

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Held on: **THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2004**

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

Present:

Councillors: Newbury (Chairman), Baker, Brice, Brown, Burnan OBE,
Carbin, Clark, John Clegg, Marion Clegg, Fortescue, Hawker,
James, Knight, Lewis, Manasseh, March, Osborn, Rosier,
Viles, Wells and Whatley-Gibbs

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

80 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Cunliffe-Jones, Repton and Syme and from Councillor John Clegg for lateness.

The following temporary changes to the membership were made:

Councillor Cox replaced Councillor Manasseh
Councillor Brown replaced Councillor Repton

81 OPEN FORUM

For open forum presentations please refer to minute number 86.

82 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

Minute No. 73 - Declarations of Interest

2nd paragraph to read as follows (amendment in italics):

Councillor Clark declared his interest in the following applications as he had chaired the parish council meetings at which they had been discussed. Also, *in respect of application 03/01427/FUL he knew both the applicant and the objector,* and in respect of application 03/01771/FUL he knew the objector. He left the Chamber during consideration of both applications.

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillors Brice, James, Rosier, Clark and Whatley Gibbs reported that they received general lobbying on several of the applications.

03/01713/FUL & 03/01944/LBC – Shaw Court, Bath Road, Shaw - Councillor Wells, Viles, Fortescue and Newbury – had been approached and lobbied in particular on these applications.

03/02108/FUL – Figheldean Boneless Meat Co Ltd, Drove Lane, Steeple Ashton - Councillor Brown – she worked for a firm of solicitors and had been representing the applicants. She left the room whilst the application was being determined by the Committee.

03/02108/FUL - Figheldean Boneless Meat Co Ltd, Drove Lane, Steeple Ashton & 03/01713/FUL – Shaw Court, Bath Road, Shaw - Councillors Burnan OBE, Marion Clegg, Hawker, Knight and Fortescue – had been approached and lobbied in particular on these applications.

84 QUESTIONS

No questions were received.

85 ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Planning Seminar

The Chairman referred to the successful Seminar on Planning held on 22 January 2004 which had given rise to some very useful ideas. He confirmed that following the views expressed at the Seminar there were no plans to recommend changes to the timing or frequency of the meetings of the Planning Committee. He reminded Members to use the microphones and to listen to all open forum presentations.

86 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Open forum speakers:

Application	Speaker(s)
03/00548/FUL – Public Conveniences, Wicker Hill, Trowbridge	Mr Thomas Rothschild
03/01938/FUL – Hillview Fam, Bradford Road, Winsley	Mrs Elizabeth Burrell, Miss Betty Parr, Mrs Colleen Bear & Mr Donald Tucker
03/02108/FUL – Figheldean Boneless Meat Co Ltd, Drove Lane, Steeple Ashton	Mr Michael Moore
03/02037/FUL – Priory Steps Garage, Newtown, Bradford on Avon	Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Batterbury, Cllr Jocelyn Fielding
03/01713/FUL – Shaw Court, Bath Road, Shaw	Mr George McDonic, Mr Michael Burton & Mr Ken Lambert

RESOLVED:

- (a) **That the list of delegated decisions made since the last meeting be received and noted.**
- (b) **To make decisions on planning and related applications as set out in the appendix to these minutes.**
- (c) **That the following application be deferred for a site inspection to be held on Thursday 19 February 2004 at 2.30pm which would then be considered by the Planning Committee when it meets later that day at the meeting starting at 7pm in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge:**

03/01938/FUL - Hillview Farm, Bradford Road, Winsley
- (d) **That advice on the procedure regarding voting and the use of amendments as laid down in the Constitution be circulated to Members.**

Reasons for Going Against Officer's recommendation

03/02108/FUL – Figheldean Boneless Meat Co Ltd, Drove Lane, Steeple Ashton

The above application was recommended for permission by officers. However, the Committee refused planning permission for the following reasons:

1. The proposal, located remote from services, employment opportunities and being unlikely to be well served by public transport, is contrary to the key aims of Planning Policy Guidance Note 13, which seeks to reduce the growth in the length and number of motorised journeys.
2. The Village Design Statement (VDS) for Steeple Ashton states that further commercial development in the area outside the village policy limits should be permitted only if small scale and compatible with the rural character of the village. The proposal would be contrary to the VDS in that it would be incompatible with the rural character of the village.

Applications Deferred

03/02037/FUL – Priory Steps Garage, Newtown, Bradford on Avon

That the above application be deferred pending submission of revised plans and consultation with English Heritage and that the applicant be strongly advised to cease work on site, unless it is his intention to complete the approved scheme.

Recorded Votes

03/01938/FUL - Hillview Farm, Bradford Road, Winsley

The above mentioned application was deferred for a site inspection. During discussion of the application, it was moved and seconded for deferral for a site inspection. An amendment was then moved and seconded that planning permission be granted. On being put to the vote, the amendment for permission was CARRIED and a recorded vote having been requested, the voting was recorded as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT (Permission) (11 votes)

Councillors Brice, Brown, Burnan OBE, Carbin, James, Knight, Lewis, March, Newbury, Rosier and Whatley-Gibbs

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT (Permission) (9 votes)

Councillors Baker, Clark, Marion Clegg, Fortescue, Hawker, Manasseh, Osborn, Viles & Wells

A further amendment was then moved and seconded to defer the application for a site inspection. On being put to the vote, the amendment was CARRIED and a recorded vote having been requested, the voting was recorded as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT (Site visit) (11 votes)

Councillors Baker, Brown, Carbin, Clark, Marion Clegg, Fortescue, Hawker,

Manasseh, Osborn, Viles and Wells

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT (Site Visit) (9 votes)

Councillors Brice, Burnan OBE, James, Knight, Lewis, March, Newbury, Rosier and Whatley-Gibbs

The application was therefore deferred for a site inspection (see (c) above.

NOTE: VOTE TO CONTINUE

During the course of consideration of planning applications, at 10.00pm, the Committee voted to continue with the meeting in accordance with the Constitution.

87 PLANNING APPEALS - UPDATE

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

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

88 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – REPORTING BACK

No reports were made.

89 FUTURE STRUCTURE OF MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee was satisfied that all issues had been sufficiently discussed at the Planning Seminar on 22 January. Please refer to minute no. 85 above.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 19 February 2004 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, in the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

(7.00pm - 10.30pm).

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