

Minutes – subject to acceptance as a correct record at the next meeting of the Regeneration & Environment Committee – to be held on 15th February 2010

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2010 IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present: Councillors Mrs S Latchford (Convenor of Committee)
Mrs M Ross (Chair of Town Council)
D Drew M.P.
R Govier
Mrs C Sheridan

In Attendance: Mr J Dickson
2 residents – Laburnum Walk
R A Lacey (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor C Brine

Before commencing the Committee Agenda, Councillor Mrs Latchford (Convenor of Committee) welcomed Councillor Govier to his first meeting of the Committee.

F2/55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of their obligation, within the requirements of the adopted Model Code of Conduct, to declare any personal or prejudicial interests, where applicable.

Councillor Drew M.P. recorded a possible interest in planning application 09/2292/FUL – Land adjacent to Ongars Farm (under Agenda item F2/58).

F2/56 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2009

A copy of the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9th November 2009 are attached for approval.

Members present approved the Minutes as recorded.

F2/57 PLANNING RESULTS (Approved by Stroud District Council)

(For Members' information – the letters in brackets are an indication of the Town Council's observations : N.O. = No Observations/OBJ – Object/DNS or Obj = Do not object or support)

09/1008/FUL 70 Park Road
New two storey attached two bedroom house to include two new parking spaces.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (OBJ)

09/1037/FUL Canal Bridge, Bristol Road
Provide new canal bridge under private access road to Upper Mills Industrial Estate, replacing the existing low level bridge over the canal. Provide a slipway for boats to access the canal, alongside the new bridge.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (D.N.O.)

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F2/57 Planning Results (continued)

09/1264/FUL	Land adjoining Hillgrove, Verney Road New dwelling with attached garage. PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED	(OBJ)
09/1339/COU	23-25 High Street Conversion of upper retail and retail store rooms to form 2 flats. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(SUP)
09/1580/FUL	Faraday House, Brunel Way Erection of temporary storage building. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(DNS or OBJ)
09/1583/COU	Brewers Arms, Gloucester Road Change of Use from Public House to Childcare Facilities PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
09/1596/ HHOLD	Denbury, 14 Meadway Road, Bridgend Single storey extension, loft conversion with dormer window. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
09/1615/FUL	Park Junior School, Elm Road Proposed synthetic training pitch and changing room block. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(D.N.Obj)
09/1694/FUL	High Street Medical Centre, 31 High Street Proposed erection of two new consulting rooms and entrance lobby. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
09/1726/ HHOLD	59A Regent Street single storey extension to provide new kitchen and day room. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
09/1732/ HHOLD	5B Bramble Lane Retrospective application for erection of shed and aviary. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(OBJ)
09/1753/FUL	The Gatehouse, Bonds Mill, Bristol Road Retrospective application for replacement of 9 windows. PLANNING PERMISSION REFUSED	(OBJ)
09/1764/TPO	20 Bristol Road Work to Sycamores. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
09/1812/ HHOLD	138 Arrowsmith Drive Erection of a conservatory. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(N.O.)
09/1839/FUL	3 Laburnum Walk Alterations to existing dwelling. Erection of three new dwellings. PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED	(OBJ)

F2/57 Planning Results (continued)

09/1849/FUL 61 Regent Street
Revisions to planning permission S.07/0137 comprising erection of double garage to Plot 1 and reposition to Plot 5.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (OBJ)

09/2032/TPO 32 Court View
Remedial works to group of Sycamores (TPO)
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED (DNS or Obj)

F2/58 PLANNING APPLICATIONS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

09/2066/OUT Land adjoining Hillgrove, Verney Road (Committee)
New dwelling with attached garage.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

Whilst not supporting or objecting to this application Members present asked that careful examination by the District Council's Arboriculturist be undertaken to secure the future of the cedar tree on the site.

09/2152/ The Wheelwrights, Grosvenor Road (Committee)
HHOLD Erection of two storey extension. Demolition of existing garage.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

Whilst not supporting or objecting Members present were concerned about the loss of garage space and trust that this application will not cause additional on-street parking.

