FUL – 34 Coulston

Applications Deferred

03/00815/FUL – Land off Bath Road, Bradford on Avon

The above application be deferred to negotiate reduced on-site parking.

Decision made against Officers' Recommendation

03/00969/FUL - Frankleigh House, Bath Road, Bradford on Avon

The above application was recommended for refusal by officers. The Planning Committee, after taking all matters into consideration, granted planning permission with conditions as detailed in the appendix to these minutes.

Reason: To preserve the character of the street scene and the setting of the listed building.

Recorded Vote

Cllr Cox requested that his vote in favour of the motion for refusal which was lost be recorded in respect of the following application:

03/01426/OUT – 24 Kenilworth Gardens, Melksham

49. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – LAND TO NORTH OF PAXCROFT WAY, TROWBRIDGE

The Principal Planning Officer (Residential), presented a report concerning the deletion of a condition relating to highway access arrangement in respect of the above mentioned development. Outline planning permission was granted for residential development on land north of Paxcroft Way by the Central Area Committee in June 2003. The permission was granted subject to the prior completion of a legal agreement and 11 conditions. The eleventh condition had been imposed at the specific request of the Committee which stated:

‘The highway access point from Cusance Way and Walmesley Chase shall be completed concurrently with the development to which they relate and made available for use before any of the dwellings hereby permitted are occupied’.

This condition was imposed in the interest of the meeting of highway safety. The Committee imposed the condition as it was concerned that if the access road from Cusance Way was not available there would be only one means of access leading into the development. The applicants had now confirmed that although they could deliver the access for Walmesley Chase, the access from Cusance Way crossed land outside their control and they were therefore not able to comply with such a condition.

RESOLVED:

That the matter be deferred for further negotiations with the developers.

50. PLANNING APPEALS - UPDATE

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

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

51. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTING BACK

Cllr March reported on his attendance at the AGM of the Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 13 November 2003 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, in the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

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(meeting started 7pm
meeting finished 9.10pm).

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