

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held at the Town Hall, High Street, Chippenham on Thursday 17 February 2011 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor JR Scragg (Chairman)  
Councillors MC Coates, Mrs MM Fallon, Mrs SA Gibson,  
Mrs SE Oakes, JA Phillips, Mrs NM Phillips, Mrs M Pile,  
DLB Powell, RHP Purdon and Ms S Veitch

ALSO

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs MF Lloyd (part)

OFFICER

PRESENT: Mrs A Chard, Office Manager

PUBLIC

PRESENT: Mr R Perks, Chairman, Chippenham Chamber of Commerce

171. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Councillors Mrs ME Stickland and WA Wood.

172. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest as defined by the Code of Conduct in the current approved Standing Orders was received.

173. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no written or verbal questions from any member of the public.

174. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 January 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

175. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the Chairman had written to the Area Board to draw attention to the proposed discussions on the Town Centre, Conservation Area and the question of urban 'clutter' and suggested that this was a possible subject to raise at its next meeting on 7 March 2011 (Minute 164/10 refers).

176. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) Information on the prospect of an improved 'Trans Wilts' train service running from Swindon to Salisbury from next December had been circulated to Members.

- (ii) The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting on Tuesday 14 February to meet with groups who are opposed to the proposed development of the northern side of town. This was attended by Town Councillors, Councillor C Caswill and the Clerk & Chief Executive.

It was noted that Wiltshire Council will be holding a meeting at 6.00pm on 28 February 2011 in the Neeld Hall to report on how the Core Strategy is progressing and on their assessment of future housing demand in the area. This meeting will be open to the public so it was hoped as many Members as possible would attend. Another more structured meeting on the Core Strategy is to be held on 14 March 2011 but attendance at this is by invitation only.

#### 177. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR CONSULTATION

- (i) Members received a short presentation from Rob Perks, Chairman of the Chippenham Chamber of Commerce on the possible effects of the new scale of parking charges to be imposed by Wiltshire Council and received a copy of a letter written by Duncan Hames MP to the Chairman of Wiltshire Council Environment Select Committee (copy in Minute Book).
- (ii) Consideration was given to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders received from Wiltshire Council (copy in Minute Book).

#### RESOLVED that

- (i) Wiltshire Council be informed that the Town Council in partnership with Chippenham Chamber of Commerce object to the proposed increased charges for parking in Chippenham for the following reasons:-
- The Town Council was not formally consulted about the proposed changes and is still waiting for a full response from Wiltshire Council to a letter written to the Chief Executive in September 2010.
  - The increase in charges particularly for one hour's parking is likely to discourage shoppers from coming into the town in favour of larger towns such as Swindon and Bath or towns where parking remains free. This would have a severe impact on the viability of the town centre. Many shops are closing down in Chippenham and this will only add to the problem.
  - Larger towns in neighbouring unitary authorities have actually reduced their charges.
  - People who live outside the town looking for employment could be less likely to choose Chippenham as the cost of parking would prove prohibitive.

- Residents near the town centre could be affected by shoppers who are not prepared to pay the increased charges and who choose alternative places to park.
  - The previous loss of the free first hour's parking was much regretted.
- (ii) Wiltshire Council be informed that no. 27 on page 6 should read "No person using a Parking Place shall sound any horn..."
- (iii) A copy of the above letter be sent to Wiltshire Councillors representing Chippenham Electoral Divisions before this is considered at the Wiltshire Council meeting on Tuesday 22 February.

178. PROPOSED TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT/AREA BOARD ISSUES

(i) New Process for Requesting Highway Improvements

Members received Wiltshire Council's new protocol for dealing with requests for highways improvements (copy in Minute Book).

(ii) Pedestrian Crossing: Webbington Road

A letter, plans and Public Notice were received from Wiltshire Council for the above. An email from the Principal Highway Engineer, Wiltshire Council outlining the advantages of the new proposals was also received (copies in Minute Book).

(iii) Pedestrian Crossing: Hardenhuish Lane

An email was received from the Principal Highway Engineer confirming that despite delays caused by adverse weather conditions works have been completed on the above.

(iv) Temporary Closure of Goldney Avenue

A Notice was received from Wiltshire Council of the temporary closure of Goldney Avenue from its junction with Audley Road in an easterly direction to its junction with Lowden Avenue to enable a developer to connect new sewerage and storm drainage. These works will commence on 21 March 2011 and it is anticipated that the works will take six weeks to complete.

**RESOLVED** that (i) to (iv) above be noted.

179. STREET NAMING

Development: Former Wessex Dairies Ltd., Goldney Avenue

A letter and plan were received from Street Naming & Numbering, Wiltshire Council requesting suggestions for a new street name for the above development (copy in Minute Book).

