

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee held on
Monday 7th June 2010 at the Town Hall, Axbridge

Meeting Commenced: 6.48pm

Meeting concluded: 7.25pm

Present: Councillors B Hamblin (Chairman), J Gall, I Laken, M Taylor and C Walking together with Mrs V Brice, Town Clerk

Apologies: Councillor Mrs P Ham

P7/10 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: that Councillor B Hamblin be elected Chairman of the Committee for 2010/11.

P8/10 Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: that Councillor M Taylor be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for 2010/11.

P9/10 Declarations of Interest - none

P10/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2010

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P11/10 Remit

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: that the current remit be approved subject to the Duties including consideration of licence applications (as well as planning applications) and the Powers including any Licence Applications relating to entertainment (as well as the sale of alcohol).

No members of the public were present

P12/10 Planning Applications

02/10/00008/LE (Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990_
Applicant: Mrs S Hands
Proposal: Retention of rooflight in rear elevation, rebuilt chimney and mezzanine floor
Location: 2 High Street, Axbridge, BS26 2AF

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

02/10/00012/NM

Applicant: Mr M Norman
Proposal: Erection of timber framed carport with storage area over in rear garden
Location: 19 West Street, Axbridge, BS26 2AA

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

P13/10 Enforcement Issues

6 West Street – the scaffolding had been removed. The Clerk would check whether a street lamp should now be reinstated on the property.

Footpath, Old Butcher's Yard – the Clerk continued to seek an update from Somerset Highways.
The Almhouse, The Square – members had expressed concern at the poor state of repair of this building. The conservation officer would look at the property and contact the owner if appropriate.

P14/10 Planning Decisions and Correspondence

a) Planning Decisions

02/10/00003 – Installation of mechanical plant to replace existing within rear service yard at 2 The Square – Permission Granted.

02/10/00006 – Erection of First Floor Rear Extension at 41 West Street – Permission Granted.

02/10/00009 – Part demolition of internal load bearing wall at ground floor level with insertion of steel beam to create open plan office – Permission Granted.

21/10/00002 – Agricultural Workers Dwelling with Garage, Newland Farm, Crossmoor Drove, Lower Weare – Permission seemed to have been granted by Sedgemoor District Council on 18th May 2010, although the website still said “under consideration”

02/10/00010/RSM -Installation of replacement french windows at 5 Furlong Place – the Clerk would seek a reply from Sedgemoor District Council as to why a planning application was necessary for these works.

b) Planning Correspondence

Bridgwater to Avonmouth Electricity Transmission Line- Members had received a copy of the reply from the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) advising that they could not comment until an application for a new transmission line had been received. The letter explained the process that would then be followed. Members also received a copy of a letter from Mark Parish Council to the IPC expressing their concerns. The Chamber of Commerce would be writing to the Town Council to offer its support and it was understood that National Grid had sought further funding for infrastructure.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts the “No Moor Plyons Group” to advise that the Town Council has written to the Hinckley C Connection Project and to the IPC on this matter and would be interested to be kept up to date on these proposals.

Premises Licence for Axbridge Pageant – Members considered this application.

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

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Sedgemoor District Council advised that, whilst a levy applied specifically in Bridgwater and RLT2 and 3 contributions were sought from developers, the policy framework for the CIL would be considered, in the future, on the back of the Local Development Framework. Councillor Hamblin had a copy of the full document, if required.

Affordable Housing – new powers may be given to parish councils to build new affordable homes.

Town Design Statement - Sedgemoor District Council had commented on the first draft. A second draft now needed to be prepared. This would be included on the council agenda, with a view to seeking volunteers to assist with completing this project. Councillor Hamblin would forward the information to Councillors Gall and Walking in particular.

Planning Training Days – would be taking place in the Autumn.

P15/10 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on 21st June, just prior to Council, if required.

Chairman

Date