

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee held on
Monday 12th October 2009 at the Town Hall, Axbridge

Meeting Commenced: 7.00pm

Meeting concluded: 7.22pm

Present: Councillors B Hamblin (Chairman), Mrs P Ham, M Taylor and Mrs J Trotman together with Mrs V Brice, Town Clerk

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C Byrne and J Gall

P46/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2009

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P47/09 Declarations of Interest - none

No members of the public were present

P48/09 Planning Application

02/09/00026/RSM

Applicant: Mrs V Brice

Proposal: Display of two oak framed, lockable and glazed cabinets for notices etc to front elevation (replacement of existing notice boards).

Location: Axbridge Town Hall, The Square, Axbridge, BS26 2AR

Resolved: that Sedgemoor District Council be advised that the Town Council has no observations to make on the above mentioned application.

02/09/00025 (Appeal)

Applicant: Mr R Clark

Proposal: Conversion of loft to living accommodation including formation of first floor balcony.

Location: Sunny Mead, Cheddar Road, Axbridge, BS26 2DL

The Clerk advised that the appeal was being dealt with by written representations but that in accordance with the new householder appeal procedure, there was no opportunity for any further comment. The Town Council had made no observations on the initial application.

Resolved: that the Clerk advise Sedgemoor District Council that the Council would have appreciated being directly informed of these changes and to enquire whether any other changes have been made to appeal procedures.

P49/09 Enforcement Issues

Footpath, Old Butchers' Yard – a site meeting, being arranged by Sedgemoor District Council, would be held on Thursday 5th November 2009 at 10am. It was felt important that both the Planning and Licences Committee and the Highways Advisory Group were represented. The Clerk would book the council chamber, if possible, in case of poor weather.

Resolved - that Councillors Hamblin and Passey attend together with Councillor Mrs Browne and/or Taylor, as appropriate.

P50/09 Planning Decisions and Correspondence

Planning application re Bristol International Airport Expansion – The officer from Somerset County Council had replied and would be looking into mitigating the traffic effects, both from his general work on traffic and safety and from specific assistance that may be available through the airport proposal.

Government Consultations – Planning Matters – Members noted the suggested responses from the Somerset Association of Local Councils to the consultations “Taking forward the Government’s response to the Killian Pretty Review”, “Streamlining information requirements for planning applications”, “Publicity requirements for planning applications” and “Improving permitted development”.

RESOLVED: that the Somerset Association of Local Councils be advised that the Town Council supports it, in its suggested responses to these documents.

Public Meeting – Development of Mendip House, Hillside – the Clerk had been notified of this meeting on 14th October 2009, to which the public were invited, to discuss proposals regarding this site.

Sedgemoor District Council – Local Development Framework – consultation – Posters regarding this exhibition on 19th October had been displayed and placed on the website. The Town Design Statement group would endeavour to provide publicity material.

Leaning Wall – St Mary’s Street to the Furlong – Sedgemoor District Council had contacted the owners to urge them to take remedial works on the wall. It was understood that the path would be closed in the meantime. Members felt that the closure of the path may be unnecessary but appreciated that some form of action needed to be taken.

Chairman

Date