

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Held on: **THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2003**

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

Present:

Councillors: Newbury (Chairman), Brice, Burnan OBE, Carbin, Chivers,
Clark, Marion Clegg, Cox, Davis, Fortescue, Hawker, Knight,
Lewis, Osborn, Repton, Squires, Viles and Wells

Also in attendance: Councillors Manasseh and Mudge

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

60 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllrs Cunliffe-Jones who was replaced for this meeting by Cllr Squires,
Cllr Rosier who was replaced for this meeting by Cllr Chivers and
Cllr Whatley-Gibbs who was replaced for this meeting by Cllr Davis.
Apologies were also received from Cllrs Baker, John Clegg, James and March.

61 OPEN FORUM

For open forum presentations please refer to minute number 66 - Planning Applications

62 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared their interests:

Cllr Clark - 03/01854/REM - Detached dwelling, land adjacent 5 Newleaze, Hilperton, Trowbridge - had chaired the Parish meeting when the application had been discussed but said he would retain an open mind.

Cllr Clark - 03/01427/FUL - 15 Whaddon Lane, Hilperton - he had chaired the Parish Council meeting when the application had been discussed but said he would retain an open mind and also knew both the applicant and an objector.

Cllr Marion Clegg - 03/01769/FUL – 5 King Street, Melksham, - personal interest but would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Burnan OBE had been lobbied in particular on the following applications:

03/00950/FUL – Land south of Beanis Path, Codford, Warminster,

03/01209/OUT – Land off Church Lane, Westbury Leigh, Westbury

Cllrs Davis, Knight & Hawker declared a personal interest in the above mentioned application (03/01209/OUT).

Cllr Hawker had declared his interest in the following application on the grounds of pre-determination:

03/01256/REM – Local Centre, Westbury Leigh, Westbury

Cllr Osborn reported that he had been lobbied in particular on the following applications:

03/01756/OUT – Land rear of 34 Silver Street Lane, Trowbridge, Wiltshire

03/01381/OUT – F Sleightholme and Sons Ltd, Frome Road, Trowbridge,

Cllrs Marion Clegg and Jeff Osborn declared their interest in the following applications on the grounds that they were members of the board of West Wilts Housing Society (the applicant) and Cllr Chivers declared his interest in them as his wife was an employee of West Wilts Housing Society:

03/01812/OUT - Land at Montague Place, Melksham, Wiltshire

03/01809/OUT – Land adjacent 25 Hawkeridge Park, Westbury

03/01098/FUL - Land at Council Houses, Hill Deverill, Warminster

Members declared a general interest that they had been lobbied on various applications.

64 QUESTIONS

No questions had been received

65 ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

No announcements were made.

66 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Open forum speakers:

Application	Speaker(s)
03/01144/FUL – Weston Nurseries, Corton, Warminster	Susan Penny, Peter Grist and Robert Mayall
03/00815/FUL – Land of Bath Road, Bradford on Avon	Vicky Palmer
03/00950/FUL – Land south of Beanis Path, Codford, Warminster	Alice Ordidge, Rosemary Wyeth, Colin Beagley, Bob Richardson – Aitken, Simon Firth, Lionel French, Euan Hutchings and David Shaw
03/01256/REM – Local Centre, Westbury Leigh, Westbury	John Rogers, Graham Wickens, Alison Irving, Sheila Kimmins, Francis Morland and Pamela Cox-Maidment
03/01769/FUL – 5 King Street, Melksham	G Wicheard, V Oakman and Sarah Cardy
03/01756/OUT – Land rear of 34 Silver Street Lane, Trowbridge	Simon Chambers, A T George and Mr Walker
03/00976/FUL – 6 King Street, Warminster	Andrew Gorman
03/01209/OUT – Land off Church Lane, Westbury Leigh, Westbury	Dr and Mrs Salisbury
03/01487/FUL – Land rear of 200 Woodrow, Melksham	David Little and Greg Coombe
03/01809/OUT – Land adjacent 25 Hawkeridge Park, Westbury	A F Bryan
03/01812/OUT – Land at Montague Place, Melksham	Bryan Sandford and Bob Cleverly
03/01854/REM – Land adjacent 5 Newleaze, Hilperton, Trowbridge	Mrs Kellow-Webb
03/01427/FUL – 15 Whaddon Lane, Hilperton, Trowbridge	Phil Walker
03/01678/FUL – 28 Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon	Richard Eamer

RESOLVED:

- a) That the list of delegated decisions made during the period 13 November to 28 November 2003 be received as noted.
- b) To make decisions on the planning and related applications as set out in the appendix to these minutes.

That the Planning Design Policy Project Group be asked to look into the matter of flat roofs.

Applications Deferred

03/01427/FUL – 15 Whaddon Lane, Hilperton

Reason: That this application be deferred to enable the Landscape Officer to visit the site to ensure that adequate measures are taken to safeguard the trees and to get better photographs of the site.

03/01256/REM – Local Centre Westbury Leigh, Westbury

Reason: That this application be deferred for further clarification and negotiation with the applicant.

Decisions made against Officers' recommendation

The Committee went against the Officers recommendations on the under mentioned applications for the following reasons:

03/01144/FUL – Weston Nurseries, Corton, Warminster

The Committee considered that problems could be overcome with suitable conditions.

03/01812/OUT – Land at Montague Place, Melksham

Please refer to the appendix for the reason for refusal.

03/00950/FUL – Land south of Beanis Path, Codford, Warminster

Please refer to the appendix for the reason for refusal.

03/01769/FUL – 5 King Street Melksham

Please refer to the appendix for the reason for refusal.

03/01209/OUT – Land off Church Lane, Westbury Leigh, Westbury

The Committee felt that any problems could be overcome by suitable conditions as detailed in the appendix to these minutes.

Recorded Votes

03/01487/FUL – Land at rear of 200, Woodrow, Melksham – Cllr Clark

This application was granted planning permission contrary to the officer's recommendation. Cllr Clark requested that his vote against the granting of permission be recorded.

03/01833/ADV - Halifax, 4 Market Place, Warminster - Cllr Davis

This application was granted consent in accordance with the officer's recommendation. Cllr Davis requested that his vote against the decision to grant consent be recorded.

67 PLANNING APPEALS - UPDATE

The Principal Planning Officer (Commercial) presented a report which set out details of planning appeals to date.

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

68 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTING BACK

No reports were made.

69 MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman suggested that given the lateness of this meeting and previous meetings, the Committee should have an agenda item at its next meeting for a general discussion on the future of the Committee. This will allow the Committee to give views on how often the Committee should meet, its start time and the provision of refreshments although it was generally agreed that refreshments should be provided for each meeting given the length of the meetings.

The Development Control Manager explained that most applications presented to Committee could indeed be delegated. However, some ended up being presented to Committee as either the officers' recommendation was contrary to the views of the local Parish Council or at Members' request.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 8 January 2004 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, in the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

(7.00pm - 11.55pm).

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