

Present: Chairman, Councillor A J Follett
Vice Chairman, Councillor C W Gibson
Councillor Miss L M Hillier
Councillor I Reissmann
Councillor S Smith
Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin (ex-officio)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs J Wood (ex-officio)

In Attendance: Mr M Kennedy – Town Clerk
Mrs B Walker – Minute Taker

Also Present: One member of the Press
Five members of the Public

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin, announced the sad news of the death of Councillor T B Buckett MBE this morning, a beloved husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, a Town Councillor and a District Councillor. The Committee members, Town Clerk, members of the public, press and minute taker stood and observed a minute's silence.

94. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that, under the provisions of Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (The Code of Conduct), a member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent. A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest. A member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting is being held whenever it becomes apparent that the matter is being considered at that meeting, unless he has obtained a dispensation from the standards committee of the responsible authority; and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter. For the purposes of this Part (of the Act), "meeting" means any meeting of the authority; or any of the authority's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor J Wood – P09/E0999/A – The Barn, Kings Road - personal and prejudicial – works for and knows the applicant. P09/E1143 – 72a St Andrews Road – personal and prejudicial.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs E Hodgkin – P09/E1091 – 52 Elizabeth Road – personal – friend of applicants.
Councillor I Reissmann– P09/E1091 – 52 Elizabeth Road – personal – friend of applicants.

96. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th October 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

97. OBJECTIONS

Councillors decided which Councillor would speak at the South Oxfordshire District Council Planning meeting on 18 November 2009 regarding those plans which the Town Council had objected to as follows:-

P09/E0720, P09/E0721/LB and P09/E0739/CA – 38 Market Place – Councillor Miss L M Hillier.

P09/E1039 and P09/E01040/LB – Navigators, Wharfe Lane – Councillor Miss L M Hillier

P09/E1055 – Tesco Store, 359 Reading Road – Councillor Miss L M Hillier

98. PLANS (amended)

P08/E0804

Amended

259 Greys Road

Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and alterations to roof of existing dwelling and erection of a two storey five bedroom dwelling with new vehicular access.

HTC Observation:

12.08.2008

OBSERVATION:

Should be refused. Over intensive, inappropriate development, lack of parking/garaging, out of keeping with streetscape.

OBSERVATION:

Reiterate previous objections in recommending that the application be refused for the following reasons: over intensive, inappropriate development, lack of parking/garaging and out of keeping with existing streetscape.

Councillor Mrs J Wood having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item left the Council Chamber and took no further part in proceedings.

P09/E0999/A

Amended

The Barn, Kings Road (other)

Hanging sign

HTC Observation:

27.10.2009

OBSERVATION:

No strong views on condition the sign is hand painted on natural materials.

OBSERVATION:

Recommend approval, the applicant has complied with the Council's previous observations.

Councillor Mrs J Wood rejoined the meeting.

99. Plans (new)
P09/E1005

Old Ship House, Wharfe Lane (Other-North Ward-JB, LMH)

Demolition of existing single storey garage and replacement with two storey residential / garage accommodation and single storey link building.

For: Mr & Mrs C McDowell

OBSERVATION:

Recommend refusal on grounds of the use of inappropriate materials in a Conservation Area and it is an over-intensive development. The Town Council request that if planning permission is approved a condition be placed on the approval that an archaeological exploration is made of the area prior to any building as this was the medieval heart of the town.

P09/E1006/LB

Old Ship House, Wharfe Lane (Other-North Ward-JB, LMH)

Demolition of existing single storey garage and replacement with two storey residential / garage accommodation and single storey link building.

For: Mr & Mrs C McDowell.

OBSERVATION:

Recommend refusal on grounds of the use of inappropriate materials in a Conservation Area and it is an over-intensive development. The Town Council request that if planning permission is approved a condition be placed on the approval that an archaeological exploration is made of the area prior to any building as this was the medieval heart of the town.

P09/E1081/RET

9 Bell Street (Minor-North Ward-JB,LMH)

Retrospective Application. Security Fence to the rear of the store, creating fire escape route for both Sainsbury's and Clinton Cards, push button fence at the end of the route for staff to escape safely.

For: Mr A Phipps.

OBSERVATION:

Recommend refusal as the security fence is out of keeping and inappropriate within a Conservation Area and would set a precedent if approval is granted. Moreover, the Committee regrets the retrospective nature of the application.

P09/E1091

52 Elizabeth Road (Other-North Ward-JB, LMH)

Rear facing single storey conservatory.

For: Mrs P Atkin.

OBSERVATION:

No strong views,

P09/E1127

Land at South of St Annes Close (Minor-North Ward-JB,LMH)

Erection of a three bedroom, two storey dwelling and formation of parking and turning areas for existing dwelling and proposed dwelling.

For: Keen Properties.

OBSERVATION: Recommend refusal as the development is over-intensive and un-neighbourly. The Committee requests that if the application is approved that the footpath is improved.

P09/E1129 **The Spice Merchant, 25 Thameside** (Other-North Ward-JB,LMH)
Change of use of the first floor from function rooms to staff accommodation with a shared bathroom and an office.
For: Mr B Islam.

OBSERVATION: **No strong views subject to approval of the Conservation Officer.**

P09/E1130/LB **The Spice Merchant, 25 Thameside** (Other-North Ward-JB,LMH)
Change of use of the first floor from function rooms to staff accommodation with a shared bathroom and an office.
For: Mr B Islam.

OBSERVATION: **No strong views subject to approval of the Conservation Officer.**

Councillor Mrs J Wood having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item left the Council Chamber and took no further part in proceedings.

P09/E1143 **72a St Andrews Road** (Other-South Ward-TBB, RM)
Two storey front / side/ rear extension to form annex to existing house, single-storey rear extension and detached garage.
For: Mrs G Edwards.

OBSERVATION: **Recommend refusal as the development is un-neighbourly, over-intensive and out of keeping with the area.**

Councillor Mrs J Wood rejoined the meeting.

100. PLANNING UPDATE (Papers attached)
The Committee considered the Planning Update.

A short discussion ensued regarding the recent training course on planning at South Oxfordshire District Council attended by Councillors I Reissmann and Mrs J Wood. It was

RESOLVED that a short report be presented to the next meeting.

Councillor C W Gibson informed the Committee that permission had been granted for application number P09/E0872 subject to conditions and felt it would be helpful if the District Council could explain the reasons behind such decisions in future.

It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

that a letter be sent to the South Oxfordshire District Council Planning Department requesting if, in future, a letter of explanation could be sent to the Town Council regarding conditions quoted on planning approvals.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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Chairman