

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER 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)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Hamblin.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Other Interests

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.

Cllr Mrs P H Whiting, item 6, her grandson attends Henry Chichele Primary School.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th September 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public present.

5. **PLANNING**

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

- (i) 20/01048/FUL: Change of Use from A1 Retail to C3 Residential Apartment, Unit 1A, Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers.

RESOLVED:

That the development is not considered appropriate. There is no parking space allocated to the apartment and its busy street corner location in the town centre limits the availability of near-by street parking.

- (ii) 20/01091/FUL: First floor rear bathroom extension and single storey rear extension; removal of chimney and new render finish to complete rear elevation at 87 Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objection subject to ENC seeking prior approval of the colour of the render to the property.

- (iii) 20/01174/FUL: Erection of new rugby club house with four playing pitches and provision of new access road from existing roundabout, including creation of new pedestrian crossing and 3m wide shared footway and cycleway on adjacent highway (Resubmission of 19/01974/FUL) at Land East of A6 and Roundabout at Bedford Road, Rushden.

RESOLVED:

That the Council has no objection subject to any permission including the conditions recommended by Sport England and also subject to the widening of the existing spur road on the Bedford Road/roundabout to improve the access to the site.

- (iv) 20/00445/FUL: Submission of amended detail:
Creation of 34 Flats and 3 dwellings. Demolition of some buildings on site. Change of use of the majority of the site from retail to residential at 4 Higham Road, Rushden.

RESOLVED:

That no further comments be made and that the original objection submitted still stands:-

‘That given the points of objection made with the previous application have not been addressed that the Council objects to this application. The number of flats is too great for the size of the development site. There is insufficient parking being provided and it does not comply with county standards. The surrounding road network is already congested and the addition of parked vehicles from the site would have a negative impact on the surrounding road safety and capacity.’

- 5.2. To note determinations on planning applications.

RESOLVED:

That the following determinations on planning applications be noted:-

Planning Approved

20/00642/FUL - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension and single storey front extension at 35 Queensway

20/00704/FUL - Two front dormer windows and 6 additional rooflights to create attic conversion at 31 Ullswater Close

20/00817/FUL - Two-storey rear extension (re-submission of 20/00625/FUL) at 3 Blake Walk

Appeal Decision - Planning Approved

20/00298/FUL - Conversion of garage to games room (no external work proposed) at 15 Williams Way. Originally refused by notice dated 27th April 2020, appeal lodged and site visit made on 15th September. Decision to permit planning permission made on 30th September

6. **CAR PARK USE BY HENRY CHICHELE SCHOOL**

To receive an update and discuss the use of the open space opposite Henry Chichele School for parking by parents.

RESOLVED:

That the Council support the opening of the car park at lunchtime. That with only 1 full time member of staff and many Councillors in the ‘at risk and vulnerable category’ for Covid -19, the Council cannot be expected to help with managing the parking. That the Council support the use of traffic kiddie signs for the car park should the school wish to purchase and install at their cost.

7. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

The Clerk informed Committee that she had reported to NCC the road and footpath obstruction resulting from the large lorry used for delivery at the works on Midland Road by the former library building. NCC attended following the report and sought change to the working practices employed by the contractors.

Cllr Mrs A Gardner reported that go-pro cameras have been seen on a number of lampposts around the town. These have been reported to the local PCSO. Councillors are asked to keep an eye out for the cameras and report any new ones to the PCSO or the Clerk.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10th November 2020.

Chairman

Date