**RESOLVED** that Wiltshire Council be informed that the Town Council proposes the name of 'Farnewell' for the development in Goldney Avenue. Henry Goldney *alias* Farnewell was the name of a respected clothier in the town in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

180. APPEAL NOTICES AND DECISIONS

N.10/01914/ADV – 31 – 33 High Street (Wilkinsons Store)

Details of an Appeal Decision were received from the Planning Inspectorate (Minutes 39 and 128 refer) regarding the above (copy in Minute Book).

Part of the appeal was dismissed but part of the appeal that related to internally illuminated signage was granted consent. The reason given for this is that "whilst internally illuminated letters are not a traditional element in conservation areas, the size of the lettering in relation to the building as a whole is proportionate. The internally illuminated projecting sign at the left hand end of the fascia, sign A is relatively small and seems to form an integral part of the overall advertisement scheme".

**RESOLVED** that Members note for future reference that there seems to be no presumption against internally illuminated signage in the Conservation Area Management Plan.

181. LOCAL PLAN ISSUES

There were no new issues relating to the above.

183. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED** that

- (i) The attached list of observations on planning applications be submitted to the Local Planning Authority.
- (ii) Where refusal is recommended the appropriate Unitary Councillor be requested to call the application to Committee.

184. PRESS RELEASE

**RESOLVED** that a Press Release be made regarding the Town Council's letter to Wiltshire Council opposing the proposed parking charges.

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – 17 February 2011**

- N.10/04604/ADV Display of two internally illuminated fascia signs at Unit 32, Borough Parade for New Look Retailers.  
- No objection.
- N.10/04682/ADV Replacement fascia sign, new hanging sign and three fascia signs at Bar Reva, Borough Parade for JD Weatherspoon Plc.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00022/LBC Repair and re-tile colonnaded porch, repair external wall above first floor window at Rowden House, 36 Rowden Hill for Mr Money-Kyrle  
- No objection.
- N/11/00026/LBC Internal and external alterations, including insertion of 3 dormer windows and porch, in association with conversion into two dwellings at Rowden House, 36 Rowden Hill for Mr Money-Kyrle.  
- No objection to alterations but recommend refusal of the dormer windows which would alter the character of this listed building.
- N.11/00027/FUL Subdivision of house to form two dwellings and external alterations, including insertion of three dormer windows and porch at Rowden House, 36 Rowden Hill for Mr Money-Kyrle.  
- No objection to alterations but recommend refusal of the dormer windows which would alter the character of this listed building.
- N.11/00102/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling with detached garage at 32 Hardenhuish Lane for Mr & Mrs Bennett C/o. Design and Materials.  
- The Town Council support this for its significant ecological benefit.
- N.11/00122/TPO Tree works to scots pine at 45 Frogwell Park for Mr Townsend.  
- No objection subject to the approval of the Tree Preservation Officer.
- N.11/00126/ADV Display of 8 free standing internally illuminated signs, including 1 height restrictor at McDonalds Restaurant, Bath Road.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00212/TPO 25% reduction to lime at 13 Coniston Road for Mr Smith.  
- No objection subject to the approval of the Tree Preservation Officer.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting.

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- N.11/00248/FUL Installation of diesel generator and storage tank at Building 121, Invensys Rail Ltd., Pew Hill.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00263/FUL Build side garage, utility room and front porch at 1 Fox Grove for Mr Cole.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00344/FUL Erection of single detached garage at 25 Lady Coventry Road for Mr Norris.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00347/FUL Single storey rear extension at 28 Audley Road for Mr Scholes-Hamilton.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00348/FUL Two storey side extension at 6 Wicks Drive for Mr & Mrs O'Leary.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00412/FUL Single storey extension to front of property at Cocklebury Farmhouse, 13 Greenway Park for Mr Taylor.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00430/FUL Two storey side extension at 10 Barley Leaze for Mr Hatt.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00435/TCA Fell one conifer at 23 Marshfield Road for Mr Giles.  
- No objection subject to the approval of the Tree Preservation Officer.
- N.11/00454/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions following the demolition of garage at 67 East Yewstock Crescent for Mr Faroppa.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00457/FUL Two roof lights at 16 St. Paul Street for Mr Dunmow.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00473/FUL Side and rear extensions at 88 Malmesbury Road for Mr Johnson.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00501/FUL Change of use of first floor from B1 (office) to sui generis (various alternative therapies) at 71A Market Place for Mr Boulanger.  
- No objection.
- N.11/00506/LBC Internal and external alterations including inserting three dormer windows and porch at 36 Rowden Hill for Mr Money-Kyrle.  
- No objection to alterations but recommend refusal of the dormer windows which would alter the character of this listed building.