

WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT WEST BLETCHLEY COUNCIL OFFICES, 221 WHADDON WAY, WEST BLETCHLEY

Present: Cllrs Butson, Gibb, Harvey, Hircock, Kearon, Mabbott, Tony Phillips, Sinclair and Vaidyanathan.

In Attendance: the Clerk, the head of Council Services and 8 residents

PE15/83 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Belcher and Revell.

PE15/84 Declarations of Interest - None

PE15/85 Public Questions

Residents raised concerns regarding the proposal for development on land to the north of 15 Gleneagles Close and sought the Council's support in objecting to this application.

PE15/86 Minutes of meetings

Cllr Harvey signed the minutes of the meetings held on 7th September and 12th October 2015 as correct records of the meetings.

PE15/87 Ward Matters

a) Allotments

Resolved: that Officers review procedures for allocating allotment plots with a view to reducing the timescales for this process and submit associated proposals for consideration at the next meeting.

b) Speeding in Kennet Drive

Cllr Sinclair submitted a petition, signed by 86 local residents, stating that there was an increase in speeding cars in Kennet Drive and asking that speed bumps/traffic calming measures be put in to place.

Members noted that traffic calming was a function of Milton Keynes Council but agreed that this Council should collect speed data to enable it to consider whether it would be able to actively support the residents' request.

Resolved: that the Council's Speed Detection equipment be used to collect speed data for Kennet Drive and that this information be submitted to the next meeting for the Committee's consideration.

PE15/88 Parking in West Bletchley

Resolved: that this Committee notes:

- i) the resolution of Full Council as recorded at minute no. FC15/92
- ii) that, following evaluation using the Council's agreed parking matrix, officers have identified sections of both St John's and St George's Roads where proposals for additional parking provision should be considered, and that applications have been submitted to MKC's parish parking fund to establish whether schemes could be progressed in these areas,
- iii) that MKC has advised that the location in St John's Road would not be suitable for a parking scheme but that the location in St George's Road will be given further consideration,
- iv) that Officers will continue to evaluate requests for parking schemes, using the parking matrix, with a view to bringing further proposals forward for the Councils' consideration.

PE15/89 Rickley Park

Resolved that:

- i) the report of the Head of Council Services be received,

- ii) Bletchley Juniors FC be granted permission to place a club sign on the external wall of the changing block for the duration of the current football season,
- iii) the Royal Pigeon Racing Association be granted permission to hold a “pigeon liberation” event on 1st July 2016 subject to that organisation agreeing to the Council’s usual hiring terms.

PE15/90 Committee Budgets

Resolved that:

- i) spending to date in respect of this year’s budgets be noted,
- ii) the draft estimates for 2016/17 be approved for submission to Finance & General Purposes Committee.

PE15/91 Planning Applications

- 91.1: 13/00242/FUL – Erection of a two storey three bedroom dwelling, Land to the North of 15 Gleneagles Close (This Council maintained its strong objection to this application on the grounds that the proposed development:**
- i) would remove the 'rights of access' across the land enjoyed by local residents for what we understand to be a period in excess of 20 years,**
 - ii) would also remove the current access for emergency vehicles to enter the golf course which we understand has been used by both ambulance and police cars,**
 - iii) would result in a loss of amenity open space enjoyed by local residents, where children currently play, which we understand has been maintained by the Council as amenity land in accordance with an agreement dated 1971,**
 - iv) includes for the removal of part of an existing hedgerow which local residents advise is a habitat for wildlife including many species of birds and bats,**
 - v) would be situated too close to the protected Ash Tree, whose canopy would restrict the amount of daylight and sunlight that would reach inside the property, resulting in an unacceptably poor standard of living accommodation,**
 - vi) would generate increased traffic in an area where the road network is already considered as being 'overloaded',**
 - vii) would result in the neighbouring properties experiencing a loss of privacy and light,**
 - viii) would place a further water disposal burden in an area which is already considered as suffering from poor drainage,**
 - ix) includes for the diversion of the Sewer to a position that it is considered to be too close to the foundations of the neighbouring property)**
- 91.2: 15/02484/FUL – Single storey rear extension, 82 Hexham Garden (This Council had no comment on this application)**
- 91.3: 15/02503/FUL – Erection of a detached dwelling, 120 Newton Road (This Council objected to this application on the grounds that the Council does not agree to the development of back or front gardens to provide additional accommodation)**
- 91.4: 15/02547/FUL – Change of use from restaurant and café (use class A3) to hot food takeaway (use class A5) and the exterior installation of ventilation system, 200-202 Whaddon Way (This Council had no objection to this application subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the ventilation system will not cause nuisance to or have an adverse impact on neighbours residing in the flats located directly above the shop unit)**
- 91.5: 15/02590/ADV – Advertisement consent for 4 x sponsorship signs, Tattenhoe Roundabout (This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.6: 15/02663/FUL – Single storey rear extension, 4 Cardigan Close (This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.7: 15/02692/FUL – Two storey side, single storey rear extensions, new front porch and new detached garage (resubmission of 15/01365/FUL), 8 Birkdale Close (This Council had no objection to this application)**

Notice of Approvals

- 91.8: 15/01887/MMAM** – Minor material amendment to application 15/00784/FUL to alter the face brickwork materials to colour washed cement rendering, 73 Forfar Drive **(This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.9: 15/01905/ADV** – Advertisement consent to display 1 non-illuminated free standing totem sign, Block C, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive **(This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.10: 15/01991/FUL** – Two storey side and single storey front extensions (resubmission of 14/02615/FUL), 19 Arbroath Close **(This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.11: 15/02067/FUL** – Conversion of flat roof to a pitched roof, 82 Bushy Close **(This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.12: 15/02069/FUL** – Change of use of ground floor of dwelling (Use class C3) to childminder (Use class D1), 42 Shelley Drive **(This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.13: 15/02100/FUL** – Single storey rear extension, part two storey and part single storey front extension, 31 Conway Crescent **(This Council had no comment on this application)**

Notice of Refusals

- 91.14: 15/00838/FUL** – Raise existing prefab garage pitched roof from an internal height of 240cm to an internal height of 300cm with maximum external pitch of 330cm, 23 Tattenhoe Lane **(This Council had no objection to this application)**
- 91.15: 15/02013/FUL** – Change of use from amenity land to private garden land, 9, 10 and 11 Haddington Close **(This Council objected to this application as it considered that:**
- i) the reduction in width and proposed boundary fencing of the walkway would make it feel less safe and have a negative impact on its use**
 - ii) the change of use would set a precedent for the consideration of future applications in the locality)**

Notice of Appeals - None

Notice of Appeal Decisions – None

PE15/92 Other Planning Matters

a) Salden Chase

Confirmation was still awaited of the dates when the current applications for development would be considered by Aylesbury Vale District Council and Milton Keynes Council.

b) St George's Road Hostel

Further information regarding the options for future use of this building was still awaited from Milton Keynes Council.

PE15/93 Consultation Documents – None

PE15/94 Reports from representatives appointed to serve on External Bodies - None

PE15/95 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Sub Committee would be held on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7pm.

It was further noted that a Planning & Environment Committee meeting would be held on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7pm.

Signature - Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee