

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.30PM  
USING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs A Gardner (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs C Reavey  
Cllr Mrs P H Whiting  
Cllr N Brown  
Cllr B Spencer  
Cllr C O'Rourke  
Cllr H L Jackson (substitute for Cllr D Hamblin)  
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)  
Ms A J Schofield (Assistant Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 Member of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Hamblin.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs A Gardner, item 6, she lives on Newman Street at the far end away from the location for the electric vehicle charging points.

Cllr Mrs C Reavey, Cllr C O'Rourke and Cllr H L Jackson, item 5.2 (i), Trustees to the John Whites Homes Trust.

Cllr H L Jackson requested that an entry be made in the minutes to make it clear that as a member of both the Town and District Council he will reconsider all matters at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at the District tier. Therefore, he cannot be bound in any way by any view expressed in the parish tier or by decisions of this Committee.

3. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1. To consider response to the following planning applications:-

(i) 20/01083/FUL: Single-storey conservatory to infill the gap flush to the side of the existing kitchen and flush to the rear of the existing garage at 4 Hecham Way, Higham Ferrers.

**RESOLVED:**

That no comments or objections be made.

(ii) 20/01302/FUL: Erection of new dwelling (Re-submission of 20/00612/FUL) at 7 Mallard Close, Higham Ferrers.

**RESOLVED:**

That no comments or objections be made.

- (iii) 20/01327/FUL: Erection of 2 storey front extension and conversion of existing garage to habitable space, including installation of new bifold doors to south elevation at 72 Windermere Drive Higham Ferrers.

**RESOLVED:**

That objection be made. The extension is tight and considered too close to the neighbouring boundary of 74 Windermere Drive. The extension is also close to the fence that bounds the adjoining open space and close to the trees within that open space. Trees within the open space have previously had to be felled due to the proximity to the property thus notification to building regulations is recommended to ensure advice regarding tree roots and foundation depths. The extension results in the loss of a car parking space given the loss of a double garage and conversion to single garage with habitable space.

- 5.2. To consider response to the following applications for works to trees in a conservation area:-

- (i) 20/01200/TCA: Sycamore Tree 636 - remove to ground level; Sycamore Tree 639 - reduce upper crown by 4m to a suitable point to remove deadwood/dieback; Sycamore Tree 637 - remove deadwood and hanging branches; Sycamore Tree T - small dead/dying, to remove; Sever ivy at bases of all trees at Land Adjacent The John White Close Higham Ferrers.

**RESOLVED:**

That no comments or objections be made.

- (ii) 20/01342/TCA: G1 Lilac, Philadelphus & Holly; Trim back to the boundary on neighbours side. Reduce Holly in height by 1.8 metres and reduce laterally to balance over drive and garden. Reduce Philadelphus and Lilac to a height of 2.1 metres.

T1 Apple; Crown clean removing all dead, diseased, dying, crossing, rubbing and duplicate branches. Crown reduce by approximately 1.0-1.2 metres in height and laterally to balance pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy.

T2 Hebe; Reduce to a height of 1.5 metres and reduce laterally as tightly as possible whilst retaining the foliage. T3 Apple; Crown clean removing all dead, diseased, dying, crossing, rubbing and duplicate branches. Crown reduce by approximately 1.0-1.2 metres in height and laterally to balance pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy.

T4 Bay; Reduce in height as indicated in Picture 1 and reduce laterally to shape.

T5 Lilac; Reduce to previous pollard points. Remove 2 branches growing towards garage.

G2 mixed species; Trim back to the wall and kerb edge.

39 High Street, Higham Ferrers.

**RESOLVED:**

That no comments or objection be made.

- 5.3. To note determinations on planning applications.

**RESOLVED:**

That the following determinations on planning applications be noted:-

Planning Approval

20/00833/FUL - Change of use of former Higham Ferrers Library building to offices (E (g)(i) Use) with retention of part of building for community use (F1 (d) and F2 (b) Use) and demolition of a store building at 1A Midland Road, Higham Ferrers.

20/00992/FUL - Two storey and single storey extensions (which incorporates new garage) and demolition of existing garage and link extension at 6 Swans Way, Higham Ferrers

6. **ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING PARKING PLACES**

To consider response to the consultation from Northamptonshire County Council for proposed traffic order for electric vehicle recharging only parking places '8am -6pm' 4 hours no return within 1 hour and electric vehicle recharging only at all other times, Newman Street, Higham Ferrers, East side, near No. 14 for 11 metres.

**RESOLVED:**

That objection be made on the grounds a more central location within the town is considered more suitable.

7. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, STATION ROAD**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That following suggestions received for a pedestrian crossing the Council submit a request to NCC seeking a pedestrian crossing on Station Road near Nightingale Way.

8. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

None.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Chairman

Date