

Southern Area Committee

Minutes

Thursday, 28th October 2004 at 4.30pm
Alamein Suite, City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury

**THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE KEPT FOR USE BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

P R E S E N T

District Councillors

Councillor B M Rycroft – Chairman
Councillor F D Bissington – Vice - Chairman

Councillors: G A N Anderson, C Devine, I D McLennan,
W R Moss, Mrs M M A Peach and L Randall

Apologies: Councillors Mrs P J Bissington, R Britton and P J Leo.

County Councillors

Apologies: County Councillors J P Johnson and K C Wren

Parish Representatives

K Gross (Laverstock and Ford)

Officers Present

Richard Hughes (Development Services), Gianina Newell (Legal and Property Services)
and Andrew Rose (Democratic Services).

MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

337. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor C Devine declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 due to his membership of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. However, as this item was a non-regulatory matter, and no decision was being taken, the Member was not required to leave the meeting.

338. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on [30th September 2004](#) (previously circulated), be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

339. PUBLIC QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Mr G Read, of West Grimstead, Salisbury, made a statement with regard to minute number 326 of the meeting of the Southern Area Committee on 30th September 2004 relating to Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 309 at Macks Lane, West Grimstead, Salisbury during which he stated that he did not believe that the TPO was of merit and therefore should not be confirmed.

The Chairman replied that Mr Read would receive a written answer in 10 working days which will outline that the item will be investigated and is to be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee for re-consideration.

340. COUNCILLOR QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Mr K Gross, of Laverstock Parish Council, made the following statement:

“Central Government, and in particular the Office of the Deputy prime Minister (ODPM), has set a target of 90% for certain planning applications to be considered within a set timescale. The planning department at Salisbury District Council, in the second quarter of this year achieved 93%. The planning officers should therefore be congratulated on their achievement and hard work.”

341. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1. With regard to the Judicial Review relating to minute 316 of the Southern Area Committee at it's meeting of 2nd September, this has now been heard and we are awaiting the outcome.
2. Parish Councils are reminded of training sessions being held on the subject of how local communities can work together to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour with members of the Community Safety Partnership. The meeting dates are:
 - 8th November 2004 (1pm to 4pm) at City Hall, Salisbury
 - 15th November 2004 (2pm to 5pm) at Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton
 - 23rd November 2004 (9.30am to 12.30pm) at Hindon Hall, Tisbury
 - 2nd December 2004 (6.30pm to 9.30pm) at Antrobus House, Amesbury

342. PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE SOUTHERN AREA

Susan Glock, Community Projects Co-ordinator for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, gave a presentation. The main points of her presentation were as follows:

- The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) has been in existence for over 40 years.
- The aim of the Trust is to create a sustainable future for wildlife and people.
- Within the past 70 years over 98% of wildflower meadows have been lost.
- Over the last 100 years 43% of ponds have been lost in South Wiltshire.
- The WWT has many projects around Wiltshire. Community Wildlife Projects are based in Salisbury, Salisbury Plain, West Wiltshire and Swindon.
- The WWT tries to encourage people to ask what they can do to help. Some examples are that WWT needs to know what wildlife is around to be able to protect it; people can create local reserves, such as creating or improving ponds; volunteer groups; organising events for fundraising and awareness of the Trust; and; the Green Gardening Project, as gardens play a very important role for wildlife.
- Habitat loss is only one area of concern, perhaps more important is climate change. It has recently been said that it could cause over a million species to be lost in the future. It is believed by many people to be the greatest threat to the world at the present time. One spin-off of climate change is the increased flooding we are witnessing each year.

- 30% of carbon dioxide emissions are produced in the home. WWT is undertaking several campaigns to help reduce this figure. Some of these initiatives include Efficiency Advice Centre, “Switch On” Project, Health through Warmth Project and Community Renewable Initiative.
- If municipal waste in Wiltshire continues to grow at 5% per year there remains only 10-12 years of landfill space available.
- Even if recycling increased by 40% the total amount of recycled waste would still be less than the amount being sent to landfill sites. Therefore we need to minimise waste.
- To help encourage waste minimisation, the WWT have the following initiatives in place: Community Composting, Home Composting and Rethink Rubbish Directories. Composting has the potential to remove 50% of domestic waste from the waste stream. WWT is also looking for volunteers to assist with the Rethink Rubbish Directory for the Southern Community Area.

Following this presentation, those present were invited to ask questions. They, and the answers provided, were as follows:

- What measures are being adopted to tackle the packaging industry?

This is a huge issue, but as always, the problem is how to tackle it. Any campaign will need political pressure and be top-down, and because of the funding limitations on WWT, it must concentrate on its core objective of trying to change people’s habits.

- People need to be educated on how to recycle properly.

The Rethink Rubbish Directory is all about telling people how and where they can recycle. Also, kerbside recycling schemes normally provide information on which items can be recycled.

- There are many batteries from appliances that are thrown away and cannot be re-used. What is being done to tackle this issue?

The WWT is working with Wiltshire County Council to help change habits. Also, the WWT has a campaign called SNUB (Say No to Unwanted Bags) which is about encouraging people to use re-usable bags rather than disposable bags (such as those provided by supermarkets).

- Is the compost from community composting schemes available for sale?

Yes, a community can decide how they want their composting scheme to run, so in this way they can also be used as a social enterprise scheme.

The Chairman thanked Susan Glock for attending and for her presentation.

343. [S/2004/1544](#) – CHANGE OF USE - STATIONING AND RESIDENTIAL OCCUPATION OF TWO TOURING CARAVANS (RETROSPECTIVE) AT BADGERS REST, WINTERSLOW ROAD, PITTON, SALISBURY SP5 1DH FOR LORRAINE EMMA SMITH

Alan Smith, a resident of Pitton, spoke in objection to the above application.

Lorraine Smith, the applicant, spoke in support of the above application.

Alan Webster, although a Parish Councillor for Pitton was speaking as a private individual and not on behalf of the Parish Council and subject to the normal public speaking procedures, spoke to advise that he had no objection to the above application.

Following receipt of these statements, and following a site visit held earlier that day, the Committee considered the report of the Head of Development Services (previously circulated) together with a schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting:

RESOLVED - that the above application be deferred so as to allow time for the following:

- (a). proof to be obtained by officers that the applicant does merit genuine gypsy status;
- (b). the impact of the development on the ecology of the Special Landscape Area to be fully assessed by undertaking to establish whether the septic tank/drainage system is fully operational; and;
- (c). is there a requirement for the two caravans to be resited in order to comply with the recommendations of the Fire Officer.

344. [S/2004/2086](#) – FULL APPLICATION - LOFT CONVERSION AT 21 GREAT CROFT, FIRSDOWN, SALISBURY SP5 1SN FOR MR J G TOMSETT

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development Services (previously circulated):

RESOLVED - that

- (1). For the following reasons:

The proposed development would be in accordance with the adopted policy context of the Salisbury District Local Plan, and would not adversely affect neighbouring amenities;

The above application be approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town & Country Planning Act

- 2. The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the roof extension hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing building.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed roof extension will satisfactorily harmonise with the external appearance of the existing building.

3. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the drawing[s] hereby approved, or with such other details as may subsequently be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

- (2). The applicant be informed that this decision has been taken in accordance with the following policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan:

Policy G2	General Principles for Development
H16	Housing Policy Boundaries
C6	Special Landscape Area
D3	Design of Extensions

The meeting concluded at 5.50 pm

Members of the Public: 10