

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee held on
Monday 1st March 2010 at the Town Hall, Axbridge

Meeting Commenced: 7.00pm

Meeting concluded: 7.25pm

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

P91/09 Declarations of Interest - none

P92/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2010

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

No members of the public were present

P93/09 Planning Applications

02/09/00038/CJA

Applicant: Mr M Flatley
Proposal: Change boarding on Oriole Bay
Location: 9 Furlong Place, Axbridge, BS26 2JH

RESOLVED: that Sedgemoor District Council be advised that the Town Council has no observations to make on this application.

02/10/00003/CJA

Applicant: The Co-operative Group
Proposal: Installation of mechanical plant to replace existing within rear service yard
Location: 2 The Square, Axbridge, BS26 2AR

RESOLVED: that Sedgemoor District Council be advised that the Town Council has no observations to make on this application.

P94/09 Enforcement Issues

6 West Street – Members noted that Somerset Highways had confirmed that the scaffolding was licenced and checked on a regular basis to ensure it met Health and Safety Legislation. However, members were concerned at the length of time it had been in place.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the Clerk responds to Somerset Highways to express members concerns at the on-going retention of this scaffolding within the conservation area and to enquire how long it needs to be in place before it becomes a permanent structure requiring planning permission; and
- 2) that the Clerk writes to the owner of the property expressing members genuine concern over the length of time the scaffolding has been in place, to advise that the council is receiving numerous complaints and comments from residents in the Town and to ask for an indication as to when the work is likely to be completed and the scaffolding removed.

Footpath, Old Butchers' Yard development – Members were reminded that, at the meeting in December 2009, the possibility of providing a rubbing strip had been discussed and a technical

survey and risk assessment would take place. An update had been sought and it appeared that patching works were being considered.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek clarification as to how the patching works fit in with the proposal to provide the safety strip and to advise that works in this area (such as the re-setting of the paving blocks) would need to be done before the pageant.

P95/09 Planning Decisions and Correspondence

02/09/00035 Landscaping and external works to front drive and rear garden, to include terrace with stone piers and oak balustrading, gazebo, pergola, bench, summerhouse and reglazing of seating area – The Court, St Mary’s Street – Permission granted.

02/09/00042 Installation of window in West elevation – 17, The Pennings, St Mary’s Street – Permission granted.

02/10/00001 Erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension to form dwelling – Land to the south of 27 Parkfield Road – Permission refused.

02/10/00002 Application for non-material minor amendment to planning permission 02/09/00031 to reduce the length of the extension by 900mm – 21 Orchard Road - Permission granted (the Town Council had not been consulted as Sedgemoor District Council did not need to consult on such applications – minor in nature)

Bristol Airport – a copy of a letter from Mendip Hills ANOB to North Somerset Council had been received requesting that further attention be given to public transport services in particular. A copy would be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee.

Town Design Statement – a first draft had been sent to Sedgemoor District Council for comment.

P96/09 Committee Membership

The membership was discussed following the disqualification of Councillor Byrne (leaving a vacancy on the committee) and difficulties encountered with maintaining a quorum when members are unable to attend or have a prejudicial interest. The current remit allowed for at least three members, plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. It was noted that Standing Orders would shortly be revised which could make it clear that matters could automatically be delegated to the Clerk should a meeting be, or become, inquorate.

RESOLVED: that, in view of the above, no changes be made to the membership but that the Council seeks to fill the current vacancy on the Committee, at the Council meeting in May when all appointments are made.

P97/09 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on Monday 15th March 2010, prior to Council, if required.

Chairman

Date