

SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2010 AT ALAMEIN SUITE, CITY HALL, SALISBURY.

Present:

Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Jose Green (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Fred Westmoreland (Chairman), Cllr Graham Wright

Also Present:

Cllr Bill Moss

30. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Dalton and Councillor Mary Douglas. Councillor John Smale substituted for Councillor Douglas.

31. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April were approved as a correct record subject to the following alterations:

- That Cllr Jose Green be listed as present.
- That under item 27, Planning Appeals, planning appeal S/2009/1196 – 8 James Street/36 Sidney Street, Salisbury be amended to show that it was in fact a Committee Decision.
- That under Item 29, Urgent Items, the address of two applications requested for a site visit be changed from “Wyke Parish Village Store Ltd., The Street, Wyke” to “Whiteparish Village Store Ltd., The Street, Whiteparish.

32. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr George Jeans, declared a personal interest in the agenda Item. No. 9 – Land adjacent to Birchlea, Barnes Place, Mere, Warminster, as he owned a

property adjacent to the application. He stated he would take part in the debate, but would not vote.

Cllr John Smale, declared a personal interest in agenda Item No. 9 – Land adjacent to Birchlea, Barnes Place, Mere, Warminster - in that he knew one of the persons speaking in objection – Lt. Col. Ben Davies from some work undertaken around four years ago.

33. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that he had attended the special meeting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of each Area Planning Committee, of the Strategic Planning Committee and representatives from the planning department of Wiltshire Council. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the feedback received from a survey of members involved in planning matters, and to make suggestions for the improvement of the planning service.

Cllr Tony Deane asked if there had been any update on the progress of either the Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan, or the Local Development Framework. The Chair replied that consultation for the Gypsy and Traveller Development plan was ongoing. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee request update reports on these two items.

34. **Public Participation**

The committee noted the rules on public participation and the manner in which the meeting would proceed.

35. **Land at the former Wisma Poultry Farm/Stonehenge Campsite, Berwick Road, Berwick St. James, Wiltshire SP3 4TQ**

The Lead Principal Planning Enforcement Officer presented a report which updated the Committee in respect of action taken in respect of breaches of planning control this site since the previous meeting.

In response to a question as to whether there were Temporary Stop Notices on public display, to publicise the enforcement action, the planning officer replied that one of the two had been removed and one had been reposted.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

36. **Lavender Farm, Giles Lane, Landford**

The Lead Principal Planning Enforcement Officer summarised a report detailing investigations undertaken by the enforcement team into the use of this site.

The committee thanked the planning officer for the concise reports and prompt enforcement action.

During the course of the discussion it was requested that a report be brought to the next meeting surrounding enforcement issues regarding the Old Coachhouse at East Grimstead.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

37. **Planning Appeals**

The Committee received details of the following appeals:-

S/2009/0269 - The Garage Site, Albany Terrace, Wilton - dismissed – delegated decision

S/2009/0913 - The White House, Sansomes Farm, Hop Gardens, Whiteparish - dismissed – delegated decision

S/2009/1314 - Layby A338, West Gomeldon – dismissed – delegated decision

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

38. **Planning Applications**

1.1. **S/2010/0381 - Land adjacent to Birchlea, Barnes Place, Mere, Warminster**

Public Participation:

Lt. Col. Ben Davies spoke against the application
Mr John Stainer spoke against the application
Helen Davies spoke against the application.

Mr Philip Coward spoke in favour of the application.

The senior planning officer outlined the details of the application to the panel and summarised the various planning considerations in his report. The Highways officer also added his comments with regards to accessibility and safety issues.

A discussion ensued during which the focus was on the proposal's suitability under the Local Development framework; the design of the house and its possible size; concerns surrounding an increase in car usage; and the issue of safe and sufficient access.

Resolved:

That planning permission be REFUSED for the following reasons:

(1) The traffic generated from this proposal would use a road which, by virtue of its function in the highway network and its inadequate width and junctions, is considered unsuitable to accommodate the increase in traffic from this development and that for which it would set a precedent. In this respect the proposal would be contrary to saved policy G2 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.

(2) The proposed dwelling, by reason of its height, size and design, and the resultant loss of an area of garden that contributes to the area's character, would fail to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of this part of Mere's Conservation Area. In these respects the proposed development would be contrary to saved policies CN8, D2, H16 and CN10 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.

(3) The proposed development, in that it does not make adequate provision for public recreational open space, would be contrary to saved policy R2 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.

39. **Urgent Items**

None.

(Duration of meeting: 6.00 - 7.20 pm)

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