

HENLEY ON THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016
AT 6.45PM IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, TOWN HALL,
HENLEY ON THAMES.

Present: The Chairman, Councillor S Smith
The Vice Chairman, Councillor M Akehurst
Councillor Sara Abey
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor Miss Kellie Hinton
Councillor Jane Smewing
Councillor D Thomas
The Mayor, Councillor J Brookes (ex officio)
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Will Hamilton (ex officio)

In Attendance: Mrs J Wheeler - Town Clerk
C Adams – Committee Administrator / Minute Taker

Also Present: 1 Member of the Press
3 Members of the Public

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor called for nominations for the election of a Chairman for the year 2016-2017.

Councillor Sara Abey proposed and Councillor D Thomas seconded that Councillor S Smith be elected Chairman for the year 2016-2017.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor S Smith be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee for the following municipal year.

Councillor S Smith took the Chair.

2. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman, Councillor S Smith, called for nominations for the election of a Vice-Chairman for the year 2016-2017.

Councillor S Smith proposed and Councillor D Thomas seconded that Councillor M Akehurst be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2016-2017.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED**

that Councillor M Akehurst be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the following municipal year.

3. **APOLOGIES**

None.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr K Arlett, Elizabeth Road – Mr Arlett enquired whether the members of the Planning Committee had undertaken any training in planning. Various members reported courses that they had attended and a member stated that a general briefing session had been carried out for the Committee by an SODC officer in late 2015.

Mr Arlett also asked why application P16/S0970/O was on the agenda as it was outside the Henley boundary. It was explained that it counted as being within the sphere of mutual interest due to potential pressure on local infrastructure.

6. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26 April 2016 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman, Councillor S Smith, as a true record.

7. **PLANS** (amended)

P16/S0970/O

Thames Farm, Reading Road, Shiplake (Major)
Outline Planning Application for up to 95 dwellings and associated public open space and landscaping. Means of access and strategic landscaping not reserved.
For: Mrs C Engbers

HTC Observation:

26.04.16 - The Committee voted unanimously to Recommend Refusal as this site is not part of the Joint Henley and Harpsden Neighbourhood Plan

OBSERVATION:

The Committee voted unanimously once again to Recommend Refusal reiterating the fact that the site is not part of the Joint Henley and Harpsden Neighbourhood Plan.

8. **PLANS**^(New)
P16/S1039/FUL

170 Greys Road (Minor)

Proposed two new houses on land East of 170 Greys Road, forming a joint application between Mr and Mrs Crockett at 168 and Mr and Mrs Clark 166 Greys Road.
For: Mr R Clark

OBSERVATION: Recommend Refusal on the grounds of over-development, character of the area and concern regarding the small size of the gardens.

A Member noted that gaps between properties such as the proposed development site were often there for a reason, such as an underground watercourse.

P16/S1171/HH

75 Bell Street (Other)

Demolition and replacement of existing single storey extension to rear of property.
For: Mrs N Dandridge

OBSERVATION: Recommend Refusal in line with the objections listed by the Conservation Officer.

P16/S1172/LB

75 Bell Street (Other)

Demolition and replacement of existing single storey extension to rear of property.
For: Mrs N Dandridge

OBSERVATION: Recommend Refusal in line with the objections listed by the Conservation Officer.

P16/S1215/HH

15 Wilson Avenue (Other)

New front porch; new front entrance gate.
For: Ms A Emanuel

OBSERVATION: Recommend Approval.

P16/S1229/HH

51 Kings Road (Other)

Single storey rear extension.
For: Mrs M Braham

OBSERVATION: Recommend Approval.

P16/S1274/HH

Drawback House, 50 Rotherfield Road (Other)

Single storey rear extension.
For: Mr D Harding

OBSERVATION: Recommend Approval subject to a condition to limit the size of construction vehicles accessing the site and restricted delivery hours.

P16/S1319/O

Elm Cottage, Peppard Lane (Minor)

Demolition of existing house and garage. Erection of two detached houses, with joint access and with car parking.
For: Mr D Bertelli

OBSERVATION: Recommend Refusal due to over-development.

P16/S1337/HH **38 Greys Hill (Other)**
Single storey rear extension and replacement front windows.
For: Ms F Chalmers
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Approval subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.**

P16/S1338/LB **38 Greys Hill (Other)**
Single storey rear extension and replacement front windows.
For: Ms F Chalmers
OBSERVATION: **Recommend Approval subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.**

9. OBJECTIONS / CALL IN APPLICATIONS

It was thought that P16/S1039/FUL for 170 Greys Road and P16/S1319/O Elm Cottage, will automatically go to Committee at SODC. Councillor S Gawrysiak will call in application P16/S1171/HH for 75 Bell Street and speak on behalf of the Council.

10. DECISION NOTICES

The Committee noted the report on the decision notices received from SODC.

Action: *The Committee Administrator to confirm that P16/S0435/A for 12 Market Place had been subject to amendments which removed the aluminium lettering and illumination of the sign.*

Post Meeting Note: The Delegated Report for this application, prepared by Planning Officer Edward Church at SODC, states: 'The initial scheme was amended in response to these objections, with painted timber fascia and hanging sign introduced without illumination. The proposed colours of the advertisement scheme would not be visually intrusive when viewed in context of the locality. The amended scheme is in accordance with the relevant local guidance documents and the respects the established historic commercial character and appearance of the site and surrounding Conservation Area – in accordance with policies AD1, D1, G2 and CON7 of the SOLP, in addition to policies CSQ3 and CSEN3 of the SOCS.'

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

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Chairman