

Minutes

Meeting of : Southern Area Committee
Meeting held in : City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Thursday 15 January 2009
Commencing at : 4.30 pm

Present:

District Councillors:

Councillor B Rycroft – Chairman
Councillor L Randall – Vice Chairman

Councillors I McLennan, R Britton, R J Clewer, J P King, J F Launchbury and D J Luther

Apologies: Councillors C Devine, W R Moss and C J M Morrison.

Parish Councillors: J Martin (Landford)

Officers: Janet Wallace (Development Control), Roger Hodgkinson (Legal and Property Services), Elaine Milton (Forward Planning and Transportation), Annie Scadden (Community Initiatives) and Jade Hibberd (Democratic Services)

205. Public Questions /Statement Time:

There were none.

206. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

207. Minutes:

Councillor Britton highlighted that Minute 202 made reference to D Briggs as a 'Mr' rather than 'Mrs'. He asked that this be amended, as well as it being reflected that she was the Chairman of Alderbury Parish Council.

Resolved: that subject to the above amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

208. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Launchbury and Luther both declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 (Revised Downton Conservation Area Appraisal) as they are members of Downton Parish Council.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



Parish Councillor Martin declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (Endorsement of the Landford Community Plan) as he is the Chairman of the steering group for the Landford Plan.

209. Chairman's Announcements:

There were none.

210. Endorsement of the Landford Community Plan:

The Committee considered the previously circulated report. Jenny Heath of the Landford Steering Group told members that the Landford Community Plan had successfully captured the feelings and opinions of the community. previously circulated Volunteers had worked on the project for two years and with an 85% return rate on questionnaires it was felt that an important link had been established with the community. John Martin spoke on behalf of Landford Parish Council to thank the steering group and all that were involved in the project. Councillor Randall enquired if it would be possible for the National Park to also give its endorsement of the Plan. John Martin, as Chairman of the steering group, undertook to investigate. The Committee congratulated the Principal Community Development Officer and the steering group on covering all validation points in the report and completing the report to a very high standard.

Resolved: that the Southern Area Committee endorse the Landford Community Plan.

211. Revised Downton Conservation Area Appraisal:

The committee considered a presentation from the Principal Planning Officer in conjunction with the previously circulated report. The committee requested that in future additional clarity and clearer guidelines are given around what a conservation area is and what is meant by "consultation" so that the public can be clear on what is expected of them. It was also stated that despite a Southern Area Committee recommendation that Conservation Officers speak with the public, it had to be actively sought by Councillors before being carried out. This was felt to be inadequate. The committee agreed that the re-drafting of the document had been beneficial. Councillor Launchbury abstained from voting due to her involvement with this document at the Downton Parish Council.

Resolved: that the Southern Area Committee recommend the Downton Conservation Area Appraisal to Cabinet for approval.

212. Enforcement Update – Land at the Old Coach House:

The committee considered the previously circulated report from the Principal Planning Officer.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

213. Urgent Item - Report on planning application S/2008/1555 'Erection of 7 Affordable Houses off Newton Lane':

The committee considered the previously circulated report and a presentation from the Senior Planning Officer. It was explained by the Senior Planning Officer that in addition to the conditions passed by the Southern Area Committee on Minute 194, at the meeting held on 6 November 2008, additional conditions needed to be added to enable the original decision to be issued.

Resolved: that

- (1) the recommended condition 19 be amended to read as follows and incorporated into the decision: "The development hereby permitted shall be carried out only by the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association or another Registered Social Landlord approved by Salisbury District Council or its successor. The planning permission shall be for the benefit only of the applicant or another Registered Social Landlord to provide rented housing for the local needs of in the first instance Whiteparish Parish and then only if there are still vacancies for the local needs of the surrounding parishes in accordance with Policy H26 of the Adopted Salisbury Local Plan (June 2003)

Reason (19) To ensure that the development provides affordable housing to meet an identified need in the locality'.

- (2) in order to ensure that the development was subject to the requirements of Policy R2 of the Adopted Salisbury Local Plan (June 2003) that the following condition 20 is

added to the decision: ' No development shall take place until details of a scheme for the provision for recreational open space in accordance with policy R2 of the Salisbury District Local Plan have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason (20) In order to comply with Policy R2 of the Salisbury District Local Plan'

214. Community Update:

Councillor McLennan updated members on the application for phone masts in Laverstock that had previously come to the Southern Area Committee. He explained that following the committee's rejection of Riverside Road as the site of the phone mast, Vodafone had appealed the decision and had been granted its use. This had since caused public upset in Laverstock and has been raised with Salisbury District Council's legal department. Further updates were to follow.

Councillor Launchbury told the committee that a full time Youth Worker had now been appointed for the Downton Area, and that she had had discussions with both Downton and Redlynch Parish Councils about funding an additional Youth Worker.

Councillor Launchbury also informed the committee that she had received the Community Area Boards draft handbook through Downton Parish Council, and that there should be a discussion on this and why Southern Area Committee members were not sent copies at the next meeting.

Councillor King updated members on issues that were raised at the last LDF meeting, including the point that the allocation of houses was still being looked into, and that village design statements will be considered.

Councillor Randall commented that there had been a disappointing response to the New Forest National Park consultation, and that it contained a number of factual errors.

*The meeting closed at 18:00 pm
Members of the public: 4*