09/2204/FUL Stroudwater Canal, Bridge Road, Ebley (Committee)
To carry out dredging works between Ocean Bridge (the most westerly point of Phase 1a) and Ryeford Double Locks. Silt material will be removed from the central section (approximately 6m x 1.1m deep) of the canal channel.

COMMITTEE DECISION: No Observations

09/2292/FUL Land adjacent to Ongers Farm, Upton Lane, Brookthorpe, Gloucester (Committee)

Proposed north and south bound Motorway Service Area, including slip lanes to and from the service area on to the M5 motorway, earthworks, amenity building incorporating a café, unit for takeaway food and hot drinks, toilet and shower facilities, tourist information point, retail use to a maximum of 500sq.metres, kitchen and storage facilities, fuel station including forecourt, shop and parking, LGV amenities building, parking facilities for car passengers, coaches and caravans, LGV's and disabled parking, outside picnic area with outdoor play facilities.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

Members present felt that, after discussion, comments should not be submitted until a balanced view of the application was sought.

F2/58 Planning Applications (continued)

09/2292/FUL Continued -

It was therefore proposed that Mark Gale be invited to the next Committee meeting together with an invitation to the Chair of Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon Parish Council who are closely geographically linked. The Town Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

The following application has been received from Gloucestershire County Council:

09/0067 Maidenhill School

Proposed extension and refurbishment to existing sports building to form new performance pavilion incorporating new 4 court sports hall and performance space.

COMMITTEE DECISION: No Observations

F2/59 UPDATE OF MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Progress Check on Previously Agreed Committee Actions

An updated progress check list is attached for Members' information.

Members present discussed and updated the current work in progress list as per the attached document.

b) Stonehouse Transport Study/High Street Working Group

Re: Minute Nos. F2/53(c) of 9.11.09; F2/39 of 14.9.09; F2/22(b) of 17.8.09; F2/07 of 13.7.09; E2/219 of 6.4.09; E2/211(a) of 23.2.09

Councillor Mrs Latchford (Convenor of Committee) invited Mr Jim Dickson to join the meeting to speak on the current situation regarding the High Street Working Group to enable Members present to become more informed. Mr Dickson advised Members that he and Colin Knight (Chair of the High Street Working Group) had been in consultation with Gloucestershire County Council regarding implementation of part of the scheme to enable current funding to be secured in the short term. The County Council had advised that a 20mph limit would be introduced but say that they must have control measures in place to enforce the speed limit and these would be normally speed bumps to the limit of funding available. Ben Hamilton Baillie Associates had been engaged to look at a small portion of the work to fit in with such available finance and possibilities and it was highlighted that the area between the Co-op and the Police Station was the most favoured junction. The Working Group felt that a raised crossing would be appropriate to the overall scheme of the Plan.

Both he and Colin Knight were shortly to hold a meeting with the County Council with regard to the finance of £70,000 currently committed by the County Council and would look to see if this could be held over until the next financial year. The reason for carrying the allocation over was to allow for an application to be made within the correct budget sequence with Stroud District Council. It was also understood that there would be a possible allocation of a further £35,000 from the County Council in respect of Section 106 monies. The total budget for this section of work was estimated at between £200,000 and £250,000 and the Working Group were seeking financial support from the Town Council to enable the budgeted amount to be raised in this respect.

Following discussion Members present Resolved to Recommend to full Town Council that it offers, in principle, financial support for the project subject to examining options on matched funding from other sources.

c) **Gloucestershire County Council – Waste Management**

Re: Minute Nos. F2/53(d) of 9.11.09; F2/39 of 14.9.09; F2/22(c) of 17.8.09; F2/07(c) of 13.7.09; E2/219 of 6.4.09; E2/199 of 23.2.09

Councillor Mrs Sheridan advised Members present that the following companies had been asked to submit bids as follows:

Complete Circle, (a consortium of John Laing, Keppel Segars and United Utilities)
Cory Environmental Management Limited, Urbaser and Viridor.

Javelin Park has been declared as the preferred site by all the companies tendering.

