

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



Axbridge Town Council Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee held on Monday 18 November 2024 in Axbridge Town Hall

Meeting commenced: 7.15pm

Meeting concluded: 7.44pm

Present: Councillor Taylor (Vice Chairman – in the Chair), Ham, Jordan and Page

Also in attendance: Mrs Brice (Town Clerk) and one member of the public (for part of the meeting).

Apologies for Absence

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Taylor (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.

RESOLVED: that apologies from Councillor Jenkins (hospital appointment) be received and approved.

82.24 PL Draft Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2024.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83.24 PL Declaration of Interest and Dispensations - none

Interests:

Councillor Taylor – declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to planning application 02/24/00020 for the erection of a canopy and porch, being the applicant, and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item (minute 85.24 PL refers)

Councillor Taylor – declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to the reserved matters planning application 02/22/00021 for up to 53 dwellings on land to the south of Houlgate Way - living close to the site (minute 86.24 PL refers) (see below for dispensation).

Dispensations:

Councillor Taylor had a dispensation to speak and vote on applications relating to this site (02/22/00021 for up to 53 dwellings on land to the south of Houlgate Way) and indicated he wished to use this dispensation at this meeting (minute 86.24 PL refers)

84.24 PL Public Participation - no members of the public wished to speak.

85.24 PL Planning Applications

At this juncture, Councillor Taylor, having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, left the meeting. Councillor Page chaired the item.

Planning application number: 02/24/00020/JMS

Proposal: Erection of a canopy and a porch to the East elevation.

Location: Mornington House, Compton Lane, Axbridge, BS26 2HP

RESOLVED: that Somerset Council be advised that Axbridge Town Council has no observations to make on the above-mentioned application.

Councillor Taylor re-joined and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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86.24 PL Houlgate Way Development

No update.

87.24 PL Local Plan Engagement Survey

Members considered the survey in detail and agreed the answers to be submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the survey be submitted accordingly.

88.24 PL Planning Applications delegated to the Clerk or Notified by the Planning Authority

None.

89.24 PL Recent and Current Planning Applications

Members received the list of recent and current planning applications. The application for a dwelling on land to the North of Portmeade Drove (02/21/00032) could now be removed from the list. An application had recently been received for an extension at 16 Parkfield Road (02/24/00027) and this would be considered at the Council meeting on 9 December 2024.

90.24 PL Enforcement Matters

There was no further update on any of the sites to the north of the A371.

91.24 PL Licensing Matters – none.

92.24 PL Biodiversity

The working policy had been adopted and members would consider biodiversity matters when reviewing planning applications. This would remain as a standing item on the agenda.

93.24 PL Cheddar Reservoir Two

The Clerk had sought an update on this project from South West Water and Bristol Water and response were awaited. Bristol Water's business had transferred to South West Water. There had been no official notifications, but some surveys had been carried out.

94.24 PL Planning Decisions and Correspondence Received

Members received the following correspondence:

- CPRE Countryside Charity: Campaigns update and Building Better Places event – noted.

95.24 PL Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: that, if possible, planning items be included within the agenda for the Council meeting to be held on Monday 9 December 2024.

Chairman

Date