Members present requested that the full Town Council meet with County Councillor Stan Waddington after decisions are made and an invitation will also be issued to other interested Councils to take part in the discussions at that time.

d) **Warm Well & Happy Event**

Re: Minute Nos. F2/53(e) of 9.11.09; F2/39(a)

Councillor Mrs Sheridan advised Members present of the proposed list of invitees for the event. Members present felt that the date agreed was possibly too early as there may not be an opportunity to comprehensively advertise the event due to the next Newsletter not being issued until early March. In view of this Members present Resolved to Recommend to full Town Council that the date of the event should be moved to 27th March.

F2/60 STONEHOUSE WAR MEMORIAL

Following the restoration work on the War Memorial, the War Memorials Trust has recommended that the monument should be Listed. This will provide statutory protection of the Memorial and will ensure its future preservation. This is obviously a matter that will need to be discussed by the members of the Stonehouse War Memorial Trust but do the Committee wish to consider commenting?

Members present discussed the desirability of applying for Listing of the War Memorial and were happy to recommend this to the Stonehouse War Memorial Trust for their consideration.

F2/61 TOWN COUNCIL – CO2 REDUCTION

A request was made at the Town Council meeting held in December 2009 for consideration to be given to the Town Council signing up to the “10:10” campaign. This is seeking support to commit to the national drive to reduce CO2 emissions by 10% during 2010.

Members present discussed the desirability and viability of signing up to “10:10” and Resolved to undertake certain energy measurements and examine possible strategies prior to submitting a full Resolution to full Town Council.

F2/62 CANAL MATTERS – “SHIP INN” SITE, BRISTOL ROAD

During discussions associated with various development proposals within the canal restoration work on land at Willow Farm and the Upper Mills replacement bridge, it was felt that the future use of the area of land formally known as the “Ship Inn” site as a canal amenity should continue to be strongly pursued by the Town Council.

Members present discussed the current work being carried out and plans currently being submitted, and Resolved to request another walk of the canal corridor from the Ocean to Double Lock cottage with Paul Coupe, Stroud District Council, to ensure further consultation. This was regarded as an ongoing requirement every 6 months by Members present.

Members present also regarded the future of the Ship Inn site as an essential item for discussion and the Town Clerk was instructed to request both the walk and details of forward planning for this area of land.

F2/63 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Notification has been received from the County Council that they are now in a position to formally advertise the proposals for the waiting restrictions in Stonehouse that were put on hold due to the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.

Detailed plans can be viewed on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tro but in brief the proposals are:

- Plan 1 The Lawns - Proposed No Waiting At Any Time**
- Plan 2 Laburnum Walk – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time, Residents Parking and Limited Waiting**
- Plan 3 Court View (off Bristol Road) – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time**
- Plan 4 Gloucester Road junction with Blackwell Close – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time**
- Plan 5 Queens Road, St Cyril’s Road, Rosedale Avenue and Verney Road – Proposed No Waiting At Any Time, No Waiting 10am-4pm Monday to Friday, Residents Parking, Limited Waiting and No Stopping At Any Time except Taxis.**

Members present discussed the existing proposals together with the latest amendments and Resolved to Recommend to full Town Council the acceptance of these.

F2/64 GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – TALKING TRANSPORT

Gloucestershire’s Local Transport Plan (LTP) sets out the transport strategy for the County and is a crucial element of the Council’s policy framework. The current LTP expires in March 2011 and work has commenced on the development of the next LTP which needs to be in place by April 2011 and will be in place until 2026.

Initial consultation has commenced and is due to finish in early February. It is hoped to encourage local communities to participate in the process and the Town Council is invited to submit a questionnaire response.

Talking Transport Workshops have been arranged throughout the County to help with more detailed information on local transport for the future. The Workshop for the Stroud area is to be held on **Wednesday 13th January 2010 from 7pm to 9pm at Stroud Library**. If any Member wishes to attend the Workshop it is necessary to register an interest.

Members present noted this and the Town Clerk was instructed to e:mail all Members of the Town Council to enable others to attend.

F2/65 STROUD DISTRICT TOWN CENTRES & RETAIL STUDY

Reminder: All Members of the Town Council are invited to join the Stonehouse Partnership meeting to be held on **Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 6pm** to be given details on the Stroud District Town Centres and Retail Study that was undertaken on behalf of Stroud District Council.

Members present noted this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.
